

What to expect from the Student Travel Award.

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In each city I got to spend time with a variety of Cambridge alumni: from recent graduates to others with years of experience. It was interesting to hear their stories of how Cambridge led them abroad. The award also left me with some unexpected stories.

In Prague I had a surprise lunch in one of the cities most established restaurants. In Geneva, I found myself couch surfing with alumni who worked with the UN.

Ultimately the award has left me with a personal community of friendly faces to reach out to across Europe. As someone who hopes to live on the continent, no doubt this will be invaluable.

“a chance for an adventure”

The award is a chance for an adventure in Europe. For me this meant spending summer evenings sketching at Lake Zurich but equally you could go to Oslo or Istanbul. Be it on mountain bike trails or museums.

The award is generous amount of money so there is plenty of scope to create your ideal itinerary. Europe offers a diverse range of countries to visit and an extensive network of alumni to meet. The trip enables you to see cities while spending time with locals – the Cambridge graduates.

The Student Travel Award provides funding for two students to visit University Alumni Groups around the world during the summer or Christmas vacations and promote them as a resource to students. To apply, visit: alumni.cam.ac.uk/get-involved/student-travel-award. Applications close on Tuesday, 3 April 2018.