

# What to expect from the Student Travel Award.

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This is an absolutely special opportunity to expand your horizons and meet interesting people from across Europe. While I originally imagined I would be blown away by a part of the world to which I had never been, I found myself appreciating far more the people I was privileged enough to meet.

As a final year student, I also found that it was an enormous confidence boost to see how a Cambridge degree can really expand your horizons, and to see that a variety of career paths and opportunities await you; it does not need to be all planned out.

In short, while you might see the Travel Award as an opportunity for an extended holiday, I found it to be a time for a great deal of personal growth. A very happy surprise indeed!

## “An enormous confidence boost”

I am enormously grateful to meet so many exceptional people on my travels. I now have connections and opportunities to pursue throughout Europe. Opportunities that I have only because I got to engage deeply with alumni from across Europe.

In particular, the travel award offered the chance to see how life after Cambridge can work, and the advice I received from the people I met on this front has already been invaluable. What's more

I think that I have made some friendships that will last, and I now feel connected to a much wider community than I had previously thought possible.

The people make Cambridge, and the people I have met have also made the Student Travel Award thoroughly worthwhile!

*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](http://alumni.cam.ac.uk/get-involved/student-travel-award). Applications close on Tuesday, 3 April 2018.*