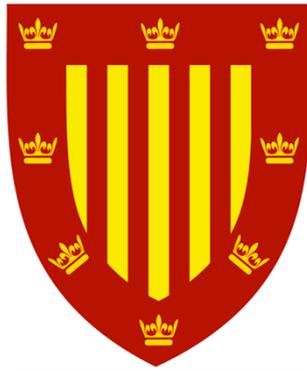


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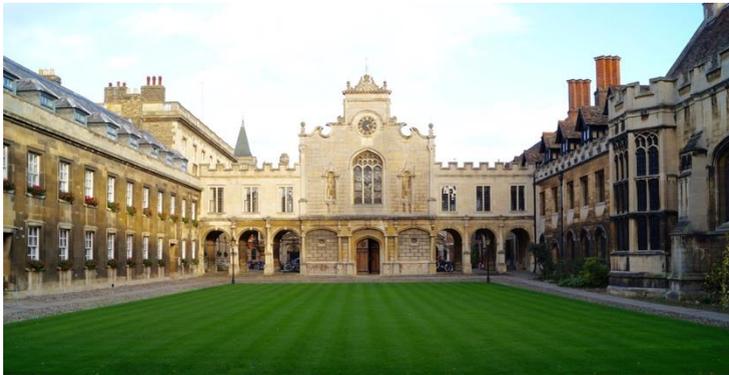
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Being here

Peterhouse is a small and vibrant College and a beautiful, lively place to live and work. We provide a friendly and welcoming environment, and are close to the main Arts, Engineering and Science faculties five minutes walk from the city centre. We have spacious grounds (including a stunning Deer Park full of daffodils in the spring), generous grants, awards and prizes for our students, and a range of accommodation to suit all needs. We offer a nurturing and close-knit community to all our members, past, present and future, helping new graduates quickly to feel at home and make the most of what we can offer. We have a lively and varied student body, and our members embrace extra-curricular activities of all kinds.



Peterhouse aims to offer all the facilities you need to work, rest and feel at home. In addition to the library, academic facilities, accommodation, the dining hall and the bar, the College also has a common room for graduates to use, a fully-equipped tiered theatre, a squash court, a gym, music practice rooms and laundry facilities.



Grass you can walk on!

“The first time I saw the Deer Park it genuinely made me gasp. It is the perfect place for kicking around a football, having a picnic or just revising in the sunshine. Two years later I must have walked through it a thousand times, but it still always makes me smile and reminds me how lucky I am to be here.” Rama

Feel at home here

Unlike many other colleges in Cambridge, we are able to offer in almost all cases college accommodation to Peterhouse graduates throughout the period of their study. Peterhouse students enjoy some of the best rooms in Cambridge, and at highly competitive rents.





Eating together is an important part of life at Peterhouse and we pride ourselves on the quality and variety of the food. The Servery offers a choice of hot food, a salad bar, desserts, fruit, sandwiches, snacks and hot and cold drinks. A vegetarian option is always available and we can cater for gluten/dairy-free, halal, vegan and other special dietary requirements. In addition, Peterhouse continues to offer the option of a more formal dinner every evening. Formal Hall is a three course, candle-lit dinner with waiter service, and costs less than £7. Popular and inexpensive, Formal Hall is an ideal opportunity for students to spend time with their friends and invite guests.



Do well here

“The College is incredibly supportive; they go above and beyond and really help to make life at university easier. The study and travel grants in Peterhouse are also wonderful, and are great opportunities to learn and travel. Peterhouse is of course a beautiful College, and there’s something fun about saying you’re from the oldest College in Cambridge.” Alicia

We want you to succeed in your chosen degree. Academic support and College investment in academic facilities and resources are given prime importance.

The College’s Ward Library contains over 65,000 volumes and well over 1,000 volumes are added every year on the recommendation of students and Fellows. It is a elegant, peaceful and contemplative place in which to work and offers an addition to departmental and University library provision that many graduate students value highly.



The computer room is well-equipped with computers, scanners, printers and specialist software and the College's Computer Officers are available to help students with any computing issues.

Graduate students can apply to the College for financial support to assist the costs of research and conference travel. The generosity of our alumni means that we have substantial funds for this purpose.

As a graduate student, you will receive almost all your teaching and supervision in your university department or faculty. But Peterhouse offers valuable and enjoyable forms of academic enrichment. Once a year, there is a Graduate Symposium, at which you will have the opportunity to learn about the research that Peterhouse students in other subjects are pursuing and to gain experience yourself in presenting your research. In addition, we encourage the formation of discussion and reading groups that can broaden your intellectual horizons and help you make the most of the multidisciplinary environment you will encounter as a graduate student in Peterhouse.

Be happy here

“Peterhouse has one of the most active extracurricular scenes of any Cambridge college. We have College societies focussed on politics, feminism, science, history, humanities, drama and cocktails, to name but a few, as well as numerous enthusiastic sports teams. Being a small College, the cult of the amateur reigns supreme and everyone is encouraged to get involved. I turned up to a few meetings in first year and soon, rather by accident, ended up running two societies and the College newspaper. If, by some miracle, Peterhouse doesn't have

something that fits your interests, it's also very easy to apply for funding and set up your own group." Eloise



"One of my favourite things about Peterhouse is College sport. Because we are a small college, there isn't much competition for places on sports teams so you can play any sport you wish, even if you've never done it before. Any talent is greatly appreciated, and so is enthusiasm! Some of our teams are shared with other colleges so

you get to meet new people. The best thing is, sometimes we do really well! (Leading to surprised comments from people from home that I am not only on a sports team, but a tournament winning sports team!)" Emma

One of the major benefits a collegiate university can offer is the level of attention and interaction between academic staff and their students. At Peterhouse, we make every effort to ensure that no obstacle, whether financial or pastoral, stands in the way of our students achieving their full potential.

Each graduate is also allocated a personal Tutor who is responsible for their pastoral care and will usually be the same person throughout their time at Peterhouse. College tutors perform an important role, for example in helping students adjust to life in Cambridge, advising on funding possibilities, helping with medical and personal problems, writing letters of recommendation and support and liaising with departments



and faculties and the University.

Regardless of how you like to fill your time outside of study, whether with sport, choral singing, performance art, writing for a student newspaper or throwing yourself into one of the many societies available here, Peterhouse provides a great springboard. From social action groups to ultimate frisbee, our students are involved in a wide range of clubs, societies and activities, both at College and University level.

In addition, the College Bar offers a welcoming place to meet up with friends, and the student-run Middle Common Room (MCR) puts on regular parties, theme nights and events, including a variety of social events to welcome new students into College.

Applying here

Each year we admit about 65 new graduate students, which is almost as large as our undergraduate intake. Graduates consequently play a large part in the life of the college. Nevertheless, we are unable to admit as many students as we would wish. To be eligible to be considered for entry, applicants to Peterhouse must have been accepted on to a course of study leading to a graduate degree of the University. In considering applications, we will take account of academic

quality and potential as well as the broader contribution to college life that applicants will be able to make.

Affording it

There are many myths about Cambridge, but perhaps the most misleading one is that *“Cambridge is too expensive - I can't afford to go there.”*

“The support of the college in all aspects of life beyond just studying is excellent; the college gave me a sports grant of £150 towards the cost of a bow when it looked like I might have to give up archery through unavailability of equipment.” Michael

Cambridge is one of the world's premier universities, but studying and living here is not significantly more expensive than at any other university in the UK. In fact, because Peterhouse is well-resourced, we are able to underpin our academic facilities and student accommodation as well as offering financial support, so it can often work out cheaper to study here than at many other institutions. Peterhouse offers a wide range of rents to suit all budgets, with rates determined by room size and facilities (i.e. you can save money by choosing to live in a smaller room, or you can pay a little extra for larger accommodation).

“The college has a number of funds and trusts to finance student travel - not just for study, but also to learn languages, or even just for a course-related holiday. Last summer I travelled with a group of ten friends to Istanbul, and many of us received travel grants to cover the cost of our flights. This is something really specific to Peterhouse - there are only one or two other colleges with comparatively generous grant schemes, and Peterhouse's grants are definitely envied across the rest of the university!” Anna

Getting in touch or visiting

The best way to find out about life as a graduate in Peterhouse is to talk to our Graduate Admissions Tutor, Dr. Tim Dickens, or one of our graduate tutors: Professor Steven Connor (Tutor for Graduate Affairs and Arts Tutor), or Dr. Chris Lester (Science Tutor). We would also recommend coming to visit us to see some of the facilities and resources available. The best time to visit would be on a Graduate Open Day, but you are very welcome to come at other times. Any of the graduate tutors would also be happy to respond to specific queries if you can't find what you are looking for in this prospectus or on our website.

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