

What applicants see when applying for SLC loan (undergraduate and postgraduate)

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/postgraduate-loan/how-to-apply>

Once they login, when making a new application, they are presented with two choices:

Apply for student finance

What type of student finance do you want to apply for?

Higher education

You're going to be studying for:

- a degree, for example: a BA, BSc, teacher training
- a foundation degree
- an HNC or HND
- a Master's degree
- another higher education course

Further education : Advanced Learner Loans

You're going to be studying for:

- a programme of GCE A levels and/or AS Levels
- a QAA Access to HE Diploma
- a further education Certificate, Diploma and vocational qualifications at levels 3 - 6
- any of the following BTEC Professional awards: a Subsidiary Diploma, 90 Credit Diploma, Diploma, or Extended Diploma
- an NVQ, level 3-6

When selecting a Higher Education link they see two further choices- undergraduate or postgraduate:

Higher education

Undergraduate or postgraduate?

Undergraduate

You're going to be studying for:

- a degree, for example: a BA, BSc, teacher training
- a foundation degree
- an HNC or HND
- a certificate or diploma in higher education
- an Integrated Master's
- Postgraduate Initial Teacher Training eg Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)
- a Scottish postgraduate or Scottish Master's
- a Master's of Architecture

Postgraduate

You already have a Postgraduate Loan application.

When choosing an undergraduate loan:

Applicants will be asked to search for a university. When searching for Cambridge, multiple options will be presented as all our Colleges are set up as separate 'universities' on the SLC database. Those applying for a loan for an undergraduate, PGCE or MPhil in Architecture and Urban Design studies always have to choose one of the options starting with the College name (e.g. 'Darwin College – University of Cambridge'), not the 'University of Cambridge' option, which is used at the moment for Postgraduate Loans only:

Course and fees

Where do you plan to study?

You can change this later if you need to. 

University or college

  

- Peterhouse - University Of Cambridge
- Cambridge Theological Federation
- The Cambridge Partnership
- Cambridge Regional College
- University of Cambridge
- Darwin College - University Of Cambridge**
- Girton College - University Of Cambridge
- Churchill College - University Of Cambridge
- Wolfson College - University Of Cambridge
- Murray Edwards - University Of Cambridge
- Queen's College - University Of Cambridge
- Newnham College - University Of Cambridge
- Homerton College - University Of Cambridge
- Hughes Hall - University Of Cambridge
- Clare Hall University Of Cambridge
- Gonville & Caius - University Of Cambridge
- Selwyn College - University Of Cambridge
- Christ's College - University Of Cambridge
- Trinity College - University Of Cambridge
- Downing College - University Of Cambridge
- Fitzwilliam College - University Of Cambridge
- Magdalene College - University Of Cambridge

Here is what happens if applicants select the 'University of Cambridge' option when applying for an undergraduate loan.

On the next page they will be asked to enter name of their course or UCAS number for the course. Let's say someone is applying for a BA in Music. When searching just under 'University of Cambridge' they will get a message saying 'no course found' as no undergraduate courses are setup under this option:

Course and fees

Where do you plan to study? University Of Cambridge [Change](#)

What course will you study?

You can change this later if you need to. 

Course title or UCAS course code

  

No courses found

[I can't find my course](#)

However if they would select let's say 'Darwin College - University of Cambridge', when searching for BA in Music they will get the following options for their application:

Course and fees

Where do you plan to study? Darwin College - University Of Cambridge [Change](#)

What course will you study?

You can change this later if you need to. 

Course title or UCAS course code

 

Music
W300 4 years Bachelor Degree with Honours

Music
W300 3 years Bachelor Degree with Honours

Secondary - Music
1 year Postgraduate ITT with QTS

Education with Music
X3W3 3 years Bachelor Degree with Honours

[I can't find my course](#)

When choosing a postgraduate loan:

Applicants will have to enter university and again will be presented with a list of options – remember that all our Colleges are set up as separate ‘universities’ on the SLC database. Those applying for a postgraduate loan will have to choose ‘University of Cambridge’ and not any of the other options starting with the College name (e.g. ‘Darwin College – University of Cambridge’), which are used for undergraduate, PGCE or MPhil in Architecture and Urban Design studies loans:

Where will you be studying?

You can change this later if you need to.

University name

For example: King's College London

- [Peterhouse - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Cambridge Theological Federation](#)
- [Cambridge Regional College](#)
- [The Cambridge Partnership](#)
- [University of Cambridge](#)
- [Darwin College - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Girton College - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Churchill College - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Christ's College - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Trinity College - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Clare Hall University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Selwyn College - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Gonville & Caius - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Wolfson College - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Homerton College - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Hughes Hall - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Murray Edwards - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Queen's College - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Newnham College - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Magdalene College - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Robinson College - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Pembroke College - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Fitzwilliam College - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Trinity Hall - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Clare College - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Downing College - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Jesus College - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [King's College - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Corpus Christi College - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [St Catharine's College - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [Emmanuel College - University Of Cambridge](#)
- [University Of Cambridge - Institute Of Cont. Education](#)

Here is what happens if applicants selects one of the Colleges, e.g. 'Darwin College – University of Cambridge' and not 'University of Cambridge' option when applying for the postgraduate loan.

On the next page they will be asked to enter name of their course. Let's say someone is applying for a loan for MAST in Mathematical Statistics. When searching under 'Darwin College - University of Cambridge' they will get a message saying 'no course found' as only undergraduate courses are set up under this one:

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What course will you study?

You can change this later if you need to.

Course name
For example: Mathematics Msc

No courses found.

If correct 'University of Cambridge' option has been selected before, applicants will get a list of courses available in each College. If course has multiple start dates, these will be listed as well. E.g. in the picture below we were looking for MPhil in Biological Science (full time, 1 year long).

NB: If by now applicant knows which College offered them a place, all they need is to find this College and, if there are several intake dates, choose the right one:

What course will you study?

You can change this later if you need to.

Course name
For example: Mathematics Msc

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If you are unsure which course to select, please contact your university.

Biological Science

1 year 17 January 2017 Churchill College

Biological Science

1 year 25 April 2017 Churchill College

Biological Science

1 year 4 October 2016 Churchill College

Biological Science

1 year 17 January 2017 Sidney Sussex College

Biological Science

1 year 25 April 2017 Sidney Sussex College

Biological Science

1 year 4 October 2016 Sidney Sussex College

Biological Science

1 year 17 January 2017 Robinson College

Biological Science

1 year 25 April 2017 Robinson College

However if applicant has not had a confirmation of the College place yet, they need to find option which says 'University of Cambridge – College not yet known'. This will enable them to apply for the loan and transfer to the correct College could be done when it is known:

Biological Science

1 year 17 January 2017 Cambridge University - College not yet known

Biological Science

1 year 25 April 2017 Cambridge University - College not yet known

Biological Science

1 year 4 October 2016 Cambridge University - College not yet known