

Postgraduate Choral Awards 2023-24

£250, free singing lessons, solo opportunities & other perks

Deadline for applicants: **1 October 2023**



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What is expected of a Wolfson Choral Award-holder?

- Choral Award-holders are required to sing in **Wolfson College Choir**, and **Wolfson Chamber Singers** attending regular weekly rehearsals, and all services and concerts.
- Choral Award-holders are expected to play an active role in College music-making.
- Choral Award holders should have a voice with some solo potential and good ensemble skills.
- Sight reading ability and good musicianship is expected.
- It is expected that Choral Scholars will take regular singing lessons, paid for by College.
- Being a Wolfson Choral Scholar does not necessarily preclude you from singing in other choirs. However you can only be a Scholar at one College. Many Wolfson singers also sing in the Symphony Chorus/ Chamber Choir or chapel choirs with low commitments, or perform with the music-theatre, opera or Gilbert & Sullivan societies.

Wolfson College Choir rehearses each Monday during full term between 7.30-9.30pm. Weekly attendance is expected. **Wolfson Chamber Singers** rehearse on occasional Mondays from before or after choir and from time to time as performances require. In addition, there are usually rehearsals on the day of services and concerts (details will be given at the start of each term). Participation in summer choir tours (usually every two years) is also expected; and is free to Choral Scholars. **Absences should be applied for in advance and are at the discretion of the Director of Music.**

The requirements of your course may preclude you from committing to the conditions of the scholarship.

Details of Scholarships

Wolfson offers **Postgraduate Choral Scholarships of £250** plus singing lessons and perks.

All award-holders will also receive ongoing vocal guidance from the Director of Music and funding for individual singing lessons, either with the Director of Music or your own choice of teacher (subject to approval). The Lynette Alcántara Choral Scholarship (for the applicant with the best solo potential) will receive additional lessons. Other forms of support include free meals after college services and other performances, choir socials and subsidised choir tours.

Audition Procedure: Notes for Candidates

The vocal auditions will be held at Wolfson College on a date to be agreed during the first week of term (for new applicants) or during the summer vacation for existing students. You should arrive at least 5 minutes before the time of your audition. Please wait outside the audition room until you are called in.

The audition will last up to 12 minutes and will be taken by the Director of Music (or their representative) and possibly one or more panel members.

- You will be asked to sing a **piece of your own choice**, ideally showing the appropriateness of your voice to the traditional choral repertoire. The piece can be sacred or secular and **must not exceed five minutes** in length including repeats and da capos; you may sing in any language, and / or in translation. Please bring two additional copies of your chosen piece for the examiners. These additional copies may be photocopies, marked as "temporary photocopies", for personal use only. The photocopies should be destroyed after the audition.
- **Please send a copy** of your piece in advance of the audition to the Director of Music via her pigeonhole or email, for the accompanist.
- The audition will also contain **scales and arpeggios** to examine your vocal range, and **tests in sight-reading and aural skills**. Samples of similar tests can be found on the University's Music Awards website: www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/finance/music-awards/choral-awards/aural-tests

For further enquiries contact the Director of Music, Ms Lyn Alcántara music@wolfson.cam.ac.uk

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Application Form



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Auditions by separate arrangement with the Director of Music

Title: _____ **Surname:** _____ **Given name(s):** _____
Preferred Pronoun: _____

My voice is (please circle):

Soprano 1 or 2, Mezzo Soprano, Contralto, Countertenor, Tenor, Baritone, Bass, Not sure

Email(s): NB @cam email must be included

Contact telephone:

Current course and estimated finishing date:

Singing exams / courses undertaken

Other Instruments studied & level / music courses undertaken:

Languages spoken:

Choral experience/ solo experience / music degrees or courses undertaken/ other performance experience

Your chosen solo song (up to 4 mins): include Composer/Title/Key

Contact the Director of Music if extra time is needed because of disability.

Should I be accepted as a Wolfson Choral Scholar I agree to participate fully in Wolfson College Choir and, if invited, Wolfson Chamber Singers. I agree to attend each Monday evening rehearsal and occasional additional rehearsals, and perform in all scheduled performances unless I obtain permission for an absence in advance from the Director of Music.

Signed:

Date:

Please return this form to the Director of Music (by email to music@wolfson.cam.ac.uk) by 1 October 2023. Early applications are welcome. An audition time will then be allocated.