YH2 Capital Scholarship at Magdalene College

Background Information

The YH2 Capital Scholarship programme was launched in 2019 and is fully funded by the co-founders and co-CEOs of YH2 Capital. The programme offers up to two fully funded, bond-free Scholarship each year for undergraduate study at Magdalene College, University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom. The selection committee of the Scholarship is looking for outstanding Malaysian candidates with exemplary academic and personal qualities who will not have the full financial means to pursue a degree at the University of Cambridge without the help of the Scholarship.

The Scholarship will not impose any bond on the Scholar being awarded. The Donors intend the Scholar to be free to choose their place of residency and their career post-graduation from the University of Cambridge. The key objective of the Donors is to offer the Scholar lacking financial means an opportunity to not only attend Cambridge University, but to subsequently pursue his/her career aspirations without constraints.

Malaysian students studying overseas, especially those on ASEAN scholarships studying in Singapore, are welcome to apply for the Scholarship.

1. Eligibility

a. *Nationality*: You must be a citizen of Malaysia (Malaysian passport holders).
b. *College:* You must have stated Magdalene as your College choice on your academic application.
c. *Level of Study*: An undergraduate degree leading to a bachelor's degree.
d. *Condition*: You must have received a conditional offer of a place at Magdalene College University of Cambridge upon application. The award is conditional upon the fulfilment of the conditional offer.
e. *Subject*: Within Group 1 to 4, except for Architecture, Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering, Management Studies, Medicine, and Veterinary Medicine. Please kindly refer to the following link for more information: https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/international-students/international-fees-and-costs

   Please note, the Scholar will not be able to change to one of the excluded subjects during the course of his/her degree. Doing so would result in the withdrawal of the scholarship.

2. Tenure

The basic tenure of the Scholarship is for the full duration of the degree course from the start of the academic year (1 October).

3. Value of Scholarship

In determining the value of the Scholarship in individual cases, the College will take into account the candidate's income from all sources and a partial scholarship may be awarded. The **maximum** award per annum that will be made to a Scholar who has no other sources of finance will be as follows:

A. Maintenance grant*:	**£11,970** (*estimated cost for 9 months of living cost in 2027-2028)
B. University fees:	**£30,798** Group 1 **£34,356** Group 2 **£40,296** Group 3 **£46,872** Group 4 (2027 cost set by the University)
C. College fees:	**£13,848** (2027 –2028 cost)
D. Flight allowance**:	The cost of one return economy fare between London and the Scholar's home airport.

Total: **A* + B + C + D****

**Maintenance levels are the basic minimum amounts required to meet the financial requirement of the admission for overseas students to cover costs of settling when moving to the UK from overseas.*

***Flight allowance would cover the cost of one return economy fare within the full duration of the undergraduate study of the Scholar.*

4. Application Procedure

a. The scholarship is open for applications on 10 November 2026.
b. You are required to submit your completed application form and attach all the supporting documents to scholarship@yh2capital.com **by Friday, 26 February 2027, 23:59 MYT**.
c. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed.
    i. You must be available to attend the interview that will be held at the end of March through video call via the Donors who will be based in London.
    ii. The shortlisted candidates from the interviews conducted by the Donors shall then take part in a video call interview with the Selection Committee members residing at Cambridge.
    iii. Candidates that do not attend the selection interviews will not be considered for the Scholarship.
d. The successful applicant will be announced by the end of May in 2027 but will only be confirmed when the conditional offer of a place at the College is confirmed in late August 2027.

5. Documents and details to be submitted with application

You must submit a completed application with the documents and information detailed below. All documents must be submitted in English or with English translations included. Please ensure that you have the originals of all documents with you.

a. Completed Application Form;
b. A copy of a valid passport (front cover and photo page only);
c. Certificates of your previous school education;
d. An official transcript from the high school at which you are studying, or have studied, showing grades achieved (to date);
e. A full curriculum vitae (CV) which should include details about the academic qualification, prizes, scholarships, positions of leadership, involvement in student/ community activities and any cultural, music or sports achievements, or anything else that you would like us to know about you. This should not exceed two A4 pages in length. A photograph is not required in the CV.
f. A copy of your UCAS application.
g. A personal statement which addresses the following:
    i. Why do you want to study at the University of Cambridge and apply for this scholarship?
    ii. Why do you want to study your chosen course?
    iii. What are your goals and interests?
    iv. Who is your role model?
    v. What is your favourite book and why?
    vi. What is the most difficult obstacle you have faced and overcome in your life?
h. References by two referees. Please refer to Item 6 below for more details.
i. A copy of your conditional offer of a place from Magdalene College.

6. Referees

You will need two referees who are willing to submit testimonials on your behalf:

a. Your referees should be able to comment in detail including but not limited to the following qualities: your academic prowess, ability to think critically and independently, ability to solve problems on your own, ability to focus and dive deep on any particular subject, your character and personality, and any distinguished qualities that you may possess.
b. A good referee is someone who knows you well, rather than a well-known person who only knows you superficially. Your referees will not typically be personal friends, relations, or contemporaries. If you do request a reference from a referee who falls into this category, then they should make the connection clear within the reference.
c. You are to ask their permission before listing them as referees and provide their contact details.
d. Referees are to prepare the references required as stated in the *Referee's Guideline* document. They are then required to send the references and the *Referee's Guideline* documents directly to scholarship@yh2capital.com from their institution email addresses.
e. You are responsible to ensure that referees submit their reference in good time and by **Friday, 26 February 2027, 23:59 MYT**. Please contact them well in advance of this deadline. References and applications can be submitted individually.

7. Basis of Selection

a. You must name Magdalene College in your academic application for admission to the University of Cambridge to be considered for the Scholarship.
b. You must receive a conditional offer of a place at Magdalene College in the University of Cambridge. Following the close of the application deadline, a check will be made to confirm that the applicant has been offered a conditional place at Magdalene College.
c. The selection committee will comprise of five members: Master of Magdalene College, Senior Tutor of Magdalene College, a second Admissions Tutor at Magdalene and the two donors.
d. The Selection Committee will assess applications based on financial needs, academic record, the ability to make a significant contribution to the Magdalene community, the proposed field of study within the University, testimonials as well as interviews carried out.
e. The application should be one:
    i. who has a record of academic excellence consistent with the proposed field of study;
    ii. who can also demonstrate the potential to make a significant contribution to the broader life of Magdalene College;
    iii. who can articulate the personal benefit he/she believes this opportunity would afford him/ her; and
    iv. would not be able to accept a place at the College without financial assistance (please note that a means test will be applied).
f. The application and selection process will be overseen throughout by the Senior Tutor in his capacity as Admissions Tutor and as Director of Admissions for East and South East Asia.

8. After the Award has been granted

a. Upon successful award of the Scholarship, the Donors will make the scholarship funding directly to the College for payment of the University fees, College fees and Maintenance grant at the beginning of each term.
b. To claim for flight allowable reimbursement, the Scholar is required to show evidence that the return economy flight selected is the most reasonable route between London and his/her home country airport. Reimbursement will be made through direct deposit into the Scholar's private bank account. Please note, only one pair of return economy flights is reimbursable.
c. The successful applicant will be expected to provide the Donors with a brief annual report on the completion of each academic year, to be submitted within one month or the end of Easter term.
d. The Donors expect the Scholar to maintain a strong academic performance.

A YH2 Capital representative may contact you some time after the submission deadline to ask for feedback on the application process and any interactions that you have had with the YH2 Capital staff.

Please note, before starting the Scholarship application, you should be aware of the Personal Data Privacy Policy for applications: https://www.yh2capital.com/pdpa/. If there are any further queries, please do write to us at scholarship@yh2capital.com.