

# Applying to Cambridge University and Prince Philip Scholarship from Hong Kong



The Friends of Cambridge University in Hong Kong

<http://www.Cambridge.org.hk>

# Things to do before applying

- Read Prospectus
- Choose a Subject
- Check Requirements
- Choose a College



# Cambridge Undergraduate Prospectus

## ■ Online copy

- <http://www.cam.ac.uk/cambuniv/ugprospectus/>

## ■ Paper copy

- For e-mail enquiries and to request a paper copy:  
[admissions@cam.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@cam.ac.uk)



# Subject



- Courses that can only be taken after Part 1 of another course:
  - Chemical Engineering, Electrical and Information Sciences, Management Studies, Manufacturing Engineering
- Possibility of changing subject



# Matriculation and Academic Requirements

- Qualifications are required in five subjects:
  - English
  - a language other than English
  - an approved Mathematical or scientific subject
  - 2 other approved subjects
- At least two of these subjects must be at GCE A level or equivalents
- Other exam systems
  - e.g. IB, HKALE
- English Language Skills
  - GCSE Grade C or above
  - others e.g. IELTS, TOEFL, Cambridge Certificate
- Sixth Term Examination Papers (STEP) in Maths
- Bio-Medical Admissions Test
- Course requirements

# Matriculation and Academic Requirements



- If in doubt, consult the admissions tutor of your preferred college.

# College

- Role of a College -- more than just a hall of residence
- Choosing a College - points which may help:
  - Course
  - Admission criteria
  - Age
  - Size
  - Location
  - Facilities



# College



- 29 Colleges admit undergraduates
  - mature & affiliated students only: Hughes Hall, Lucy Cavendish, St Edmund's, Wolfson
  - women only: New Hall, Newnham
- Direct application to a College or Open application?

# The Application Process

- Forms
- Interviews





# Cambridge Application Form (CAF)

- Must be submitted by Cambridge applicants
- Where to get the CAF:
  - obtain paper copy (recommended) [admissions@cam.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@cam.ac.uk)
  - download from web-site  
<http://www.cam.ac.uk/cambuniv/ugprospectus/applying/index.html>
- Deadline: **15 October** (date when the CAF reaches Cambridge)
  - \*Applicants who wish to be included in the Hong Kong interview scheme are strongly advised to ensure their forms reach Cambridge by **30 September**.

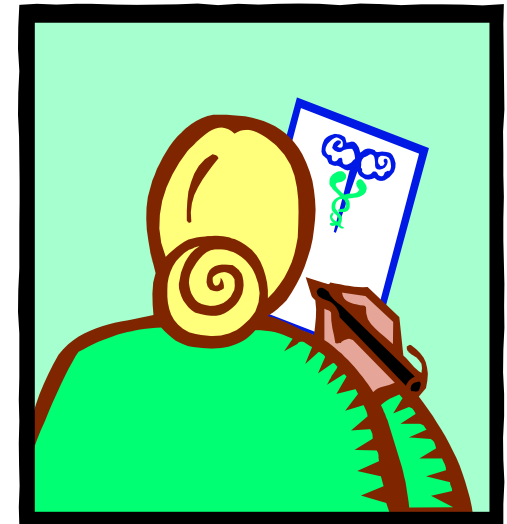


# Cambridge Application Form (CAF)

- The first impression you make:
  - Neatness for easy reading
  - Consistency
  - Follow guidance notes
  - Do practices!
- Personal Statement & Statement from Referee (UCAS copies)
- Double check for accuracy, spelling mistakes and grammatical errors

# Cambridge Application Form (CAF)

- Send completed form to Admissions Tutor of your preference College
- Open applicants: send to Cambridge Admissions Office
- Remember to include:
  - copy of **personal statement** as prepared for UCAS
  - copy of **reference** as prepared for UCAS
  - **Application fee** (£~20 outside UK or EU) by cheque payable to preference College or the University of Cambridge (open applicants)





# UCAS Application Form

- A combined application procedure to your selected universities
- Methods:
  - paper application
  - EAS
  - apply online
- Where to get paper copy:
  - The British Council, Hong Kong
- Deadline: **15 October** for Oxbridge applicants



# UCAS Application Form

- Read 'How to Apply' booklet before completing the form
- Personal Statement & Statement from Referee
- Send completed form to UCAS
  - PO Box 67, Cheltenham, Glos GL52 3ZD
- Remember to include:
  - application fee (£~15 normally) or a completed credit/debit card payment coupon
  - stamped acknowledgement card

# UCAS Application Form

- Useful source of information:
  - [www.ucas.ac.uk](http://www.ucas.ac.uk)



# Interviews



- Normally in December
- Local applicants are likely to have one interview in HK
- Written tests and submission of written work may be required



# After the Interview

- In January, you should hear from the College. You may be:
  - rejected
  - given an offer (usually conditional)
  - ‘pooled’ for other Colleges to consider
- Typical offer conditions: 3A’s
- If you are given an offer, you will also hear from UCAS. You need to [reply](#) to UCAS that you accept Cambridge ‘firmly’.



# What is Prince Philip Scholarship

- Setup in 1981 by Sir Dr. The Hon. David Li, Chairman of the Friends of Cambridge University in Hong Kong - The Prince Philip Scholarship supports promising Hong Kong students to study an undergraduate degree at University of Cambridge
- The scholarship includes a non-means tested cash award of 2,500 pounds per annum. One Hong Kong-London-Hong economy class return air ticket will also be awarded free of means test results. Scholars may also claim, where necessary, the full costs of tuition and subsistence
- The Hon. Mr. Wong Yan Lung SC, JP is among the 2<sup>nd</sup> batch of the Prince Philip Scholarship



# How to apply?

- Visit <http://www.cambridge.org.hk> to obtain application form and guidelines
- Complete your section of the application
- Pass the form to your school principal to add his/her reference and ask him/her to return the form directly to The Friends of Cambridge by 15 October of the year before your matriculation to Cambridge

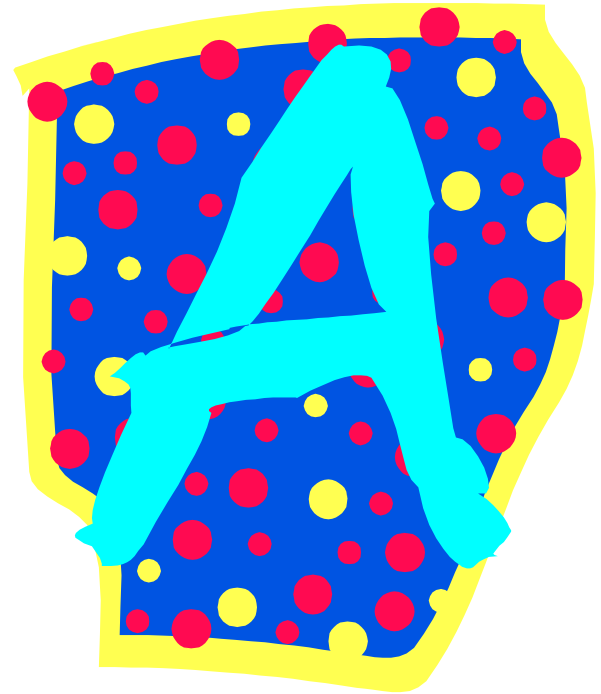


# Additional information

- If you obtain the PP scholarship, you are guaranteed a place to Cambridge
- Interviews can be conducted in UK or HK

# What's next?

- Work hard to achieve the required grades
- Possibility of 'summer pool'
- Cambridge does not usually enter the national clearing scheme



# Thank you

- Thank you for listening and good luck!

