



Student Travel Award 2017

Frequently asked questions

Where can I find out about the Student Travel Award?

For full details about the Student Travel Award, please visit: www.alumni.cam.ac.uk/get-involved/student-travel-award.

What is the Student Travel Award?

It is a travel bursary providing students with funding to travel throughout Europe during the summer or Christmas vacations, to visit Alumni Groups and promote their activities to students. Now in its third year, the award is sponsored and administered by the Cambridge University Development and Alumni Relations office as part of its programme of initiatives to connect students and alumni in a meaningful way.

Why apply?

- Travel to Europe for free
- Visit locations of personal and career interests
- Develop your social and professional networks with alumni
- Enhance your skills and increase your employability
- Help shape how Alumni Groups support and engage with students and recent graduates
- Join a growing network of previous award winners and get involved with future awards

What's involved?

Before the trip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Putting together a travel itinerary • Contacting Alumni Groups to organise meetings, events and hospitality • Booking your travel, accommodation and insurance • Attending pre-travel briefings • Managing a budget
During the trip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travelling from location to location • Meeting individual alumni and attending Alumni Group events • Acting as a detective, journalist, reporter and University ambassador • Keeping an online travel journal and promoting your findings widely to students • Managing a budget
After the trip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitting two assignments (report and article) • Submitting an expenses log and receipts • Attending an informal celebration

What's the value of an award?

£1,200 per award.

How many awards are available?

Four.

Am I eligible to apply?

We welcome applications from registered, fulltime, undergraduate and PhD students who are not in their final year of study. You must be available for interview on Friday 28 April 2017 and available to travel during one of the specified periods.

How can I apply?

Please complete and submit an online application at www.alumni.cam.ac.uk/get-involved/student-travel-award. The closing date for applications is 12pm (noon) GMT on Monday 27 March 2017.

What makes a good application?

- Match your personal statement to the 'What we are looking for' section of the award web page
- Show us you've done your research:
 - on the award (including objectives and terms and conditions)
 - on the Alumni Groups you'd like to visit
 - on previous winners' trips
- Tell us:
 - why you'd make a good detective, journalist, reporter and University ambassador
 - how you'd promote your findings widely to students. Be creative. Think big. The success of the award hinges upon good publicity
 - what winning an award means to you

When is the trip?

You may travel at any time during one of the following periods:

- Period 1: Tuesday 1 August – Sunday 1 October 2017 inclusive; or
- Period 2: Saturday 2 December 2017 to Sunday 14 January 2018 inclusive

How long is the trip?

You'll be away for one single trip to Europe over a period of up to three weeks.

Do winners travel alone or as a group?

You'll travel alone, although it's possible that you'll cross paths with other winners at some point during the trip.

Which Alumni Groups are based in Europe?

There are currently 193 Alumni Groups in Europe, including 112 in the UK. You'll find a list on the award web page.

How do I contact Alumni Groups?

Visit www.alumni.cam.ac.uk/groups and use the interactive map to search for and click on Groups based in Europe. Clicking on a Group's name will display its contact details. Alternatively enter a country/region into the search box at the bottom of the page. You can also contact your College Development Office for suggestions on Alumni Groups and individual alumni to meet during the trip.

How do I find out what events Alumni Groups are planning this year?

Contact Groups directly for their events timetables and regularly visit the Groups events page at <https://is.gd/nawipe> for new listings.

Can I visit Groups that have been visited by previous winners?

Yes. You can also visit Groups that haven't been visited before.

Where have previous winners visited?

Austria	Oxford and Cambridge Society of Austria
Czech Republic	Oxford and Cambridge Alumni Society, Czech Republic
Denmark	Danish and Swedish Cambridge Alumni Group (Group no longer active)
Estonia	Oxford and Cambridge Club Estonia
France	Cambridge Society of Paris
	Cambridge Alumni Energy Society
Germany	Oxford and Cambridge Society of Hamburg
	German Cambridge Society

Hungary	Hungarian Oxford and Cambridge Society
Italy	Oxford and Cambridge Society of Northern Italy
Latvia	Cambridge Alumni in Latvia
Luxembourg	Cambridge Society of Luxembourg
Poland	Oxford and Cambridge Society of Poland
Slovenia	Slovenian Alumni Group
Spain	Cambridge Alumni Madrid
	The Oxford and Cambridge Society of Valencia
Sweden	Cambridge Alumni Society of Sweden
Switzerland	Oxford and Cambridge Club of Zurich
	Oxford and Cambridge Club of Geneva
	CJBS Alumni Network – Switzerland, Zurich

How can I find out about previous winners' trips?

You can read about our 2016 and 2015 winners' trips on the award web page.

Can I arrange additional visits outside the itinerary?

You are welcome to arrange additional visits outside the itinerary related to your personal and career interests, such as to a conference or tourist attraction. Additional visits will be at your own expense and not covered by the award.

I've got a question, who should I contact?

Please email networks@alumni.cam.ac.uk.