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INTRODUCTION

The Cambridge Commonwealth European and International Trust is a charity established with the sole purpose of providing support to students so that they could benefit from the outstanding educational and research opportunities offered at the University of Cambridge.

During its thirty-year history of offering scholarships, the Trust has helped more than 20,000 students who would not be able to take up their places without financial support to undertake degrees here.

Today, the Trust works with the University, Colleges of Cambridge, and many international and UK-based partners in order to provide the widest possible access to the University of Cambridge to outstanding students from all parts of the world, irrespective of their social and economic background.

The student support offered by the Trust recognizes and rewards excellence, and provides the necessary financial assistance required by those who are disadvantaged.

Serving students from the United Kingdom, as well as from around the world, the Trust awards scholarships to around 500 new students each year. This means that at any one time there are around 1200 young people from across the world studying in Cambridge with financial support from the Trust.

The Trust is governed by a board of Trustees, as shown on page 19, and its Patron is His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales **https://www.cambridgetrust.org/about/patron/.**

Management of the Trust is delegated to a team of fourteen staff, led by Director, Helen Pennant **https://www.cambridgetrust.org/about/staff/.**

This Review provides an overview of the Trust's activities for the financial year August 2019 – July 2020.

DIRECTOR'S FOREWORD

At the end of a most challenging year, I am recording this message in a spirit of hope and gratitude.

As for many of us, the year 2020 has been a time to focus on what is really important, and I have never been prouder to lead the Trust as I have been in the past year.

I have been proud of our students, who have remained committed to their endeavours, even in the face of huge disruption caused by the pandemic to their academic and personal lives.

I have been so impressed by the way students have carried on or, indeed, had the courage to begin studies, and have adapted in creative and courageous ways to testing circumstances.

Disruption to our students meant that many have needed additional funding support. In meeting this need, I have been very grateful to the Trustees of the Cambridge Trust for not hesitating to release funds to those who have needed them.

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During 2020, Helen Pennant was elected by the Fellowship of Clare Hall, pictured, as Vice President of the College

View Helen presenting her foreword via YouTube https://youtu.be/5sn6gN7k5l0

I am also very grateful to our partners for coming forward with additional funding when we have approached them. Thank you for your support.

I have also been very proud and grateful to the Trust staff. They made the shift to remote working calmly and efficiently whilst maintaining the highest standard of service to our students.

All this leaves me very hopeful for 2021 when I am looking forward to working together and building on the many connections which have sustained the Trust and our students this past year.

Thank you.

Helen Pennant

Director

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Trust spends c.95% of expenditure on its objective of supporting students to study at the University of Cambridge. The overall cost of student support increased from £26.7 million in 2019 to £30.5 million in 2020.

In addition to core funding of maintenance and fees, support included extra payments to students to help with particular financial needs, such as fieldwork, hardship, overruns and financial assistance to students who had their study disrupted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Support is achieved through working with partners and donors worldwide, the University, its Departments and the Colleges of Cambridge as well as the Trust's own investment income.

The Cambridge University Endowment Fund continues to manage the Trust's main investments (the Trust also has a small investment holding of £1 million in Cazenove Capital Management). The total value of the Trust's investments at 31 July 2020 was £174 million and produced an investment return of £6.6 million. The majority of this income is spent alongside external donations and partnership income, and the remainder is used to support staff and administration costs. The Trust operates with a team of 14 staff.

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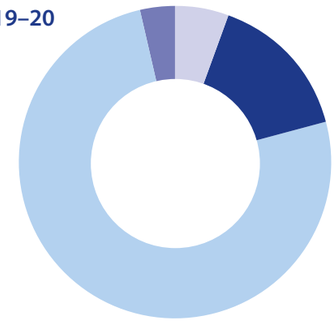
The Trustees' report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2020 are available online at **www.cambridgetrust.org/about/.** The following charts, which are extracted from those financial statements, summarises the Trust's income and expenditure at 31 July 2020.

Income 2019–20

- **£18m** Donations from the University, Departments, and Colleges of Cambridge
- **£7.2m** Global partnerships
- **£6.6m** Investment income

Expenditure 2019–20



- **£1.8m** Undergraduates (3–4 year course)
- **£4.8m** Masters (1–2 year course)
- **£23.9m** PhD (3–4 year course)
- **£1.1m** Administration & governance

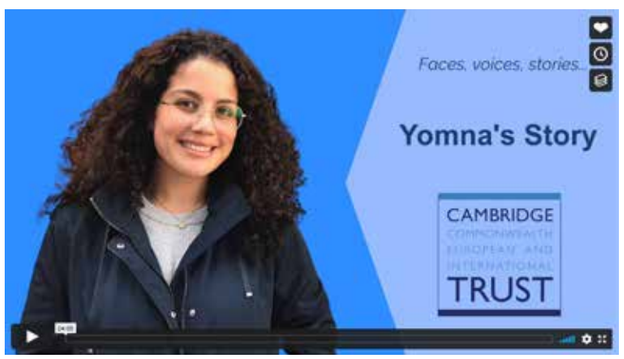
DEVELOPMENT NEWS

The Trust is able to support students from around the world through collaboration with a diverse mix of partners. Joining with partners allows the Trust to support more students than if it was funding the scholarships on its own.

The value of our partnerships has been highlighted in this challenging year. The Trust is most grateful to all its partners, in the UK, internationally and within Cambridge, for their unwavering support and for being flexible and responsive in extraordinary circumstances.

The Trust is especially thankful to its partners who renewed agreements this year, further showing their commitment to supporting students to undertake their studies at the University of Cambridge. The Trust is delighted to have also signed new agreements that will see a diverse group of students being supported to study at the University. These valuable collaborations are instrumental in enabling students like Yomna Zentani, whose story you can hear [below], to take up their places at Cambridge.

The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission is a longstanding partner of the Trust, and this collaboration has supported students from Commonwealth countries to study at the University. The Trust is proud to have renewed this partnership this year, which supports students from both developing and developed countries to pursue postgraduate study.



Hear Yomna's story via YouTube https://youtu.be/4krUioMOkTc

The Trust is delighted to have renewed a long-established collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Republic of China (Taiwan) which provides full funding to Taiwanese PhD students.

The renewal of the University of Central Asia Cambridge Scholarship programme was marked at an event in London prior to the UK going into lockdown in March 2020. The programme supports postgraduate students from Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and northern Pakistan to undertake degree courses at the University.

Hear David's story via YouTube https://youtu.be/7bt60lAe2Qs

Our partnership with the ALThuraya Foundation has been renewed to continue to support Masters students from countries in the Middle East and North Africa to study at the University.

The renewal of programmes such as the Cambridge Africa Scholarships programme, which is co-funded with the University of Cambridge and the partnership with the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), enable students like David Izugo to pursue PhD study at Cambridge. You can hear David's story recorded during lockdown [above]. Under the renewed agreement with IsDB, a programme of scholarships has been established to support Masters students to study at the University.

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

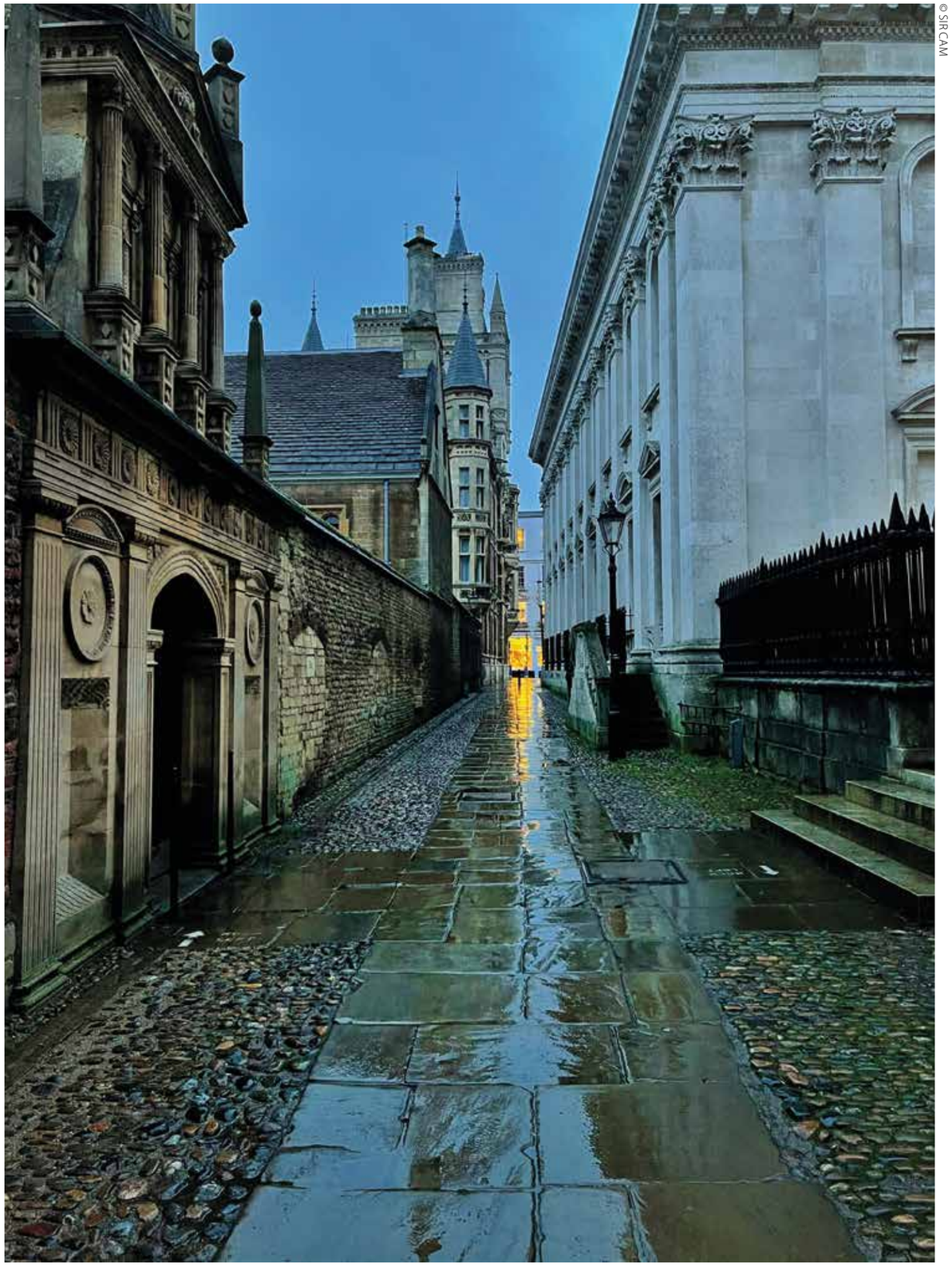
The Trust is pleased to join the British Council's GREAT Scholarships programme to offer scholarships to postgraduate students from China, India, Indonesia and Malaysia. The GREAT Britain Campaign is the UK government's initiative to promote the UK internationally as a GREAT place to visit, study and do business.

A donation from the Tazaki Foundation has enabled a new scholarship to be created to support Japanese nationals studying Computer Science at PhD or MPhil level. The Trust is collaborating with Downing College on this programme.

The Trust is grateful for the donation from Swedish Orphan Biovitrum AB (Sobi), which has established a new scholarship to support a UK undergraduate student from a disadvantaged background to study Medicine at the University.

The Tara Getty Foundation has joined with the Trust to establish a new scholarship that supports African students wishing to undertake Masters degrees at Cambridge.

The Trust continues to operate a large number of scholarship co-funding arrangements with Colleges, Faculties, Departments and other organisations within Cambridge. The collaborative effort between the Trust and the University's Development Office helps to strengthen the scholarship funding available to support students coming to Cambridge.



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SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The objective of the Trust is to provide financial support to enable students to benefit from education at the University of Cambridge. It offers scholarships to students who have been offered places at the University at all levels of study. The Trust concentrates its resources on scholarships for PhD and Masters study, while maintaining a smaller programme of support for undergraduates.

Scholarships are awarded in all subjects and at all 31 Colleges. Awards are made on the basis of academic merit, financial need and, in the case of scholarships awarded in conjunction with partners, additional criteria such as the country the students come from and/or their chosen area of study. Scholarships range from full-cost, covering fees and maintenance, to part-cost, a contribution towards the costs of study, which require the student to provide the balance of the cost.

The Trust aspires to provide as many full-cost scholarships as possible, as this provides certainty for the students and makes the scholarships internationally competitive. The Trust has deliberately sought to offer scholarships of higher value even when that meant offering fewer awards. The Trust is continuously working towards making a higher proportion of its scholarships full-cost by seeking additional external funding.

The Trust has also sought to make offers earlier in order to retain the best candidates. If students are assured of high value scholarships early on in their decision-making process, they are able to make an informed choice about taking up the offer of their place at Cambridge and their scholarship. This is especially true of the many students who receive offers from elsewhere.

The Trust has also made particular efforts to increase the rigour and transparency of its selection processes and criteria for awards. These now:

- prioritise applicants for scholarships on the basis of the outcome of a central funding competition with departmental scores being moderated by Selection Committees put in place by the University;
- are based on a transparent and fair system, with clearly published selection criteria and application deadlines set out on the Trust's website; and
- where appropriate, address perceived disadvantage of candidates from less developed backgrounds.

The Trust responds positively when students win other full-cost publicly-funded scholarships by offering 'honorary status'; which entitles the recipients to benefit from being a part of the Trust's community of scholars.

For entry to the University of Cambridge in the academic year 2019–20, the Trust made new awards as follows:

Breakdown of new awards 2019–20 (by level of study)

	PhD	Masters	BA	Total
Awarded	296	238	43	577
Honorary	15	7	0	22
Total	**311**	**245**	**43**	**599**

The number of students funded by the Trust is as follows:

Students in residence in 2019–20 (all award years)

**figures inclusive of new award winners set out above*

	PhD	Masters	BA	Total
Awarded	988	241	137	1366
Honorary	97	7	4	108
Total	**1085**	**248**	**141**	**1474**

A table setting out the students by nationality and level of study is set out below:

Students supported by continent and degree type 2019/20 and 2018/19

**figures inclusive of new award winners but not those with honorary status*

AFRICA	2019/20				2018/19			
	PhD	Masters	Ug*	Total	PhD	Masters	Ug*	Total
Botswana	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Cameroon	3	-	-	3	3	1	-	4
Cote d'Ivoire	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Egypt	10	6	-	16	15	4	-	19
Ethiopia	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Ghana	9	2	-	11	8	2	-	10
Kenya	2	4	2	8	2	2	3	7
Libya	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Mauritius	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Morocco	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
Mozambique	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
Niger	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Nigeria	10	3	1	14	9	2	1	12
Rwanda	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Somalia	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	2
South Africa	11	5	-	16	12	8	-	20
Sudan	1	1	-	2	-	1	-	1
Uganda	1	3	-	4	1	1	-	2
Zambia	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	2
Zimbabwe	2	-	-	2	2	2	-	4
TOTAL	**56**	**27**	**3**	**86**	**61**	**23**	**4**	**88**

ASIA	2019/20				2018/19			
	PhD	Masters	Ug*	Total	PhD	Masters	Ug*	Total
Afghanistan	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Bangladesh	6	-	2	8	7	-	2	9
Bhutan	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1
Burma	1	-	-	1	1	2	-	3
China	139	12	31	182	128	6	22	156
Hong Kong, China	14	-	20	34	11	1	16	28
India	56	21	5	82	53	23	4	80
Indonesia	8	-	-	8	8	2	-	10
Iran	7	1	-	8	5	2	-	7
Israel	8	2	-	10	8	2	-	10
Japan	1	1	1	3	-	1	1	2
Jordan	2	1	-	3	2	-	1	3
Kazakhstan	2	-	-	2	2	1	-	3
Republic of Korea	9	-	3	12	12	-	3	15
Kyrgyzstan	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Lebanon	4	2	-	6	4	1	-	5
Malaysia	16	3	18	37	15	1	18	34
Nepal	-	2	-	2	1	1	-	2
Pakistan	14	4	8	26	8	2	8	18
Palestine	7	-	1	8	6	-	1	7
Philippines	1	-	-	1	1	2	-	3
Singapore	4	1	8	13	4	3	6	13
Sri Lanka	5	-	-	5	4	-	-	4
Syria	3	-	1	4	3	3	1	7
Taiwan	23	1	-	24	18	-	-	18
Tajikistan	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Thailand	6	6	1	13	4	3	1	8
Turkey	8	2		10	4	2	-	6
Vietnam	1	1	1	3	1	-	1	2
Yemen	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	**346**	**63**	**100**	**509**	**310**	**60**	**85**	**455**

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AUSTRALASIA	2019/20				2018/19			
	PhD	Masters	Ug*	Total	PhD	Masters	Ug*	Total
Australia	52	9	7	68	44	12	8	64
New Zealand	29	3	1	33	24	1	4	29
TOTAL	**81**	**12**	**8**	**101**	**68**	**13**	**12**	**93**

EUROPE	2019/20				2018/19			
	PhD	Masters	Ug*	Total	PhD	Masters	Ug*	Total
Albania	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	1
Armenia	-	1	2	3	-	-	1	1
Austria	4	1		5	3	-	-	3
Belarus	2	-	1	3	2	-	1	3
Belgium	1	1	-	2	2	1	-	3
Bosnia & Herzegovina	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
Bulgaria	5	-	-	5	4	-	-	4
Croatia	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	2
Cyprus	4	-	-	4	4	2	-	6
Czech Republic	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
Denmark	5	-	-	5	5	-	-	5
Estonia	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	2
Finland	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	1
France	15	3	-	18	16	3	-	19
Germany	48	8	-	56	45	6	-	51
Greece	20	4	-	24	16	4	-	20
Guernsey	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
Hungary	7	1	-	8	8	-	-	8
Iceland	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
Ireland	12	2	-	14	11	3	-	14
Italy	37	2	-	39	31	3	-	34
Jersey	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Kosova	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Latvia	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
Lithuania	3	-	-	3	3	-	-	3
Malta	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Netherlands	11	1	-	12	11	4	-	15
Norway	16	3	-	19	12	3	-	15
Poland	10	3	-	13	10	1	-	11
Portugal	6	1	-	7	4	1	-	5
Romania	4	-	-	4	4	2	-	6
Russia	5	1	2	8	4	1	2	7
Serbia	6	5	4	15	5	4	5	14
Slovakia	3	-	-	3	3	1	-	4
Slovenia	2	1	-	3	-	2	-	2
Spain	11	2	-	13	6	-	-	6
Sweden	1	1	-	2	-	1	-	1
Switzerland	4	-	-	4	5	1	-	6
Ukraine	2	3	-	5	4	2	-	6
United Kingdom	67	77	6	150	60	-	2	62
TOTAL	**323**	**122**	**15**	**460**	**290**	**46**	**11**	**347**

NORTH AMERICA	2019/20				2018/19			
	PhD	Masters	Ug*	Total	PhD	Masters	Ug*	Total
Bahamas	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Canada	33	4	6	43	33	8	5	46
Costa Rica	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
Mexico	19	2	-	21	23	4	-	27
Saint Lucia	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	2
Trinidad & Tobago	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	1
USA	89	7	4	100	78	3	3	84
TOTAL	**146**	**15**	**10**	**171**	**139**	**15**	**8**	**162**

SOUTH AMERICA	2019/20				2018/19			
	PhD	Masters	Ug*	Total	PhD	Masters	Ug*	Total
Argentina	2	-	-	2	2	1	-	3
Brazil	6	-	-	6	5	2	-	7
Chile	21	-	-	21	18	2	-	20
Colombia	5	-	1	6	2	3	-	5
Ecuador	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	2
Paraguay	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Peru	-	2	-	2	-	1	-	1
Uruguay	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
Venezuela	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
TOTAL	**36**	**2**	**1**	**39**	**30**	**11**	**-**	**41**
Grand Total	**988**	**241**	**137**	**1366**	**898**	**168**	**120**	**1186**

**Ug=Undergraduate course*

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His Royal Highness
The Prince of Wales

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