



Emmanuel College - Information for New Postgraduate Students

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From Mr Jeremy Caddick
Postgraduate Tutor

Dear New Postgraduate Student,

Welcome to Cambridge, and to Emmanuel College in particular. The aim of this New Postgraduates' Pack is to convey the information that you will need to know about arriving and to give some information about the College and the community here. Some of you will have studied here for your undergraduate degree and will be familiar with Emmanuel and the way things happen here. If so, please still read the information here so that you are not tripped up by things that are different for postgraduates.

There are three Postgraduate Tutors, myself (jlc24@cam.ac.uk), Professor Clare Pettitt (cp240@cam.ac.uk) and Professor Cathie Rae (cr18@cam.ac.uk). Between us we have responsibility for the arrangements for postgraduate students, and for promoting your general well being. We can liaise with your department or point you in the direction of more specialized sources of help such as counseling services. If you are not already a member of Emmanuel, then we look forward to welcoming you here very soon. I am also the Dean and Chaplain and you will find a letter from me in that capacity among the documents listed on the website.

You will have received by now a letter from the Board of Graduate Studies (or for a few students, some other relevant body) saying that you have been admitted as a postgraduate student from a given date; this may have been accompanied by a statement of conditions that remain to be fulfilled, and in this case the same conditions apply, of course, to admission to the College. **It is important that you tell us as soon as possible if you are not intending to take up your place in Cambridge.**

This letter refers to a number of documents on the section of the College website for new postgraduate students at www.emma.cam.ac.uk/admissions/graduates/freshers/

PLANNING YOUR DATE OF ARRIVAL

The academic year starts every year on the 1 October, but the more significant date from a student's point of view is the beginning of what is called **Full Term**, the teaching period. This year Full Term begins on the **Tuesday 3 October**. The weekend before that is filled with events to welcome you to Cambridge and to show you around. **We suggest therefore that all postgraduates should arrive between 28 September and 3 October**, unless there are reasons to arrive earlier (see below). The main session to welcome new postgraduate students to the College will take place on **Saturday 30 September from 3 to 6 pm** in the Old Library. Further details on this event can be found in the Freshers Induction Week Programme. All new postgraduates are very much encouraged to come. If you are already a member of the College your input will be especially welcome, to help explain to the new arrivals what sort of a place we are.



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Information for international students, including details of orientation events aimed particularly at those coming from outside the UK, can be found at www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk

You should in any case be resident in Cambridge **not later than 3 October**, the beginning of Full Term. The University Faculty or Department that you are joining will be in touch to explain what induction arrangements they are making. Should you be unable to arrive on time for whatever reason please contact both me and your supervisor/course director in your faculty.

For most new postgraduates the College will be providing accommodation. We will be in touch separately about your room allocation. Your room will be available from 1 October. If, for any reason, you wish to come earlier than this (for example if your course requires you to be here earlier), then please let me know in good time and we will do our best to make appropriate arrangements. If you will be required to self-isolate on arrival, then we will be in contact with you separately regarding those arrangements.

FIRST PAYMENT

The College requires a First Payment before arrival, which is intended to be equivalent to a typical termly bill for food and accommodation. You are charged in arrears for these things and so the First Payment is a way of spreading the cost of the payments and ensuring that your last bill, which has the First Payment set against it, is very small. The amount required depends on whether you will be accommodated by College or not and is detailed in the **Bursar's Financial Letter**. Please read both of these documents carefully. If you will have difficulty making this payment before you arrive (for example, if you need to wait until your first funding payment) please contact us to make other arrangements.

FINANCIAL GUARANTEE

On the website you will find a financial **Guarantee Funding form**. It is very important that **everyone** completes this form and returns it, so that the College knows where to send the bills for your fees. If you don't return the form then the Bursary staff will assume that you are **personally liable** for your fees.

ARRIVAL

When you arrive you should check in at the Porters' Lodge. There you should sign in and collect your keys and University Card. It is important that we have a signature to confirm your arrival date. This applies to all students whether you have College accommodation or not. You must have made your First Payment (or made an arrangement) before the Porters can give you your key or University Card.

INDUCTION

This is described in the Postgraduate Induction Programme which will be on the website. The main events are:

On **Saturday 30 September** from **3 to 6 pm** there will be the welcome mentioned above.

New postgraduates are expected to dine in Hall with other members of the MCR at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 3 October**. You are invited to join the Postgraduate Tutors and members of the MCR for



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drinks before dinner from 7pm in the Old Library. Please see the MCR Postgraduate Freshers Guide about how to sign in or out of this dinner, which also allows you to notify us if you have any special meal requirements. If you wish to bring your partner please also tell us.

Other events for Freshers' Week are being organised by the MCR Committee. Please see the **MCR Freshers' Guide** for details.

Once the activity of the beginning of term has died down, in the week of **9-13 October** you should **sign up for a meeting with your tutor** (there is more about tutors below).

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

There is a separate letter explaining the format for the College Matriculation, which will take place on **Wednesday 18 October**. Please put this date in your diary and make sure you are free from 4.45 pm onwards. For Executive MBA students, there are different arrangements in place and we will be in contact separately with this information.

ACCOMMODATION

If you are being accommodated by the College, then we will let you know which room you have been assigned in a separate email. The rents for College rooms of different grades and the Contribution to Fixed Costs (CFC) are given in the **rents document** on the website. The number of weeks' payable for your rent depends on the category of your course.

If you have been assigned a College room but no longer want it, please let us know immediately.

In allocating accommodation, we do our best to follow the preferences that people expressed on the accommodation form, but we do realise that not everybody will have obtained the accommodation that they would most like. We review accommodation regularly and do our best to maintain high standards of decoration and furnishing. There is further information in the **Domestic Matters** booklet and the **College Regulations**, both of which you can find on the website in the section for new postgraduate students, at www.emma.cam.ac.uk/teaching/freshers/grads/.

In particular there are two points that are worth emphasising

- **Please do not use sellotape (scotch-tape), blue-tac or other adhesive materials likely to damage the rooms.**
- **Please note that you should not bring additional furniture of your own into the rooms or remove the furniture that is provided. This applies particularly to beds. If you have a medical need for a different sort of bed, then you should contact the Housekeeper.**

The College provides pillows, duvets and duvet covers but not sheets or pillowcases, which you need to provide yourself. Alternatively, order your college bedding package (a charge of £15 will be added to your College account) – this includes a single sheet, single quilt cover and pillowcase.



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If you wish for these items to be provided by College, prior to your arrival or once you have moved into your room, please follow the link to the college website. Click on Add New Request, fill in the details required, chose Household as Job type and lastly click on Add Job on the left hand side corner of the tab. www.emma.cam.ac.uk/apps/helpdesk/

You must also provide any cutlery and crockery for use in your own room. All postgraduate houses have communal kitchen areas but these are not intended for large-scale or elaborate cooking and cooking implements are not provided. Please note that in order to facilitate good relations between occupants it is essential that communal kitchen areas are kept clean. Please also bear in mind what it is fair and reasonable to expect from cleaning staff.

ABSENCE FROM COLLEGE

If ever you are away from Cambridge for more than a day or two, please leave an address at which you can be contacted with either the Porters or the Tutorial and Admissions Administrator in the Tutorial Office. If you don't do this, we can't be responsible for unsuccessful attempts to communicate with you. It is also courteous to let the Porters know when you will be absent so that they can deal with enquiries from visitors and friends more easily and know how to proceed in an emergency.

POSTGRADUATE TUTORS

The College is responsible for the general welfare of postgraduate students, including problems with accommodation, etc. One function of the Postgraduate Tutors is to look after these matters, and it is important that you should feel free to approach us at any time on any matter that is of concern to you.

I will be Tutor to all postgraduates with surnames beginning **A-H**, Clare Pettitt to those with surnames beginning **I-P** and Cathie Rae will be Tutor to those with surnames beginning **R-Z**. We would like to see all the new postgraduate students for whom we will be responsible soon after the beginning of term, as mentioned above. You can contact us by email at any time.

The Tutorial Office can deal with many straightforward enquiries, e.g. provision of application forms or letters confirming status.

YOUR FACULTY OR DEPARTMENT

For most postgraduate students it is the University, rather than the College, that provides teaching and facilities for research in the way of laboratories and libraries. The pattern of your relationship with your supervisor (if you have one) and those who teach you will vary between courses, but it is important to establish a good working relationship with people in your department at an early stage and, if you are unhappy with the way your studies are going, that you raise it earlier rather than later.

The College can often intervene to help this relationship work smoothly. Tutors are aware of the difficulties experienced by postgraduates, and are most willing to talk to you if you are experiencing problems in getting started, or indeed at any other time.



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MCR

The MCR (short for Middle Combination Room) is both a physical room (in Furness Lodge) and the community of postgraduate students at Emmanuel. The room has newspapers, computers, a television, tea and coffee-making facilities, a pool table and some games available for use. The MCR Committee is an elected postgraduate student body, which, as well as running the MCR, also organises postgraduate activities within the College and represents the views of postgraduates to the major College Committees. Postgraduates and their families are an important part of the College community and we hope that you will yourself play a full part in the general well-being of the community and make full use of all the facilities that the College offers.

DINING

Inevitably, eating and drinking provide many of the opportunities for social interaction. The College kitchens are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner throughout the year except for a two-week period over Christmas/New Year, and over Easter and a three-week period in August. We hope that postgraduates will wish to dine regularly in Hall. At Formal Hall (7.30 pm) members of the College are required to wear gowns. A cafeteria system is also operated (5.45-7.00 pm). There are also several MCR postgraduate dinners each term which are most enjoyable and where you can get to know your fellow students and also a number of dinners throughout the year when you will have an opportunity to meet Fellows of the College.

INTERNET AND COMMUNICATIONS

All postgraduate rooms have internet connections and a charge for this is included in room rents. In most cases this is via a wireless network within the house. If you have difficulty in connecting, or if you require specialised facilities, then the staff of the College Computer Office can offer help and advice.

In mid August you will be contacted with your University email address (ending @cam.ac.uk) and instructions for setting up your Raven password, which will give you access to the password protected parts of the College and University websites. The @cam.ac.uk address will be used in College and University communications with you and so it is important that you check it regularly, or make appropriate forwarding arrangements.

The more traditional sort of mail can be addressed to you at '*Emmanuel College, St Andrew's Street, Cambridge, CB2 3AP*' and any letter will be put in your pigeon-hole (in the post room). Parcels and luggage will be kept for you in the Porters' Lodge. Internal post within the College is also delivered to the pigeon-holes, and it is important that you clear your pigeon-hole regularly.

BICYCLES AND MOTOR CARS

Cambridge is a very crowded city. There are lots of bicycles, so these have to be numbered to keep track of them. You also need to have a special reason to keep a car in Cambridge.

Bicycles may be kept in the College bicycle sheds, and must be numbered to comply with University Regulations. Your bicycle number and a marking kit are available from the Porters' Lodge.

No student in the University may keep, hire or use any motor vehicle, other than a moped, without obtaining permission from both the College and the University. The College will normally only grant



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permission to keep a car in Cambridge if you have a good reason for doing so. All cars must have an allocated parking space off the street. To apply to rent one of the College's parking spaces, write to the Senior Tutor by early September saying why you need to keep a car. The number of available parking places is limited.

INSURANCE

The College has taken out a college-wide insurance policy that covers students' personal belongings. For more details see the **Domestic Matters** document.

COLLEGE REGULATIONS

Postgraduates are expected to conform to the normal rules of the College. A copy of **College Regulations** is included on the website. The term 'Junior Members' refers to all students of the College both postgraduate and undergraduate. Some of the regulations apply to undergraduates only and I hope these will be obvious. In particular, any regulation that refers to the Normal Period of Residence (NPR) does not apply to the majority of postgraduate students who are not restricted to NPR.

CAMSIS

The Cambridge Student Information System (CamSIS) stores student's record from application to graduation. Used by staff, students and alumni to manage and extract student data. It is very important to keep information up to date such as email address, mobile number, term time and home address. College uses your preferred email to contact you – you can always change your preferred email. Please notify tutorial-office@emma.cam.ac.uk asap if you changed anything. If you don't have and don't want to have UK mobile number, please add **NO UK NUMBER** to your phones on Camsis. Detailed information you can find here: www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/new-students/manage-your-student-information/student-record/camsis/what-camsis-can-do-you

We very much look forward to welcoming you to Emmanuel.

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