Joint Committee on Childcare for Students

CENTRAL CHILDCARE BURSARY SCHEME
APPLICATIONS 2019/2020

The Joint Committee on Childcare for Students operates the Central Childcare Bursary Scheme, which offers financial assistance to EU and overseas student parents with Ofsted-registered childcare costs.

Home students with dependant children are eligible to apply for the University Childcare Support Fund. For more information please visit https://www.childcare.admin.cam.ac.uk/supportwithchildcarecosts/university-childcare-support-fund-formerly-university-childcare-hardship.

Eligibility

Funding for the Childcare Bursary Scheme is derived through College contribution. All colleges participate in the scheme.

Bursaries are available to help with fees at any confirmed Ofsted-registered childcare provider, including the University Nurseries at West Cambridge and Eddington and the University of Cambridge Holiday Playscheme. See inside the back cover for guidance on Ofsted registration.

Further Information

General Rules

The Central Childcare Bursary Scheme can offer limited financial assistance to EU and overseas student parents towards confirmed Ofsted-registered childcare costs. It is NOT for the general expenses of bringing up a child. All applicants are expected to have made reasonable and realistic provisions for dependant children, as evidenced in their Financial Guarantee to the University, and to have applied for all grants, benefits, allowances or other forms of support to which they are entitled. Where applicants have clearly not done so, the award of a bursary may not be appropriate. The scheme is intended for students in exceptional, unforeseen financial difficulty, rather than as a core source of support for childcare costs. If an applicant’s partner/spouse is neither working nor studying, it is assumed that they will be responsible for the childcare and a bursary would not ordinarily be awarded unless there are exceptional personal circumstances.

EU and overseas students or their partners may be entitled to certain welfare benefits, such as Child Benefit and tax credits, depending on their residency and, if applicable, immigration status in the UK.

Students subject to UK immigration control are not normally entitled to claim benefits and trying to do so could be a breach of visa conditions. See the UK Government website at www.gov.uk for further information.

Students on Fieldwork: In some circumstances, it may be possible for students who are required to undertake fieldwork away from Cambridge as part of their course to claim for childcare costs. The Childcare Committee will consider each case on its individual merits.

You are strongly urged to discuss your application in the first instance with your College Tutor who will be required to comment on and sign your application.

Data protection

The personal information about your family circumstances that you provide on this form will be used for the purpose of assessing your Childcare Bursary application. It will be treated in strictest confidence and will only be disclosed to staff of the University and your College, if appropriate. For more information about how we handle your personal information, and your rights under data protection legislation, please see https://www.information-compliance.admin.cam.ac.uk/data-protection/general-data.
When To Apply

Applications for the 2019-20 academic year will be accepted until 1st September 2020 or until the funds are exhausted, whichever is sooner. The Joint Committee on Childcare for Students anticipates that most of the available funding will have been distributed by Easter Term 2020. If your application is successful, the award you receive is intended to last for the entire academic year, while you are an active student and you are using childcare. **Students can only apply more than once in one academic year if their circumstances have changed significantly.** The Childcare Committee will take into account exceptional circumstances and if you feel your case should be considered, you should apply.

Assessing Your Application

Childcare bursaries are assessed and awarded by comparing annual income and expenditure with Ofsted-registered childcare costs.

The Committee is also willing to take into account students with exceptional course demands or family circumstances, such as financial difficulties, illness or death, or size of the family. You should detail all information on the form that you would like the Committee to take into account when assessing your application. If necessary, attach an extra sheet. Please note that it may be necessary for the childcare provider to be contacted to clarify certain details on the application.

Awards are currently up to a maximum of £5400 per year.

How to Complete the Form

Please answer all questions truthfully and fully with as much detail as possible. Print clearly or tick boxes as appropriate. **You must attach documentation, including relevant and most recent invoices, from the Ofsted-registered childcare provider detailing the secured place or places, including the child's name, costs, booking pattern and the start dates.** Return this form to your College Tutor for checking. Your Tutor may ask to see supporting documents before signing the declaration. A supporting statement from your Tutor can make all the difference in the Committee's decision to award a bursary.

Completed forms should be returned by your Tutor/College to: The Secretary, Joint Committee on Childcare for Students, Childcare Office, 21 Trumpington Street, Cambridge CB2 1QA.

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1. PERSONAL DETAILS

University Student Number: ___________________ Surname: ___________________

Title: _______ First Names: ___________________ Nationality: ___________________

Email: __________________________________ Date of arrival in UK (dd/mm/yy): ____/____/____

College: ___________________ Current course (BA, PhD, etc): _______ Subject: ___________________

Start date of current course (dd/mm/yy): ____/___/____ Expected end date: ____/___/____

Year of study ___________________

I am: (tick all that apply)

- Undergraduate [ ]
- Graduate [ ]
- EU [ ]
- Overseas [ ]

- Studying full-time [ ]
- Studying part-time [ ]

Is your partner with you in Cambridge? Yes [ ] No [ ] I am single [ ]

Partner/spouse’s full name: ___________________ Nationality: ___________________

Partner/spouse is:

- working full-time [ ]
- working part-time [ ]
- a student [ ]
- unemployed [ ]

(no. of hrs per week) [ ]

Have you / your partner (delete as appropriate) received a Childcare Bursary before? Yes / No

If ‘Yes’, give details: Amount received £ ____________ Date of award (dd/mm/yy): ____/____/____

2. DETAILS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD INCOME PER YEAR

2.1 Income for Maintenance

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<tr>
<th>Source of income</th>
<th>Applicant per year</th>
<th>Applicant's Partner per year</th>
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<tr>
<td>Grants/Scholarships/Sponsorship*</td>
<td>£</td>
<td>£</td>
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<td>Family/Friends</td>
<td>£</td>
<td>£</td>
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<td>Net Earnings, after deductions for tax and NI (include earnings from supervising, demonstrating or other part-time employment)</td>
<td>£</td>
<td>£</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>£</td>
<td>£</td>
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*If you have a grant, give the name of the grant-awarding body, sponsor, or institution guaranteeing income: __________________________________________

2.2 Family’s Welfare Benefits/Tax Credits

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<tr>
<th>Benefit</th>
<th>£ per week/per month (delete as appropriate)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Child Benefit</td>
<td>£</td>
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<td>Income Support</td>
<td>£</td>
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<td>Housing Benefit</td>
<td>£</td>
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<td>Child and Working Tax Credits</td>
<td>£</td>
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<td>Other benefit</td>
<td>£</td>
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<tr>
<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>£ per week/per month</td>
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2.3 Loans
Please detail any loans/credit arrangements (for both you and your partner):

Loan value (total) _______________________

Purpose of loan (i.e. housing, rent, car, living costs, or other) _______________________

Repayment period of loan (in years and months) _______________________

Cost per annum to repay the loan _______________________

2.4 Total Savings or Capital
Please detail any savings or capital, indicating how much you expect to spend in this academic year:
________________________________________________________________________

2.5 Describe any additional income, including from capital investments, trusts or subletting:
________________________________________________________________________

2.6 Have you applied for/received financial support from your college this academic year? Yes / No

Was it granted? Yes / No

How much is received/expected? _______________________

What was the financial support for? (i.e. general hardship, contribution towards rent, childcare costs or other):
________________________________________________________________________

2.7 If you are a self-financed student, do you pay fees from the income detailed above? Yes / No

2.8 If you pay fees from this income, how much do you pay? University fees: £ ________ per year

College fees: £ ________ per year

(PLEASE NOTE: It is very important fees are completed accurately for assessment purposes)

2.9 If your partner is a student, which Institution and College do they attend? _______________________

Have they applied for childcare funds from their institution? Yes / No

If ‘Yes’, what award is received/expected for the year? £ ____________ If ‘No’, explain circumstances:
________________________________________________________________________

2.10 Have you and your partner applied for all loans/grants for which you are eligible? Yes / No

If ‘No’, please explain the circumstances: __________________________________________

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3. DETAILS OF CHILDCARE COSTS

How many dependant children are living with you? ___

I am applying for assistance with: pre-school childcare  [ ] out-of-school childcare [ ] (please tick)
(0-five years)  (four years +)

Please show details for each of your children separately. Your childcare costs may be different at different times of the school/academic year; please show costs as fully as possible. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.
### Childcare Costs

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Child</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Date of birth (dd/mm/yy)</th>
<th>Age</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>1st Child</strong></td>
<td>Name: ___________________</td>
<td><strong><strong>/</strong></strong>/____</td>
<td>_____</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>2nd Child</strong></td>
<td>Name: ___________________</td>
<td><strong><strong>/</strong></strong>/____</td>
<td>_____</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>3rd Child</strong></td>
<td>Name: ___________________</td>
<td><strong><strong>/</strong></strong>/____</td>
<td>_____</td>
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**Type of childcare** (e.g. nursery, childminder)

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<tr>
<th>Childcare provider (include OFSTED No.)</th>
<th>Childcare start &amp; expected end date</th>
<th>hours/week</th>
<th>weeks/year</th>
<th>Annual cost</th>
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**Total 1st Child:** £ __________________

**Total 2nd Child:** £ __________________

**Total 3rd Child:** £ __________________

**Childcare Costs Grand Total:** £ __________________

### 4. Details of Other Expenditure per Month

Please provide details of any other major monthly outgoings/commitments for you and your family.

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<th>Description</th>
<th>Per month</th>
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<tr>
<td>Rent/mortgage payments</td>
<td>£</td>
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<td>Household bills (e.g. council tax, electricity, gas, telephone, internet)</td>
<td>£</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Living costs (e.g. groceries, clothing, baby supplies)</td>
<td>£</td>
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<tr>
<td>Loan Repayments (if applicable)</td>
<td>£</td>
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<td>Transport costs in the UK</td>
<td>£</td>
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<td>Fieldwork costs (if applicable)</td>
<td>£</td>
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Please give details of any other expenditure that you would wish to be taken into consideration; e.g. special course, loan or debt repayments. **Costs incurred relocating to the UK or travel costs home will not usually be considered by the Committee unless there are exceptional circumstances.**
5. OTHER INFORMATION

Please provide any further information that you believe to be relevant to your application. Are there any special circumstances that you wish to be taken into account in support of your application? (These might include special demands of your course, special needs of your children or other family circumstances). **If you are overrunning, include details of when you expect to submit.** Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

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6. DECLARATION

I have attached documentation that confirms I have secured Ofsted-registered childcare place/s. □

Your Tutor may ask to add supporting documents before signing the declaration.

I confirm that the information I have given is correct and reflects my financial circumstances.

Signed: ___________________________ Date (dd/mm/yy): ___/___/____

**All applications must be supported by a Tutor’s signature.**

7. TUTOR’S SECTION

The Committee would greatly appreciate any comments you are able to make in support of this application. On the assumption that the student’s resources were understood, at the time of acceptance, to be sufficient to meet fees and expenses (including those of dependants) for the duration of the proposed course, the Committee attaches considerable importance to the College’s comments on the reason why this is no longer the case. Please also indicate the extent of any **College financial support** given or promised during this academic year and any explanations for an applicant who is overrunning.

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I confirm that the information given is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Tutor’s name (Block capitals): ____________________________

Signed: ___________________________ Date (dd/mm/yy): ___/___/____

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Ofsted Registration

The Committee usually only awards bursaries to students who are paying for Ofsted-registered childcare. Ofsted, the Government's Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills, inspects and regulates childcare facilities. Many childcare providers are required to register with Ofsted. Ofsted registration is split into the Ofsted Early Years Register and the Ofsted Childcare Register, which has compulsory and voluntary parts. Childcare providers that care for children from birth to five years must follow the Early Years Foundation Stage framework and join the Early Years Register. This includes nurseries, childminders and any out-of-school clubs and playschemes that care for younger children. Childcare providers that care for children under eight but older than five must join the compulsory part of the Childcare Register.

Some providers are not required to register but can opt to join the voluntary part of the Childcare Register. This includes settings that care for children aged eight and over, providers of short-term care, or carers who work in the child’s own home such as nannies. These providers are considered Ofsted-registered for the purposes of the Central Childcare Bursary Scheme.

Ofsted also inspects state schools. Out-of-school or holiday clubs provided directly by schools do not have to be Ofsted-registered in the same way, but will be inspected by Ofsted when they carry out a full school inspection. These clubs are considered Ofsted-registered for the purposes of the Central Childcare Bursary Scheme.

More information on Ofsted registration can be found at www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted. Ofsted-registered childcare does not include private music lessons, leisure activities or childcare undertaken by family members.

Payments

You will receive an initial confirmation of receipt before your application is assessed. The aim is to assess and respond to your application within six working weeks of receipt, although sometimes final decisions may depend on the provision of further information by applicants. If you send your form in early i.e. in July or August, awards will not be made until the start of the academic year. However, we are willing to approximate the level of award that you may be eligible for.

If you are successful, a cheque will be sent to your College Senior Tutor’s office or you can collect it from the Childcare Office, at an agreed upon time. Awards will be paid in a single instalment.

Appeals

If you are unhappy with the outcome of your application and believe that there has been a miscalculation or misunderstanding of the figures or information you have provided, you should initially discuss the matter with your Tutor. The Committee administrators will seek to resolve appeal cases or other cases of disagreement through negotiation with your College and through consultation with the Chair of the Joint Committee on Childcare for Students. Appeal cases that cannot be resolved in this way will be referred to the full Committee for final adjudication.

Further Information

See the Childcare Office website at www.childcare.admin.cam.ac.uk for further information, useful contacts, support and childcare advice. You can also contact the University Childcare Information Adviser, the Cambridge University Students’ Union or the Graduate Union.

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