



CAMBRIDGE
SCHOOL OF
VISUAL &
PERFORMING
ARTS

ADMISSIONS POLICY

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Lead for Review	Principal/Rector

Introduction

CATS Cambridge and CSVPA have an inclusive Admissions Policy, recruiting students according to their potential to achieve the best they possibly can. The Colleges do not discriminate on the grounds of any of the protected characteristics (as defined by the Equality Act 2010), including but not limited to; race, gender, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or belief, sexual orientation, or disability.

The admissions process is usually directed through the Central Admissions department and may include an interview with the Principal/Rector or other senior staff members, either at the Colleges or overseas.

For all students, full academic reports, transcripts and/or examination certificates as appropriate for their course of entry are required in order to comply with UKVI guidelines and to ensure students meet the entry requirements of the course for which they are applying. CSVPA students are generally required to submit a portfolio. Central Admissions staff who are unsure of a potential student's ability or intent will check with the relevant College, who may request an interview or further documentary evidence.

Information for Students / Parents

On request, all prospective students may obtain a copy of the College's prospectus. This will provide information about the College and the courses on offer. Students will also be directed towards the College website which is regularly updated and contains information about current and future activities at the College. Key College policies are available on the website or on request. The College makes efforts to ensure that the prospectus, and other recruitment and publicity materials are free from bias and stereotypes.

Scholarships and Bursaries

Entry testing is occasionally used to establish a student's level of ability to ensure that they are suitable for a particular programme or to establish whether they may be eligible for a scholarship or bursary award.

Visits to the Colleges

All prospective students are encouraged to visit their chosen College for a tailored one-to-one meeting to discuss their requirements, a tour of the facilities and to meet key staff.

Conditional Offer Letter

All students accepted for a place at CATS Cambridge or CSVPA will receive an offer letter stating the conditions of the offer. A registration form is enclosed with the letter, along with an Estimate of Fees and the terms and conditions of enrolment. The letter clearly sets out the course to be studied, and also gives a time for which the offer remains open. The offer for a place is confirmed by the completion of the registration form and the return of the form, along with the registration fee and deposit to the College.

Following confirmation of the place, further details are then reviewed with the student such as accommodation and subject choices if not already provided. International students may be required to provide additional information before final confirmation. Details will be provided on the offer letter, but may include a parental consent letter and any outstanding conditions such as IELTS.

Confirmation of Acceptance to Study (CAS)

For international students who require a visa, the college must comply with the UKVI Tier 4 requirements and may only issue a CAS if students supply appropriate documentation alongside their application. Students will only be given a CAS when Central Admissions staff are confident that the student has the ability and the intent to complete their chosen course. Students will be required to pay a deposit before receiving a CAS. Depending on the student's specific facts, a deposit (of varying amounts), will be asked for in advance.

Inclusion

The Colleges are committed to inclusive practices and will make any necessary and reasonable adjustments to accommodate students. We welcome students with disabilities, long-term medical conditions or special educational needs providing that we can offer them the support that they require and/or provided that our site is appropriate for them. However, the chosen College must be made aware of any special educational needs or other disabilities or needs as early as possible in the application process so we can ensure that we can support the student.

As an international college, we are aware of cultural differences and sensitivities in recognising certain conditions and needs which may not be openly recognised in a student's home country or culture. We may need to assess or re-assess a student on arrival or later if we have reasonable concerns.

Should parents or students fail to disclose any relevant information prior to acceptance, the College may be unable to meet the needs of the student and in some circumstances this may result in the offer of a place being withdrawn.

Where we find students require, or students/parents request, additional support in the classroom, in addition to the reasonable adjustments stated above, we would normally make a charge to cover these costs. Each case will be handled on an individual basis.

Appeals and complaints

We hope that you do not have any complaints about our admissions process. However any appeal or complaint will be dealt with under the College Complaints Policy, which can be found on our website.

Linked policies

Equality and Diversity Policy
Disability, Discrimination and Accessibility (DDA) plan