Additional Notes on Applying to Cambridge and Oxford

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TO UCAS ENTRY 2023

(FOR ENTRY IN 2023 OR DEFERRED ENTRY IN 2024)

## **A MESSAGE FOR Y6s**

Before you read on, pause and consider the following with an open, honest mind:

-Is the style of learning at Oxbridge suitable for you? Will you enjoy university life there?
Oxbridge applications require tremendous investment of time and effort. Can you manage the application amidst Prelims and A Level preparations?
How are you doing in your subjects now? Is it a realistic application, considering these are top universities in the world? It's not a 'must' to apply to Oxbridge.

If you have thought through the above and decide you would like to give it a shot, read on. And remember – these are top universities. So give it your best shot, learn something about yourself from it, and be open-minded with the outcome.

## Applying to Oxbridge: Key notes

- 1. Register with \*HEO from <u>1 Aug 30 Sep 2022</u>
  - Year 6 students: <u>https://forms.ri.edu.sg/oxbridge\_registration\_Y62022</u>
  - Alumni: <u>https://forms.ri.edu.sg/oxbridge\_registration\_alum2022</u>
- 2. Decide on college choice or put in an "open" application
- 3. Adhere to <u>internal RI deadlines</u> for submission of UCAS application. Late submissions will <u>not</u> be entertained. Your teachers need time to write for you.
- 4. Cambridge applicants will need to submit *My Cambridge Application* in addition to the UCAS app.
- 5. Register and sit for admission tests, as necessary.
- 6. Submit written work as instructed by specific Oxbridge college, where relevant.
- 7. Shortlisted applicants can expect interviews to be held online in the first 3 weeks of December 2022.

\*This internal registration facilitates our work in ensuring that your application is sent off in a timely manner. It does **not** constitute your UCAS app—you still need to complete and submit this by our deadline.

# Applying to Oxbridge: Key notes

|  | Additional Action<br>Required  | Internal<br>Deadline** | UCAS Deadline |
|--|--|------------------------|---------------|
| <ul><li>Oxford applicants</li><li>Cambridge applicants</li></ul>   | Register with<br>Higher Ed Office<br>via RIForms Link*<br>1 Aug – 30 Sep | 5 Oct 2022             | 15 Oct 2022   |
| <ul><li>Medicine</li><li>Dentistry</li><li>VetMed/VetSci</li></ul> |  | 5 Oct 2022             | 15 Oct 2022   |
| <ul> <li>Majority undergraduate<br/>courses</li> </ul>             |  | 20 Jan 2023            | 25 Jan 2023   |

\*Refer to previous slide for Rlforms links.

\*\*Applicants submit UCAS by these internal deadlines. Do not be late as your CTs can only complete their parts after you are done. We cannot guarantee an app will reach in time if you submit your application after the internal deadline.

## Part I Overview to Cambridge & Oxford Applications

## Applying to Cambridge: Overview

(Check Cambridge website for updates on My Cambridge Application & AAIF closer to Oct.)

#### Submit UCAS

#### By 5 Oct 2022 (RI Internal deadline)

- From 15 Oct, you will receive an email from Cambridge asking you to complete *My Cambridge Application*. Note that it can take **up to 48 hours** for the email to arrive. Be patient and check your spam folder too.
- Some courses/colleges will have written work submission. Your college will email you about this. Submit the necessary in time, according to college instructions.

#### Register for testsFrom 1 Sep 2022

- Refer to this year's registration deadlines and test dates for all <u>pre-registration assessments</u> other than LNAT. <u>https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/dates-and-deadlines</u>
- Register independently via RELC for all tests other than LNAT: <u>https://www.relc.org.sg/qualifications-certifications/caat</u>

Submit My Cambridge<br/>Application22 Oct 2022

- To make a valid application to the University of Cambridge, you must submit *My Cambridge Application* by 22 October 2022 (18.00 UK time)
- In addition to *My Cambridge Application*, your College will send you a link to complete an Additional Applicant Information Form (AAIF). This helps Cambridge find out what interview arrangements you'll need if you're invited to interview. Read the AAIF Guide before you start, to ensure you have all the information you need.

https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/aaif\_guide.pdf

| Admissions Tests   | 18 & 19 Oct 2022 (Check RELC/Cambridge websites for updates) |  |
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| Interviews First 3 weeks of Dec 2022   |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Interviews for non UK-based applicants will mostly take place online in the first three weeks of December.</li> </ul> |  |  |
| Decisions  | Jan 2023   |  |
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## Applying to Oxford: Overview

| Submit UCAS        | 5 Oct 2022 (RI Internal deadline)   |
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| Register for tests | From 1 Sep. Register independently via RELC for all tests other than LNAT: <u>https://www.relc.org.sg/qualifications-certifications/caat</u>  |
| Admission Tests    | 18 Oct 2022 (BMAT)<br>2 Nov 2022 (all other tests except Law)   |
| Written work       | <b>10 Nov 2022</b><br>Check if written work is required for your course. Submit according to the instructions & deadline of your college. Visit <u>ox.ac.uk/writwork</u> for information. |
| Interviews         | 1 – 20 Dec 2022<br>Visit <u>ox.ac.uk/interviews</u> for more information.   |
| Decisions          | Jan 2023  |

## Part II Admission Tests

Oxbridge Admission Tests Registration Process Register directly through RELC website at <a href="https://www.relc.org.sg/qualifications-certifications/caat">https://www.relc.org.sg/qualifications-certifications/caat</a> from 1 Sep 2022, for most tests

(The registration is <u>not</u> done by RI)



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<u>Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing</u> is part of the University of Cambridge. They produce admissions tests for higher education institutions and government ministries worldwide. The assessments support selection and help to enable fair access to higher education and the workplace, measuring applicants' potential for success.

RELC Examinations Bureau (RELC EB) is the appointed test centre to administer BioMedical Admissions Test, University of Cambridge Pre-interview Assessments, University of Oxford Admissions Tests, Test of Mathematics for University Admission, Mathematics Admissions Test and Sixth Term Examinations Paper Mathematics for Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing.

For more information on the admissions tests, kindly click on the relevant icons below:



Oxbridge Admission Tests Registration Process Read the following Oxbridge websites for relevant admission tests.

Register for your test(s) well ahead of deadlines.

Have your UCAS ID with you when you register for admission tests.

Admission tests results are valid only for the year of application.

### **CAMBRIDGE**

#### Refer to:

<u>https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/admission</u> <u>-assessments</u> for information on the Pre-interview assessment for Cambridge.

Read the admissions requirements on the relevant course pages closely. There are varied College requirements for some courses.

### <u>OXFORD</u>

#### Refer to:

https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-tooxford/guide/admissions-tests for information on the Preinterview assessment for Oxford.

## Admissions Test (Med related)\_BMAT

https://www.relc.org.sg/qualifications-certifications/admission-tests/bmat

## Date of test: 18 Oct 2022

### **Registration**

- Register directly via RELC website, not through RI.
- Registration opens on 1 Sep 2022.
- Check registration dates/details on RELC website
- More information on preparation for BMAT can be found here: <u>https://www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/bmat/preparing-for-bmat/</u>
- BMAT fees: Provisions are made for students who are currently under MOE Financial Assistance Scheme. Email Ms Joyce Tan at <u>joyce.tan@ri.edu.sg</u> by 12 September 2022 for clarifications on MOE FAS subsidy.

## Admissions Test\_LNAT

https://lnat.ac.uk/

Registration : From 1 August 2022

Testing dates: From 1 September 2022

### For Cambridge and Oxford applicants:

You must meet the following deadlines in order to guarantee that your application to Cambridge or Oxford will be considered.

•1 August -15 September 2022: Register and book your LNAT test slot (in order to sit the test before or on, 15 October 2022).

•15 October 2022: Sit the LNAT before, or at the latest on, 15 October 2022.

•You can take the LNAT before or after you send off your UCAS application.

### For all other universities:

• Ensure you check your universities' requirements and take LNAT before the earliest stipulated deadline.

## Part III Interviews

#### **IMPORTANT**

- Use your PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS in all application materials.
- Check your emails regularly once you've submitted your materials.
- Correspond promptly with universities. Note important dates and timings.

## **Oxbridge Interviews**

Update from Cambridge website:

Interviews for 2023 entry (or deferred entry in 2024) will take place online.

Your invitation to interview will confirm:

- what you need for your interview
- what platform they'll be using (Zoom or Whereby)
- details of how to access your interview on the day

Respond carefully and promptly to the invitation email. UK Universities are firm on their instructions/deadlines given the large number of candidates they correspond with.

Read the relevant information for online interviews:

https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/interviews/online-interviews

\*Check the Cambridge website regularly for updates

### **Oxbridge Interviews**

#### Update from Oxford website:

Interviews will be held online in 2022 and the timetable is expected to be similar to the <u>2021 subject-specific timetable</u>.

More information on how to prepare for Oxford interviews can be found at: <u>https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/interviews</u>

\*Check the Oxford website regularly for updates

## Part IV Written Work Submission

## Written Work Requirements

Oxford submission of written work <a href="https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/written-work">https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/written-work</a>

• Work already completed as part of coursework/assessment and graded by teacher across your 2 years here.

• Due by 10 November where relevant. As each college may have specific instructions and their own deadline, students should adhere to the instructions of their specific college.

- Check the specific course page for written work requirements.
- Cover page to be endorsed by your relevant academic teacher.

### Cambridge submission of written work

https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/admission-assessments/submitted-work

- Work already completed as part of coursework/assessment and graded by teacher across your 2 years here.
- Usually due in 1st week of November where relevant. You will receive instructions from the relevant Cambridge college; adhere to their instructions & deadline stipulated.
- Check the specific course page for written work requirements.
- Cover page to be endorsed by your relevant academic teacher.

Important note published on the Cambridge website

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#### Commercial application preparation

We're aware of private companies and individuals who offer, at a charge, information and advice on our admissions process, assessments and interviews. We **DO NOT** support or encourage any of these commercial enterprises.

None of these companies/individuals has access to any information that's not already available free of charge from College admissions offices, the Cambridge Admissions Office, Cambridge University Students' Union (CUSU) and student-led websites such as Inside Uni; and we're unable to verify the accuracy of the information these companies/individuals may provide.

Applicants should be aware that sharing of admissions assessment or interview questions either during or after the admissions cycle is strictly prohibited and applicants could inadvertently disadvantage their own application by engaging in this practice.