



DOWNING COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE

THE GRIFFINS SPORTS FUND

The Griffins Sports Fund supports participation in sport where students take part in the relevant university sports team, or where they have represented their national team within the last year.

The Griffins Sports Fund is open to all those eligible to be Griffins, whether they have joined the Griffins Club or not. The eligibility criteria for the Griffins Club are set out in the Club's Constitution. Applicants may contact the Griffins Club Secretary to join the Club at the same time as applying.

Awards ranged from £50 to £235 per student in 2022/2023, with a median award of £100. Awards to non-Griffins are capped at £50.

Applications are assessed by sport, and funding will be awarded in proportion to a points system where the points increase linearly in sporting attainment and in the natural logarithm of validated spending on each sport. Applicants are required to declare any other sources of financial support received to date.

Costs supported can include expenses for university sports club membership, travel to university or national team competitions, pre-season costs (including out-of-NPR accommodation), and other similar expenses. Anticipated costs can be included, for example if the university sports team membership fee has not yet been collected, where these are certified by the relevant university team captain, president, or treasurer. No student may claim for more than three sports in any given academic year. Awards are very unlikely to cover the total amount of expenses claimed.

Second and third sports will receive a lower weight in the total award. For example, the first sport will lead to the highest award, the second sport the second highest award etc. Evidence of the expenses incurred may come in the form of receipts or invoices. Alternatively, copies or screenshots of emails etc may be uploaded.

Awards will be based only on the expenses for which supporting evidence is provided. Evidence of attainment must be supplied for each sport. Spending on college facilities, for example gym membership, car parking etc, should not be claimed.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

There are two rounds of applications, one in Michaelmas Term and one in Easter Term. Michaelmas Term awards will be made over the Christmas vacation, and Easter Term awards will be made in the long vacation. Up to 50% of the funding available for the year will be allocated in Michaelmas and the remainder allocated in Easter. Michaelmas Term applicants are welcome to re-apply in Easter, however expenses already claimed for in Michaelmas should **not** be included in Easter Term applications, as they will automatically be re-considered for a top-up. **Only** 'new' expenses should be submitted.

Applications must be made [online](#). The online process requires the completion of a personal and questionnaire section. In addition, applicants are required to provide evidence of their expenses incurred, as well as level of attainment in each sport by the deadline advertised on the College website. For further information please [email](#) the Tutorial and Admissions Office.