Why did you apply to Cambridge University?
I didn’t know what I wanted to do when I finished at UCLA. I’d grown up in England more than a decade before and I felt a draw to move “home”. The one-year neuroscience degree contained elements that I hadn’t had the chance to experience as an undergraduate, and the excellence of the University meant that even though I didn’t know what I wanted to do, I would surely find a path to follow in Cambridge.

What is your most memorable Cambridge experience?
It’s not strictly in Cambridge, but my most memorable experience is winning the 2017 Boat Race and defeating Oxford. After Cambridge had sunk spectacularly the year before, our training had been fuelled by strong emotions. We named our boat *Venit Lux* which means ‘light comes’. The light blue women did come in force that day: we ended a four-year losing streak and capped it off with a course record, too.

Where was your favourite place to grab a bite to eat in Cambridge?
The Urban Shed on King Street.

What did you do immediately after you graduated from Cambridge?
I loved Cambridge, so the day after my MPhil finished I started my PhD down the road at the biomedical campus!

In a sentence, how did your Cambridge degree lead you to where you are now?
A close friend and mentor in Cambridge told me, “Just apply. If you don’t get in, or you change your mind, you won’t have lost anything.”