

Peterhouse Data Protection Statement – Pre-applicants: postgraduates

As it is not necessarily known which College a student may join (if any), the following statement has been prepared by the University for joint use by the University and the Colleges. This statement will cover up to the point of formal application. It covers activities such as: initial enquiries, outreach events, school visits, open days, WP tracking (HEAT)

How we use your personal information: for participants (or prospective participants) on pre-postgraduate events and initiatives.

How will my personal information be used?

The personal information that you give us when you register an interest in, or sign up for, or otherwise engage with, pre-postgraduate admissions events/activities/surveys and updates will be processed and held by, and may be shared within, the University of Cambridge (including its Departments and Faculties, and also its individual Colleges, each of which is a separate legal entity – hereafter “the University”, “we” or “us”) for the purposes of:

- organising events/activities, including event selection;
- tracking future outcomes of event participants, including applications to the University and other Higher Education Institutions;
- monitoring and research including (but not limited to) evaluation of the impact of events/activities (including events not organised by the University);
- producing statistics, including event application and participation numbers, and participant outcomes; and
- sending you additional information about the University, as well as helpful resources relating to applying to Higher Education, by post and (if you wish) also by email, phone or text message.

We consider the processing of your personal information for the above purposes to be necessary for the performance of tasks we carry out in the public interest (i.e. running events to promote access to Higher Education, informing students of their educational options, improving applicant experience, increasing educational attainment, and carrying out related evaluation, tracking and research) or necessary for the pursuit of our legitimate interests in attracting applicants to the University.

If you are asked to provide any sensitive information about yourself, such as your ethnicity, health/disability status, religion, or sexual orientation, the uses we’ll make of that information will be explained to you at the point we collect it from you, and you’ll usually have the option not to provide it.

We only send you additional information about the University by electronic means if you wish to receive this. We may use carefully selected third party service providers to run event bookings, or to contact you by email or text message.

Who will my personal information be shared with?

We may share your personal information with third parties (including your school/college, partner(s) with whom we may have collaborated to organise and/or evaluate this event, the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS), the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA), the Department for Education, the Higher Education Access Tracker (HEAT), any third parties managing HEAT’s database, and HEAT service subscribers and approved researchers) for the same purposes as listed above, and also for storage. Please note that only certain events/initiatives involve sharing your personal information with HEAT and related parties. Further

information on [HEAT and their privacy policy can be found here](#). [Further information on linking HESA datasets](#) is available on the HESA website.

The University and third parties may publish aggregated data based on personal information from event applicants and/or participants, including analysis and research utilising these data, but the data will be anonymised and no information which could identify you will be published.

On occasion, the above types of use and sharing may involve the transfer of your personal information outside of the European Economic Area (e.g. to run an overseas event, or to use a service provider based overseas). These transfers are always carried out with appropriate safeguards in place, such as proper contracts, to ensure the confidentiality and security of your personal information.

How long will my personal information be kept for?

If you attend any particular event/activity, we will only retain certain detailed information that we need for the purposes of event/activity administration for as long as necessary to serve that purpose. In order to conduct long-term evaluation, tracking and research about access to Higher Education, and in relation to certain events/initiatives only, we will retain some of your key personal information as follows:

- for 10 years from the point you provide it;
- if you enter postgraduate Higher Education within this time, until 15 years after you graduate.

After these periods, any personal information will be removed from our records, but we may continue to retain and process your information in an anonymised form.

Further Information

For more information about how we handle your personal information, and your rights under data protection legislation, please see <https://www.information-compliance.admin.cam.ac.uk/data-protection/general-data>.

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