



With students

Undergraduate research

By the last year of their degree, our students are ready for real-world challenges.

Learning and teaching at the University of Cambridge begins from the premise that all students are potential researchers. Those taking a degree in Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion learn to tackle a new topic each week, reading widely, writing essays to deadlines, and receiving one-to-one feedback from supervisors.


Case study | Charity

A module focused on Charity invites students to trace the history of the concept through to its realisation in a variety of modern institutions. We welcome coursework ideas that build on this learning and allow students to explore questions of relevance to the charity and voluntary sector.

Related: Undergraduates tell us they value opportunities to engage with the faith-based voluntary sector. Organisations in Cambridgeshire and neighbouring regions are especially encouraged to share relevant asks via the University's Career Service.

Embedded PhDs

UK Research Councils designate funding for collaborative doctoral awards. These awards provide support so that students can gain professional experience and dedicate time to understanding and operating in a setting allied with their area of research, outside the university environment.



Projects are developed jointly by the University with an external partner organisation. Proposals must demonstrate the relevance of the partnership for specified research questions, and demonstrate how supervision of the student's work will be shared between the University and the external organisation.

Successful projects are advertised, to recruit the best qualified student. The student has a role in refining their research area and how to combine this with the opportunities for collaboration.

Related: For current examples, visit the Open-Oxford-Cambridge Doctoral Training Partnership website, oocdtp.ac.uk.

Careers opportunities

The University of Cambridge Careers Service organises a series of themed opportunities across the calendar year. These enable students and recent graduates to connect with potential employers.

The Careers Service is also able to advertise internships and other opportunities directly to students. This is normally handled via the Handshake platform, which enables organisations (employers) to create and maintain a profile and submit targeted vacancies.

Prospective employers may also contribute a workshop to Employer-led Skills Sessions. Hosted online on Wednesday afternoons from October through February, sessions are interactive and aim to provide first-hand experience of different sectors.

CIKH can introduce organisations to relevant contacts in the Careers Service. CIKH also signposts students to sector newsletters.

Related: CIKH also works with the Faculty of Divinity Outreach Officer to schedule occasional careers-with-faith events at the Faculty of Divinity. The Outreach Officer welcomes contact with alumni whose degrees have led in different directions.