

Dear Graduate Student

Disclosure of disability

We are delighted to be able to offer you a place, and look forward to welcoming you here when you arrive. Now that you have received offers from both a department and a College, we would like to give you a further opportunity to let us know if you are disabled, and whether you will require any support or advice when you come to Cambridge.

If you are unsure if you would be considered disabled please check here for guidance on the services offered by the University's Disability Resource Centre (DRC):

<http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/disability/about/index.html>

The College and the University work in close conjunction to offer support to any disabled students, and the DRC has a dedicated team of experts who can provide support, advice and guidance for disabled students and students with specific learning difficulties. With your permission, our College staff can liaise with the DRC to create a support plan that meets your needs.

We therefore strongly recommend that if you have any disability, or specific learning difficulty, you complete the attached form, and send a copy to the DRC. (If you do not have a disability or have already disclosed your disability as part of your application you do not need to return the enclosed form).

Some prospective students and their families are reluctant to disclose a disability, as they fear it may be viewed negatively. We would like to assure you that the disclosure of a disability will in no way adversely affect your offer (although it is, of course, still subject to any other conditions, such as academic achievement). On the contrary, it is **very much to your advantage**.

The earlier we are aware of any disability, the better we are able to ensure that all the arrangements you require are in place before you start here (for example, study skills support, suitable accommodation, exam access arrangements). You may also find that you are eligible for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) or other available funding to support your needs.

If you would like to discuss any of this further with a member of the DRC team, then either phone 01223 332301 and ask to speak to one of their advisers, or email disability@admin.cam.ac.uk.

Information is also available on the DRC website at:

<http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/disability/students/offer.html>

Yours sincerely,
Graduate Tutors



**UNIVERSITY OF
CAMBRIDGE**

Disability Resource Centre

**Disability
Disclosure
Form**

If you do not have a disability or, if you have already disclosed your disability as part of your application, there is no need to complete this form.

Name:

College:

Date of Birth:

Email Address:

Home Address:

Please tick one of the relevant categories to describe your disability or learning difficulty:

HESA Code	Description	Tick one
53	You have a social/communication impairment such as Asperger's syndrome/other autistic spectrum disorder	
58	You are blind or have a serious visual impairment uncorrected by glasses	
57	You are deaf or have a serious hearing impairment	
54	You have a long standing illness or health condition such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, or epilepsy	
55	You have a mental health condition, such as depression, schizophrenia or anxiety disorder	
51	You have a specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia, dyspraxia or AD(H)D	
56	You have physical impairment or mobility issues, such as difficulty using your arms or using a wheelchair or crutches	
96	You have a disability, impairment or medical condition that is not listed above	
8	You have two or more impairments and/or disabling medical conditions	

Consent for disclosure

Please check the appropriate boxes to indicate whether the DRC has your permission to disclose your disability to your College, Department, and/or to the Student Registry.

The Student Registry maintains graduate student data in the University's student records system, and declared disabilities form part of that record.

We feel that it is very much in your own interests to tick the consent box that gives the DRC permission to send a copy of the form to the College.

- Yes, I give permission for my disability to be disclosed to relevant parties at my College.
- Yes, I give permission for my disability to be disclosed to relevant parties at my Faculty/Department.
- Yes, I give permission for my disability to be disclosed to relevant parties at the Student Registry. (The Student Registry maintains graduate student data in the University's student records system, and disclosed disabilities form part of that record).
- No, I do not give permission for my disability to be disclosed to my College and understand that this may limit the level and type of support that the College can provide for me.
- No, I do not give permission for my disability to be disclosed to my Faculty/Department and understand that this may limit the level and type of support that the Faculty/Department can provide for me.
- No, I do not give permission for my disability to be disclosed to the Student Registry.

Signed:

Date:

After you return this form to the DRC, they will send you further important information for disabled students, and a more detailed 'student information form' to complete. No information contained within this form, or within the 'student information form', will be released to any other parties without your direct consent.

Address for returning the form:

Disability Resource Centre
Keynes House
Trumpington Street
Cambridge
CB2 1QA

Telephone 01223 332301

Fax 01223 766863

Email disability@admin.cam.ac.uk