

Undergraduate Finance and Funding - Fitzwilliam College

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1 Foreword

A number of questions from the incoming Freshers have surrounded the financial implications of their time at Fitz. I compiled this document to attempt to centralise various information and advice.

2 The College Bill

The college bill is charged at the start of each term, and contains your term's rent, charges from the buttery, cafe and bar (some of which are fixed). Students paying tuition fees privately (i.e. not through a student loan with SLC) may pay this annually or termly.

This document has the rates for 2019-20. To see the latest charges (excl rent), visit <https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/fees-funding-and-awards/college-bill> and select "Rates 20xx-xx".

Rent

Rent varies with the size and quality of the room you stay in. First year students stay in either refurbished rooms (blocks A, B, C) for £148 per week, or in non-refurbished rooms (blocks E, F, M) for between £121 and £132.50 per week.

Beyond first year, students have the opportunity to ballot as a group or individually for rooms of their choosing. Rents vary between £112.50 to £166.50, with second year students generally taking cheaper rooms in college houses.

There are three contract lengths to choose from:

- A - the 29 week standard option.
- B - covers the Easter holiday too (33 weeks)
- C - covers Christmas and Easter (37 weeks)

Variations of this, and a 52-week option may also be arranged with the help of the Accommodation Officer accom.officer@fitz.cam.ac.uk.

Buttery Charges - MMC & KFC

The Minimum Meals Charge (MMC), currently £77.80 termly (or £38 for students in houses), is paid at the start of term, and must be spent in the buttery or cafe (or on formals).

The Kitchen Fixed Charge (KFC), currently £178 termly (or £73 for students in houses) is a flat fee that helps keep the Fitz Buttery open.

International Student Fee

The college fee is fixed for the duration of your course. For students starting in 2019, this is £9,400 per year.

Latest fees - <https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/study-us/undergraduate/apply/fees>

Others

1. Linen hire - optional

- a. Sheets and pillows - **£34 per term**
- b. Duvets - **£26 per year**
- 2. Fitzwilliam deposit - returned to you at the end of your course, unless it is used to pay for damage.
 - a. £150 charged at the start of your course.
- 3. Accident transport fund - funds the taxi service
 - a. £10 per year
- 4. Fitzwilliam Society subscription - funds the society that sponsors a number of student-run schemes to improve college life
 - a. £8 per term, for a maximum of 9 terms
- 5. Lost keys/cards
 - a. Replacement University card - £15
 - b. Replacement key fob - £5
 - c. Replacement key - £25
- 6. Printing (per sheet)

Per sheet	Black and white	Colour
A4 (single & double)	6p	18p
A3 (single & double)	10p	35p

<https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/facilities/computing/it-charges>

Bursaries

The bursaries on offer at Fitzwilliam are well documented on the website here

<https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/fees-funding-and-awards/undergraduate-support-funds>. Find the link to the latest PDF near the top.

Most notably is the Cambridge Bursary, offering £3,500 to students with an annual household income of less than £25,000, with a partial offering for students with household incomes between £25,001 and £42,620. Mature students and care leavers staying in Cambridge all year may receive £5,600. **This typically arrives in week 4.**

Fitzwilliam College also have a maintenance grant of up to £1000 for financial hardship. Recipients of this may also claim £20 per night towards rent for two weeks outside of the standard 29-week residency.

Funds and Grants for Activities

Funds for activities and projects in Fitz can be mostly seen here

<https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/fees-funding-and-awards/other-funds>, except for the subject specific grants and Fitzwilliam Society fund (see below).

Sports Funding

Sports funding is delivered by the JMA (Junior Members Association). This is allocated to students termly for University-level sport (and beyond!). You may apply through Moodle, where more detail is available.

Travel Grants

Grants of up to £500 per year are available from Fitz for academic-related travel. Bear in mind that the funds tend to only be awarded after you submit your travel report, i.e. you will be reimbursed £500.

<https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/fees-funding-and-awards/undergraduate-travel-funds>

Subject Specific

Some subjects offer grants for academic endeavours, including Engineering (£250 per year).

Fitzwilliam Society

The Fitzwilliam Society fund student-led projects that attempt to improve student life in College. Past projects include the provision of sanitary products in toilets across College, and the allotment fund. This fund may be reviewed this coming year.