

AFTER YOUR BA

Further Study in Classics

Once you have completed the Tripos, you may wish to go on to graduate study in Classics at Cambridge. In the first instance, this will mean doing an MPhil: a nine-month course, examined by a mixture of essays (or comparable exercises) and a short dissertation. After that, there is the PhD: a three-year course examined by an extensive dissertation. Fuller details are given in the University's *Graduate Studies Prospectus* (also available on <http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/gsprospectus/>), and from the Faculty's web site.

Several sources of funding are available for those intending to undertake research in Classics for the MPhil and/or PhD, including:

UK students can apply for an Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) grant covering fees and maintenance. European Union students can also apply to the AHRC, but even if they are successful their grant will cover fees only. Consult the AHRC website (<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk>) for further information on how to apply.

Many of the Colleges offer financial support for postgraduate research, and these are listed in the University's *Graduate Studies Prospectus*.

The Faculty also offers a limited number of one-year studentships for those intending to take the MPhil, one of which is usually designated for 'internal' candidates (i.e. Cambridge graduates). Normally the value of these studentships will be equivalent to that of an AHRC award (fees plus maintenance for UK and EU students) but partial awards may also be made. There is no additional application form for these awards: a shortlist will be drawn up on the basis of the candidates' applications for graduate study, and shortlisted applicants notified directly by the Faculty. Both the PhD and M.Phil awards will be made in stages in the period March – September.

There is a Graduate Studies Fund which makes grants to graduate students in case of hardship. In an exceptionally deserving case this might extend to full fees and maintenance for a term or more. But applications can be made only by those who are already graduate students at Cambridge, and they are primarily intended for those who suffer unforeseen financial difficulties.

A number of Classical Scholarships and Studentships – the Craven, Walston, Sandys, Henry Carrington and Bentham Koe, Prendergast, Laurence, and Henry Arthur Thomas Studentships, the Charles Oldham Classical Scholarship, and the George Charles Winter Warr Scholarship – are awarded to graduate students (normally in their second or subsequent year of research) each Michaelmas Term. Full details of eligibility for the various awards is given in a notice published annually in the *Cambridge University Reporter*, and application forms are available from the Enquiries Office or from Directors of Studies: **the deadline for applications is the end of the second week of Full Michaelmas Term**. In 2011 the value of each award was £550.

Careers

The University has an excellent Careers Service located in Stuart House, Mill Lane. It is a good idea to establish contact with the Careers Service not later than midway through your second year (see their website: www.careers.cam.ac.uk). There are five Information Staff to help with your enquiries (Tel: 38286) and eleven Careers Advisers, all with individual specialisms based on their professional experience, to whom you can talk in confidence about future moves – whatever stage in your thinking you have reached, and whether you want to continue with further study or move into a job after graduation. There is no limit to the numbers of careers advisers you can see or discussions you can have.

Another useful resource is the Faculty website which includes a section on the wide range of transferable skills that classicists at Cambridge can acquire. These skills, as well as enhancing academic performance, can be used beyond university, and are highly valued by employers.

The section that will now follow summarises how we approach teaching, learning and assessment in the Faculty.