



# The Online Summer Research Programme

at Pembroke College, Cambridge

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## Join us, online, for a summer like no other

**"The programme was truly phenomenal. It has pushed me into becoming a more well-rounded student and I am so excited to continue the research I started here throughout the rest of my academic career."**

Atticus Yus, University of British Columbia

The Online Summer Research Programme offers you the unique opportunity to experience the renowned Cambridge style of teaching from anywhere in the world.

It's a real opportunity to challenge yourself academically and develop deep subject knowledge, working one-to-one with an expert in the field.

So, if you're academically curious, self-motivated and keen to broaden your knowledge, you'll thrive on the Online Summer Research Programme!

Take ownership of your project proposal by following our Open Stream or if you need some inspiration, we've got lots of thought-provoking topics and research questions to choose from on our Subject Stream.

Want to find out more? See the full details online:  
[www.pem.cam.ac.uk/summerresearch](http://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/summerresearch)

## Teaching and Learning

Our programmes are renowned for their rigorous and intellectually challenging content, and at the centre of our ethos is the individualised nature of Cambridge teaching.

The focus of a Cambridge education is on depth of knowledge, cultivating critical thinking and independent study, not simply on contact hours.

Over four weeks you'll immerse yourself in a subject area of your choice and, working one-to-one with an academic expert, produce a body of high-quality research work.

We offer you a choice of two streams on the programme: the Open Stream and the Subject Stream.

On both streams you'll have 2 sessions each week individually with your supervisor who will guide your project, challenge you academically and support your work.

The key difference: on the Open Stream you propose your own research project while on the Subject Stream you choose from one of our proposed topic areas and research questions.

Read our [Online Readiness](#) guidance to get a sense of whether studying 100% online is right for you.



## Our Subject Streams

Whether you're interested in global inequality, Jane Austen, or even the economic viability of Obamacare, we've got you covered!

### Subject Streams for summer 2024:

Anthropology

Biology

Computer Science and Cyber Security

Economics

English Literature

History, Politics and Political Theory

International Relations

Linguistics

Mathematics

Personal and Professional Development

Philosophy

Physics

See our [website](#) for more details.

## The Open Stream

Remember that if we don't offer your area of interest on the Subject Stream, you can propose almost any project on the Open Stream instead.

It's the perfect option if you have a good sense of what you'd like to research as it puts ownership of your project proposal in your hands.

When deciding on a research topic, we suggest you aim for something where you already have some background knowledge. It could be related to your major area of study or part of a subject you've studied in the past.

This doesn't preclude you from studying something new, just make sure you read some relevant publications before filling out your project form. That way you can show a sound understanding of the subject area you want to explore.

The beauty of the Open Stream is that once you start the topic may develop and lead you in quite a different direction to the one you first envisaged.

For many it's one of the most exciting and rewarding aspects of the Cambridge supervision style of learning, so aim to be flexible and follow your supervisor's guidance.

You're able to propose research topics in almost any subject area. The only limitations are that we can't support projects that require in-person arrangements, such as lab-work, or primary research.





## Beyond your Supervisions

While academic research is at the heart of our programme, we're sure you'll also want to make the most of its networking opportunities.

It's your chance to expand your global network and make new friends, so we'll help facilitate online networking events for you to meet other programme participants.

We also encourage you to develop your own informal study groups. It's a great way to help structure your week, learn more about other people's research and build friendships.

Then to wrap up the programme, we'll also celebrate some of your research projects in a final event where a small group of you will have the chance to present your findings and share your final reflections.

## Programme Support

We'll make sure you're well prepared to start your research.

Before the start of the programme, we'll send you detailed information about the practicalities of completing a research project and you'll be well briefed during academic orientation.

Alongside your supervisor, we'll also assign you a Director of Studies who will help monitor your progress and be available should you need them.

## How to Apply

Does the Online Summer Research Programme sound right for you?

We welcome applications from intellectually ambitious students from all over the world.

You apply to our programme through an online form and as part of the application process we'll need you to complete a project form detailing your proposed research on the Open Stream or selecting which Subject Stream and topic you'd like to follow.

You'll also need to make sure your home institution sends us an academic transcript.

We require a **minimum GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale** or equivalent and that you have finished the first year of your degree course by the start of the programme. It's also important you have a high level of fluency in English and we'll ask to see **evidence** of this if needed.

We consider applications on a rolling basis, so make sure you apply early.

Once we've received all completed parts of your application, we'll let you know our decision within ten working days.

Take a look at the [full application process](#).





# The International Programmes Department

Here at Pembroke College we've been welcoming international students on our programmes for over 40 years. If you'd like to know more about our programmes, we'd love to speak with you.

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