

WolfWorks for new undergraduates



This is a year-long programme aimed at fostering a supportive community and an effective transition to academic study at Cambridge.

All new undergraduates are invited to participate in workshops to discuss and develop academic skills. These aim to encourage students to work effectively and confidently within the Cambridge system.

Students can choose to apply for an Enrichment Grant to fund academic-related activities, career development, or a new experience over the summer of 2021 (pending travel restrictions). To qualify, students will need to produce an online portfolio comprising reflective statements on a range of academic, wellbeing and career-development topics. The portfolio will encourage self-awareness of strengths and areas that require further development. All activities will provide details of how to get further support, tailored to students' personal and disciplinary requirements.

Programme content

Michaelmas term focuses on academic skills to help you start your degree. Workshops take place online on Thursday evenings 20:00-21:00.

22 Oct	Getting started on a piece of work - time management and setting objectives
29 Oct	Communicating in the online environment - lectures, supervisions and email
5 Nov	Deciding what to read - critical evaluation, reading lists and online resources
12 Nov	Scanning and skimming- effective reading
19 Nov	Making succinct and useful notes from lectures and reading
26 Nov	Making the most of feedback

Book a place online:

www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/wolfworks

During Lent Term we plan to bring topics relating to personal wellbeing, career development and preparing for exams. It will conclude with a workshop to support your application for an Enrichment Grant.

In addition, we plan to run a WolfWorks Intensive on Saturday 23rd January. This will be an all-day event, offering workshops so that you can catch up on topics you have missed, refresh your understanding, or attend new sessions on areas such as academic writing. Details to follow later in Michaelmas.



Applying for an Enrichment Grant

- Students must earn 8 credits to qualify to submit an application.
- To earn credits students can undertake training sessions in academic skills, personal wellbeing, and/or career development. They must then submit a reflective statement on Moodle.
- All students should try to attend the session on Personal Development Planning to help identify their training needs. This counts as one credit.
- At least four of the eight sessions should be provided by Wolfson College, with up to four more provided by an equivalent training provider in the University. You'll need to get approval for anything not delivered by Wolfson.
- Grants will be awarded for up to £400 for an activity related to your course; up to £250 for a broadly educational activity that takes you somewhere new.
- Applications must be submitted by Friday 18 March to be considered for funding.
- You should plan to spend funds over the summer vacation of 2021, if travel restrictions permit.
- All recipients of an Enrichment Grant will be required to write a summary of their activities for the college website or use in other publications.

Benefits of attending

- Make strong ties with the community of first-year undergraduates at Wolfson
- Improve your confidence by interacting with peers in a safe and collegial environment
- Develop academic skills to help you transition to studying at Cambridge
- Consider your personal wellbeing to ensure that you are benefitting from all that Cambridge has to offer
- Start thinking about how you can improve your prospects for employment/further study
- Earn credits to apply for a Wolfson Enrichment Grant

Staffing

The programme is managed by Wolfson Library and workshops will be facilitated by staff from across the college.

In addition, we plan to put you in touch with existing undergraduate students to provide peer support. They will give subject-based advice on some of the more generic topics.

Library staff will monitor the online submissions and portfolios. They also will run a separate workshop to make time for applications to the Enrichment Grants.

The Enrichment Grants will be awarded by a panel of college fellows and staff.

Engaging Online

WolfWorks uses Moodle, the University's Virtual Learning Environment, to store presentations and handouts from workshops, link to relevant resources, and for the submission of your reflective statements. Applications for Enrichment Grants will also be made in this way. We'll send you instructions for self-enrolment in time for the first workshop.



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If you have any questions about WolfWorks for New Undergraduates, please get in touch: academic-skills@wolfson.cam.ac.uk