

Q. How many bursaries are available as part of this bursary scheme?

150 bursaries of £1,873 are available as part of the 150th Anniversary Bursary scheme to part-fund an undergraduate course at the Institute of Continuing Education (ICE).

Q. What is the Institute of Continuing Education?

The [Institute of Continuing Education \(ICE\)](#) is part of the University of Cambridge and provides part-time and short courses for adults of any age. Our courses are led by expert academics, and while some are suited to those with a certain level of professional or academic experience, our undergraduate courses require no previous qualifications at all.

Q. What courses can be part-funded using the bursary?

The £1,873 bursary applies to all part-time, remotely delivered (online), 60 CATS credit, undergraduate courses provided by the University of Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education commencing in Michaelmas Term (October 2023) of the 2023-24 academic year.

A complete list of eligible courses can be seen [here](#) (excluding the Certificate in Higher Education in Pre-Medical Studies which is a 120 CATS credit course).

Q. How much will courses cost after the deduction of the bursary?

With the bursary award deducted, undergraduate courses range in price from £877 to £2,227, depending on the subject matter and qualification type.

Q. Am I eligible for this bursary?

The bursary is open to anyone who falls into one of the following two categories:

1. For applicants who do not currently hold a recognised higher education level qualification (FHEQ level 4 or higher) and who's household income is below £25,000 per annum;
2. For applications who do not currently hold a recognised higher education level qualification (FHEQ level 4 or higher) and who live or work in the CB1-CB5 postal code area.

Other requirements for bursary eligibility (for both categories) are as follows:

- Students must be aged 18 or over by 1 September 2023. Proof of age may be required.
- Applicants whose first language is **not** English must be able to satisfy the University of Cambridge's language requirements for undergraduate courses. Applicants should preferably have written proof of their English Language level at the time of application. If written proof cannot be provided within 14-days of application the bursary offer may be withdrawn. English language requirements for undergraduate courses can be found on [our website](#).

Q. How do I prove I live or work in the CB1-CB5 postal code area?

Written proof of eligibility will be requested at the application stage and examples of time-relevant supporting evidence are as follows:

- A PDF copy of your latest utility bill confirming the full postal address.
- A PDF letter from your employer, on letterhead or company email, confirming your employment status with them and the company's full postal address.

Other document requirements for bursary eligibility (for both categories) may be requested as follows:

- Evidence the applicant is aged 18 or over on 1 September 2023.
- Evidence that applicants, whose first language is not English, must be able to satisfy the University of Cambridge's language requirements for undergraduate courses.

Q. What is household income?

Household income is the total amount your household earns each year before tax and National Insurance including income from savings, investments or property (for example dividends or rent).

Q. Will I gain a University of Cambridge qualification?

Yes. ICE undergraduate certificates, diplomas and advanced diplomas are recognised University of Cambridge qualifications.

Q. Do I earn Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme (CATS) points from the University of Cambridge?

ICE courses carry a specified number of credit points and these are nationally recognised within the Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme (CATS).

- Undergraduate certificates carry 60 CATS points at FHEQ level 4, the equivalent of first-year undergraduate degree level.
- Undergraduate diplomas carry 60 CATS points at FHEQ level 5, the equivalent of second-year undergraduate degree level.
- Undergraduate advanced diplomas carry 60 CATS points at FHEQ level 6, the equivalent of third-year undergraduate degree level.

Please note: the Certificate in Higher Education in Pre-Medical Studies (which is excluded from this bursary) is a full-time course and carries 120 CATS points at FHEQ level 4, the equivalent of first-year undergraduate degree level.

Q. Are the courses part-time?

Yes (excluding the Certificate in Higher Education in Pre-Medical Studies which is a full-time course). You can find more information about the specific course that you are interested in by viewing the relevant course on [our website](#).

Q. How can I apply?

1. Course applications must be completed in full for you to be considered for the bursary scheme. Please apply for your chosen course via our [website](#).
2. Once your course application is completed you will be given the opportunity to apply for the bursary via our [bursary application portal](#) where you will be required to confirm your eligibility and upload requested time-relevant supporting evidence.
3. The Institute of Continuing Education will assess and respond as quickly as possible to inform you whether your bursary application has been accepted.
4. If any additional evidence relating to the course is required, for example evidence of English language level, you will be requested to provide this. If this is the case, the bursary allocation will be held to allow you to provide evidence and until a decision is made on the course application.
5. If no additional evidence is required, your bursary will be applied after the first instalment (or full) payment is made, or proof of funding from Student Finance England is received. The bursary will be automatically taken off the final course instalments.

Q. How do you decide who bursaries are allocated to?

Bursaries are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Once all the available bursaries have been allocated, any pending applicants will be informed to let them know the bursary fund has been exhausted. Consequently, early applications are encouraged but the University will also maintain a waiting list.

Q. When will I find out if I have been awarded a bursary?

The Institute of Continuing Education will assess bursary eligibility and inform you whether your application has been a success, or not, as quickly as possible.

Q. I have already registered for an Undergraduate course for 2023-24 which has not yet started. Can I still apply for this bursary?

Yes providing funds are still available. The bursary is open to students who have already applied for an undergraduate course in the 2023-24 academic year. Please complete the bursary application form available [here](#).

Q. Am I able to apply for the bursary once my course has started?

Unfortunately, we cannot retrospectively review bursary applications after a course has started.

Q. Is having a prior qualification an eligibility criteria for the bursary?

Our role within the University of Cambridge is to widen access to higher education for motivated adult students. As a result, none of our undergraduate courses require prior qualifications. This bursary provides those who do not currently hold a recognised higher education level qualification

(FHEQ level 4 or higher) an opportunity to enhance their employability or renew their knowledge and skills.

Q. What is remote delivery?

Remote delivery means that there will be no requirement for you to be on site at Madingley Hall or other parts of the University of Cambridge in order to study undergraduate certificates, diplomas and advanced diplomas during the 2023-24 academic year.

The full course will be delivered through a variety of online modes and will mean that you will require a computer and good internet connection to study.

Our courses will contain a mix of live (synchronous) teaching sessions delivered through an online platform like Zoom (these sessions will be recorded, but where possible we hope you will attend in real-time) and pre-recorded materials and activities (asynchronous) that will be accessed through our Virtual Learning Environment (a Moodle VLE).

Q. What are the Terms and Conditions of the bursary?

Please view the T&Cs [here](#)