



College Factsheet

About us

Founded as University College in 1965, and re-named as Wolfson College in 1973, the College admitted both women and men as students and Fellows from its founding.

The majority of students at Wolfson College pursue postgraduate degree programmes and enjoy the fact that College life reflects the preferences and interests of mature undergraduate and part-time students. We have a stimulating international atmosphere and strong overseas presence, bringing together students, Fellows and academic visitors.

We are culturally very diverse, with students from **98** countries across six different continents.

In 2022 we began consultations on a College Masterplan, alongside a new fundraising campaign

PEOPLE

1098 Students

186 Undergraduates
644 Postgraduates
268 Part-time Postgraduates

126

Governing Body Fellows

Average age 25

ages from 21 to 85

300

Senior Members and
Research Associates

98 countries

represented in our
student body

85

Emeritus Fellows

24% Part-time

one quarter of our
students are on
part-time courses

75

Visiting Fellows

DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS

14,000

alumni worldwide

53%

of our alumni live
outside of the UK

155

countries and
territories covered

7 continents

Wolfson members live
across every continent

Life at Wolfson

We pride ourselves on being an egalitarian college. There is no 'high table' where Fellows eat separately, and social spaces are shared across the College. We host a wide variety of intellectual and social events: a weekly lecture series in the humanities and sciences, debates, panels, and invited speakers. The annual Wolfson Research Event showcases students' research across disciplines. We sponsor a variety of musical performances featuring professional and student musicians, and run a series of art exhibitions, including a current collaboration with the Royal Academy of Arts, London.

Academic support

Our librarians organise weekly term time workshops on Skills for Academic Success, covering everything from probability and statistics to footnoting and time management. In 2022, our PhD mentoring scheme had 267 mentees supported by 78 College-based mentors.

Sports

Our student association, WCSA, is highly engaged and organises a wide range of events across the term. In sport many of our students compete at University level, and 20 Wolfson students earned Blues and Half-Blues in 2022-23 with Fran Steele captaining the light blues to victory in the Varsity soccer (pictured). Our Basketball team won the University Cuppers tournament for the third time in College history, and both the football and rugby teams had their best-ever finishes, placing third and fourth respectively in the Cuppers and College league. The Boat Club also had a very successful year, with M1 winning "super-blades" in the Lent Bumps, with not a single Wolfson Boat being bumped, and W1 winning blades in the May Bumps.

Student support

Wolfson recently established two new full postgraduate scholarships, thanks to generous donations from North American alumni. The College now awards over £1.5m in scholarships each year, ensuring that we are able to support students from all over the world to study at Wolfson.

Vision for the future

It is our goal to be the college of choice for world-class academics, mature students and returning learners. We wish to ensure our active and engaged Fellowship continues to underpin and enhance the College experience for all.

We value our strong links with partners around the globe and our world-wide community of alumni, members and supporters. We will strengthen our alumni networks through innovative outreach and distinctive external activities in the areas of research, entrepreneurship and innovation.

In recent years, we have seen an increase in the number of applicants for undergraduate and PhD places and we are able to offer generous bursaries to encourage and foster excellence. To improve our campus, we have commissioned a Masterplan to provide more student accommodation as well as study and research spaces. The plan will involve new buildings on the South side of College, as well as a landscaping and pedestrianisation of the campus, with an emphasis on reducing our carbon footprint and increasing sustainability.

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