

The prospectus of  
**Robinson College**  
**Cambridge**

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## Welcome

Founded in 1977, Robinson is one of the most modern and most ambitious of all Colleges in Cambridge. Famed for its strong sense of community and relaxed atmosphere, there is nowhere better in which to pursue your studies and interests.

Robinson is perfectly located for undergraduate and graduate life in Cambridge. Not only is it directly opposite the University Library, but it is extremely close to the main sites for the Arts and Sciences departments. A very short walk or bike ride takes you directly into the town centre, where there are shops, bars and restaurants.

The Robinson community consists of around 80 Fellows, 180 graduates and about 400 undergraduates. Some of our current Fellows are Professor Duncan Astle, Professor Rachel Oliver, Professor Alison Young, and Dr Rory Finnin.

Famous alumni include artist Marc Quinn, television presenter Konnie Huq, comedian Robert Webb, and Olympic and rowing medalist John Pritchard.

For a video about life in Robinson, see:  
[www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/prospective-students/access-and-outreach](http://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/prospective-students/access-and-outreach)





## Studying at Robinson

Undergraduate teaching is shared between the University and the College. University faculties and departments organise lectures, seminars and practical classes, which are attended by students from all colleges. Individual or small-group teaching is provided by the College, and these are known as 'supervisions'.

The supervision system is one of the things that sets Cambridge apart. This small-group teaching, usually lasting an hour, is an opportunity to discuss work that has been set in advance and to explore the topic in more depth.

Within your College, you will have a Director of Studies (DoS), who oversees your studies and is responsible for organising your supervisions and your general academic welfare.

The College has superb facilities, including the 24-hour College library, stocked with over 50,000 books, and a Computer Room - as well as a secure wireless network throughout.

**"At Robinson we are committed to admitting the most academically able students, regardless of educational or social background."**

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courses](http://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/courses)

**Dr Emily Price  
Admissions Tutor**

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## Living at Robinson

Robinson accommodation is outstanding, with undergraduates able to live within the College grounds for the duration of their three- or four- year course. Around half of all student accommodation is en-suite, with the remaining rooms generally having one or two bathrooms between two or three individuals and no bedrooms are shared. Each staircase also has a kitchen for students to use and laundry facilities are on-site.

The residence charge for students covers a period of 10 weeks in term time, adding up to 30 weeks across the year. Only paying for accommodation during term, as opposed to the entire year, helps significantly reduce student living costs in Cambridge. Robinson in particular helps reduce costs by not charging students a 'kitchen fixed

charge', which is a termly charge for catering services that most colleges ask for. Further, Robinson fixes the residence charge for students for the duration of their course, meaning that the exact costs of living are known right from the start.

Students at Robinson are lucky to have stunning gardens within the grounds and, unlike many other Colleges, all members are allowed to walk and sit on the lawns. In spring and summer, many students can be found relaxing, reading or playing a game of frisbee in the gardens.

**"The community atmosphere at Robinson is second to none"**  
**Ben - 2nd year Geographer**



## Food & Drink

Robinson has some of the best college food in Cambridge, whether it's the cafeteria-style Garden Restaurant or the optional twice-weekly formal dinners in the Hall. Students can have three hot meals a day from Monday to Friday and brunch at the weekend in the Garden Restaurant. The Restaurant also sells supplies of milk and bread and other essential items.

Robinson has its own café, the Red Brick Café, open all day until late evening for light snacks and hot and cold drinks. It boasts a large flat-screen TV, daily papers, comfortable sofas and a relaxing environment.

Just next door to the café is the College bar, where you can play a game of pool, darts or table football, choose music on the jukebox or watch live sports on the big screen. The bar is used as a venue for Karaoke, Open Mic and Pub Quiz nights. The bar serves various different kinds of food, from sandwiches and salads to pizza.

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Red Brick

Café  
Bar



CoffeeMap









## Sports & Societies

Cricket, rugby, football, squash, hockey, athletics, rowing, swimming... whatever your sport, there are plenty of opportunities at Robinson for you to continue with your sporting interests and to try something new. The emphasis of many sports societies in the College is on having fun and taking part so novices are always welcome.

Robinson is near the University Athletics Track and University Sports Centre, as well as being opposite squash and Real Tennis courts. Our sports grounds, shared with various colleges, are a five-minute cycle ride away.

In terms of drama, Robinson has its own outdoor theatre, the Maria Björnson Theatre, and a thriving drama society, the Brickhouse Theatre Group, allowing for plenty of opportunities to become involved in acting, directing and producing.

For musicians, the Robinson College Music Society is open to anyone with an interest. It arranges a varied programme of concerts in the Auditorium and in the Chapel.

Find a list of Robinson societies here: [www.rcsa.co.uk/societies](http://www.rcsa.co.uk/societies)



## Support

At Robinson, we are committed to providing support to all our students to ensure everyone enjoys their time here at Cambridge. Each undergraduate is assigned a College Tutor and their role is to help you if you have any problems with finance, health or welfare while you are studying at Robinson.

The College provides financial support for specific course costs, eg MML, Architecture, Clinical Medicine, as well as for overseas research trips, sport at senior levels and student initiatives of various types. The College also has funds to help with unexpected hardship.

All students are also automatically members of the Robinson College Student Association (RCSA), which represents the students' interests within the College. The Committee consists of twenty elected students in roles such as access, entertainment and welfare. For welfare, the Committee contains a male and female officer, as well as LGBT and international officers, all of whom can be approached for support at any time.

**RCSA Alternative Prospectus:**

[www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/prospective-students/  
undergraduate/alternative-prospectus](http://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate/alternative-prospectus)

[www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/studying-robinson](http://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/studying-robinson)







## How to Apply

Robinson welcomes applications from academically able students from all backgrounds. Your application will be assessed by the Admissions Tutor and subject specialists at the College. Most applicants are called for interview, which happens in December.

Applicants for most courses will be required to take a subject-based assessment either before or during the interview period. Full details of the kind of assessments required can be found on our website: ([www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/courses](http://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/courses)). Note that you have to register in advance - and separately from your UCAS application - in order to take any of the pre-interview assessments.

Further information on pre-interview and at-interview assessments can be found on the 'Interviews and

Tests' section of our website [www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/interviews-and-tests](http://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/interviews-and-tests), as well as on the 'Admissions Assessments' section on the University website [www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/admission-assessments](http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/admission-assessments).

When assessing your application, we examine your academic potential and your motivation and interest for your chosen course.

This involves an holistic assessment of the following: your past examination record, predicted grades, personal statement, school reference, interview and the Supplementary Application Questionnaire (SAQ). The SAQ provides information about your educational history, allowing us to put your application into context.



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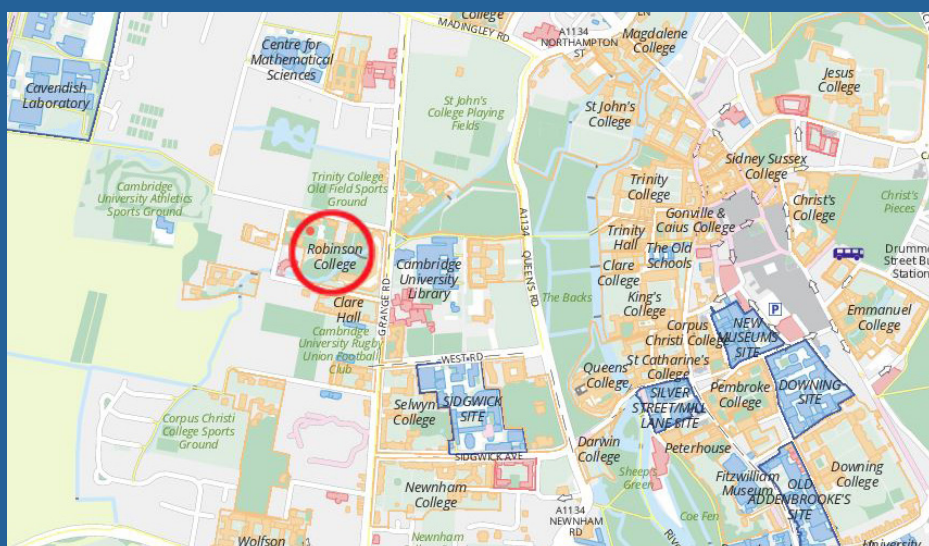
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