To: Cambridge Applicants

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Subject: 2020-2021 Application for Pembroke College

One of the first steps you should take in researching the University of Cambridge is to attend an Oxbridge info session and meet with Sarah Mournighan in the fall 2019 term. At these sessions, I will review the education system and application procedures for Cambridge to assist you in discerning whether this program would be appropriate for you.

REQUIREMENTS
Minimum 3.75 GPA at the time of application; 700-800 word personal statement; two faculty recommendations; two strong writing samples that have already been marked by a professor; study proposal; GU application, and transcript copy.

COMPETITION
There are no guaranteed spaces for this program, and students’ applications are looked at individually, NOT as a competitive applicant pool. Students are strongly encouraged to have a second choice. Students may not appeal their application decision for Cambridge. All committee decisions are considered final.

DEADLINES
The final deadline for 2020-21 applications is December 2nd, 2019. Upon submission of an application on December 2nd there will be a selection of applicants by a panel of OGE advisors and Georgetown deans. Students will then be notified as to whether their applications will be forwarded to Pembroke College, Cambridge. Pembroke will then review the completed files and make decisions for visiting student admission. Notification of the final placements will be sent directly to the student between February and April.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
Please include two letters of recommendation with your application. The recommendation forms can be found online, and your professors should follow the guidelines on the form and submit a written letter addressing your candidacy. Please do not have your professors fill out the recommendation form on the OGE website.
PERSONAL STATEMENT ESSAY

The essay should be 700-800 words in length and should be a thoughtful essay on why you wish to study at Cambridge, what are your current academic goals, and describing the over-arching intellectual theme of your course of study.

*Keep in mind,* academic work at Cambridge takes place within a supervision system. As the name implies, students work with professors on an individual basis or, more commonly, in groups of two or three. That is why students are approved to take certain subjects and access to specific coursework is not guaranteed. Students will only be permitted to take courses related to their majors or minors, and cannot take unrelated courses for which they don’t have a strong academic background.

STUDY PROPOSAL

Your study proposal should be a direct reflection of your personal statement essay. The Study Proposal should list two tutorials per semester, for a total of four for the academic year. Again, your supervisions should be in subject matters that directly relate to your majors or minors. Taking courses outside of your majors or minors will not be permitted.

WRITING SAMPLES

As part of the application process you will submit two writing samples that have already been graded by a Professor. If you are selected to submit your application to Cambridge, Cambridge will want to see a paper marked with your professor’s feedback or otherwise the comments made by your professor in another forum.
CAMBRIDGE APPLICATION TIMETABLE FOR 2020-21 TERM

(Applications can be found on the OGE website: http://studyabroad.georgetown.edu)

September 2019: Oxbridge Information Sessions

December 2, 2019: Application deadline (including 2 recommendations, writing samples, study proposal, personal statement essay and application form.)

December 9-13, 2019: Notification of GU’s nominations to Cambridge

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February – April, 2020: Notification of outcome by Cambridge

Cambridge

CHECKLIST

___ Georgetown online application
___ Study Proposal form with appropriate signatures
___ 2 faculty letters of recommendation (please include the recommendation form waiver with each letter)
___ Final Copy of Personal Statement of 500-750 words
___ Two Writing samples of at least 5-10 pages that have previously been marked by a professor.
___ Unofficial transcript (copy from MyAccess)