

Woolf Institute Cambridge Scholarships - Frequently Asked Questions

The Scholarship

What is covered by the Woolf Institute Cambridge Scholarships?

The scholarship covers the University Composition fee and an annual stipend (sufficient for a single person, which shall not be less than the minimum prescribed by the University).

Fields of study

Does my PhD research proposal fit within the remit of the Woolf Institute's focus?

To be considered for a Woolf Institute Cambridge Scholarship, your research proposal must be relevant to the Woolf Institute's focus – the multi-disciplinary study of relations between Jews, Christians, and Muslims. Prior to applying to the University of Cambridge, you are encouraged to contact Dr Emma Harris (eth22@cam.ac.uk), Woolf Institute Director of Studies, with details of your research proposal to discuss its relevance to the Institute's focus.

Can I apply for any MPhil programme offered by the University of Cambridge?

Scholarships will only be awarded to applicants for the Middle Eastern Studies: Muslim-Jewish Relations.

Application

How do I apply for the Woolf Institute Cambridge Scholarships?

Applicants are required to apply to the University of Cambridge and by the published funding deadline [see below]. All this information is available at <https://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/>. It is very important that, on the Graduate Application Form (accessible through the online Applicant Portal), you complete the 'Funding section' including 'Reason to apply for funding', indicating that you are applying for the Woolf Institute Cambridge Scholarship. The Woolf Institute and the Cambridge Trust will liaise over potential candidates in March/April 2020 for admission in the academic year 2020-21, and successful candidates will be notified as soon as possible thereafter. Also, it is very important that you check the website of the relevant Faculty/Department and also College to ensure that you have fulfilled all the requirements for your application.

On the Graduate Application Form I have to select a College. To which Colleges can I apply?

The Woolf Institute Cambridge Scholarships will be tenable at any of the thirty-one Cambridge Colleges. Visit the University of Cambridge's website at <https://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/colleges> for details of individual Colleges.

What do I need to include in my application to the University of Cambridge?

Please indicate clearly in the Funding section that you are applying for the Woolf Institute Cambridge Scholarship. It is also imperative that you check the website of the relevant Faculty/Department and also College to ensure that you have fulfilled all the requirements for your application.

Deadline***When is the scholarship deadline?***

Please check and apply by the specific course funding deadline – there are two general course funding deadlines of 3 December 2019 and 7 January 2020. The same deadlines apply to all applicants, regardless of fee status (UK/EU or Overseas/International).

I missed the deadline. Can I still apply for the scholarship?

Once the funding deadline has passed, we are unable to consider you for a scholarship for that entry year.

Eligibility – PhD***I have already completed one year of my PhD at the University of Cambridge. Can I still apply for the Woolf Institute Cambridge Scholarships?***

The scholarships are only open to prospective PhD students applying to the University of Cambridge for the 2020-21 academic year – beginning end of September/early October 2020.

I come from... Am I eligible to apply for the Woolf Institute Cambridge Scholarships?

Applicants of any nationality are eligible for the Woolf Institute Cambridge Scholarship. You are advised to visit the Scholarships page of the Cambridge Trust (<https://www.cambridgetrust.org/scholarships/>) to find out what other scholarships you may be eligible for.

I want to apply for a PhD in the Faculty of... Am I eligible to apply for the Woolf Institute Cambridge Scholarships?

Scholars will be selected from amongst applicants in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. Visit the University of Cambridge's website at <https://www.cam.ac.uk/colleges-and-departments/department-a-z>

I am applying to the University of Cambridge as a part-time PhD student. Am I eligible to apply for the Woolf Institute Cambridge Scholarships?

The scholarships are not available for part-time studies.

Do I need to have a Masters before I apply for a PhD?

Not necessarily. The relevant Department/Faculty will decide whether to offer you admission directly to the PhD. Contact the relevant Department/Faculty before submitting your application.

I already have a PhD in a different field but would like to apply for a PhD in this field. Can I apply for the scholarship?

The Cambridge Trust does not support students for a degree at the same level as they have already acquired.

What are my chances of receiving a Woolf Institute Cambridge Scholarship?

These scholarships are very competitive. We are unable to comment definitively on the suitability of potential applicants and their qualifications. It is wise to contact the relevant Faculty/Department to ascertain their entry requirements.

Other information – PhD

What is the residency requirement for a PhD programme at the University of Cambridge?

Nine terms of research and residence are required for the PhD. If students have to do fieldwork with Leave to Work Away from Cambridge, there are rules about what funds they can apply to for help. Consult the Cambridge Trust directly for further information: cambridge.trust@admin.cam.ac.uk.

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