

EMMANUEL SUPPORTERS

IMPACT UPDATE

Student support funds



YOUR IMPACT ON STUDENTS IN 2022-23

You helped us meet a vastly increased - and still rising - need for financial support among our students. You enabled us to:

PROVIDE **166**
GRANTS
TO STUDENTS FACING
HARDSHIP

That's 66 more grants than in 2021-22. Grants ranged from £100 to £10,000.

SPEND NEARLY
£70,000
MORE
THAN IN 2021-22
ON BURSARIES AND
HARDSHIP GRANTS

In three years, hardship costs have risen from £82,000 to £159,000 (a 93% increase). Bursary costs have risen by 70%.

GIVE **142**
BURSARIES
TO STUDENTS FROM
LOW-INCOME
BACKGROUNDS

That's 49 more bursaries awarded than in 2021-22, costing an additional £34,000.

THE DIFFERENCE YOU MAKE TO OUR PEOPLE

You give talented students like Nmeso the chance to pursue graduate study and help tackle complex global challenges



“I WOULDN'T BE HERE WITHOUT SOMEONE HELPING ME. SO YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE, YOU ARE HELPING SOMEONE BE WHERE THEY WOULDN'T BE WITHOUT YOUR HELP AND THAT IS AMAZING.”

Nmeso began her MPhil in Energy Technologies this October, on a full studentship. She wants to work in the energy sector, addressing challenges around energy access for at-need communities. Her research field is key to addressing some of our biggest global challenges around energy transition and Net Zero goals. She wouldn't be here without donors like you. Nmeso is one of 23 graduate students funded by donations in 2023-24.

You help lift the heavy burden of financial worries for less-advantaged students like Tierney



“AS SOMEONE WHO HAS STRUGGLED FINANCIALLY FOR MANY YEARS, HAVING SUPPORT FROM COLLEGE ALLOWED ME, FOR THE FIRST TIME, TO EXPERIENCE STUDYING AND SOCIALISING WITHOUT FEELING HELD BACK BY MONEY WORRIES.”

Tierney’s story in her own words:

I first became aware of the funding opportunities available at Cambridge during an access event at my school. After further research, the support available at Cambridge became one of the primary reasons I wanted to study here. Without it, I would have needed to work to support myself, limiting my options for higher education.

Being awarded the full Cambridge Bursary throughout my degree has enabled me to support my home and university life where I would have struggled otherwise.

The bursary has significantly reduced my financial worries and helped me to focus on my studies. And it’s also benefited my social life at Cambridge in ways I didn’t anticipate. For example, I’ve been able to play College and University sports without worrying about affording kits and attend May Balls with my friends without wondering where the money for the ticket would come from.

When faced with further financial hardship earlier this year, Emmanuel offered me a full rent subsidy to stay in College over the Easter break to support my learning. I was also granted a £200 hardship grant to cover my living costs. Access to financial and pastoral support during this time was invaluable and unexpected, given my status as a full bursarian. I found the College to be understanding of my situation and supportive when I needed it most, and having that consistent support throughout my degree has alleviated stressors I assumed inevitable at university.

As someone who has struggled financially for many years, having support from College allowed me, for the first time, to experience studying and socialising without feeling held back by money worries. Without this support, I would have found pursuing my subject impossible, and I am incredibly grateful.

ACCESS AND OUTREACH: 2022-23 SUMMARY

Overview

Thanks to support from donors like you, 2022-23 was a year in which we were able to take some significant steps to start strengthening our programme. Our focus now is on maximising the impact of the programme on the pupils we work with and on increasing the pool of talented applicants from different backgrounds applying to Emma.

What you helped us achieve: a year of growth and steps forward to change more young people's lives

With your help, in 2022-23, we:

REACHED

6304
PUPILS

COMPARED TO
4700 IN 2021-22

WORKED WITH

225
SCHOOLS

ACROSS THE UK
AND IN OUR
LINK AREAS

ESTABLISHED THE

**TRAVEL
REIMBURSEMENT
SCHEME
DOUBLING
SHEFFIELD SCHOOL
VISITS** FROM LENT TO EASTER TERM

FUNDED A

**NEW
STAFF
MEMBER**

(OUTREACH AND WIDENING
PARTICIPATION CO-ORDINATOR)

The travel reimbursement scheme was established in February 2023 and has already made a difference to schools in our Sheffield Link Area.

3 out of 5 Sheffield schools who visited over June and July received a full reimbursement for travel costs (£3,615 in total).

Our new Outreach and Widening Participation Co-ordinator started in October 2023, and has doubled our staff resource focused on access and outreach. She'll increase our capacity to design a strategy and evaluation framework for outreach work.

Outreach activity spotlight

TWO new and improved shadowing schemes



ABOVE: SHADOWING SCHEME CELEBRATION DAY, WITH THE PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR PARENTS/ GUARDIANS.

1. Cambridge Year 11 Ethnic and Racial Minority Access Programme

The success of the ECSU BME Shadowing Scheme has contributed to the creation of a new cross-collegiate, collaborative Shadowing Scheme: the Cambridge Year 11 Ethnic and Racial Minority Access Programme. We're working with St Catharine's, Magdalene, Queen's, Trinity Hall and Peterhouse Colleges to run this year-long scheme, which kicked off in October 2023 with an Open Day at Emma and Magdalene. This will be followed by an online attainment-focused programme in Lent Term.

2. Emmanuel College Link Area Programme

With the new cross-collegiate scheme now running, the former ECSU BME Shadowing Scheme has been re-designed as the Emmanuel College Link Area Programme. The scheme will now include students who meet a range of Widening Participation criteria, and will focus on Year 12 students only. The programme will also be more academically selective. This will ensure that we're reaching the most able students who are on track to achieve the University's grade entry requirements, and that the participants will thrive on the scheme. We plan to take on 20 students.

Thank you so much for supporting Emmanuel.

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