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29 May 2025

Application Number: 10835948

Dear Ms Tang,

I am writing to confirm that the Trust is delighted to award you a Gates Cambridge Scholarship, details of which are enclosed. May I extend my sincere congratulations to you on being awarded this most prestigious international scholarship in the face of intense competition.

To be a Gates Cambridge Scholar affords you an extraordinary set of opportunities, made possible by the generosity and enlightened philanthropy of the Gates Foundation whose donation to the University of Cambridge established the charitable organisation, the Gates Cambridge Trust, in the year 2000.

Your period of study or research at the University of Cambridge will both advance your career, and also connect you with a global network of future leaders in all walks of life. The Gates Cambridge Trust community itself now extends to over 2,000 Scholars and Alumni from more than 100 different countries; there are at least 250 Scholars in Cambridge at any one time. After your time at Cambridge you will become a member of the University's alumni network and the Gates Cambridge alumni community, with all of the benefits they both bring.

In return for these opportunities we will ask you to 'give back' in various ways. While at Cambridge we expect you first and foremost to dedicate yourself to your degree, contribute to your department and College, and be an active participant in the Gates Cambridge Scholar community. After Cambridge we will expect you to remain engaged with the Gates Cambridge Trust. You can do this by maintaining an up-to-date on-line profile, sending us news of your successes and media coverage, responding to any requests for information, ensuring the support given to you by the Gates Cambridge Scholarship is acknowledged wherever possible, and continuing to be an active member of the Gates Cambridge community. In particular, we hope that Gates Cambridge Scholars and Alumni Scholars will participate in our Ambassador programme, reaching out to prospective candidates in institutions across the world.



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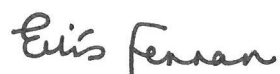
We look forward to welcoming you to Cambridge. The first major event will be the New Scholars' Induction Day, which will take place on **Thursday 25th September** in Cambridge.

This will be followed by Orientation Weekend (in the Peak District) between Friday 26th and Monday 29th September and finally a Welcome Dinner in Cambridge on Tuesday 30th September. We encourage you to attend these events where possible; further details will be sent to you by the Trust and the Scholars' Council over the coming months.

In the meantime, please formally confirm that you accept (or decline) this award by signing the Gates Cambridge Scholarship Decision Form enclosed with this letter and returning to our Programme team at selection@gatescambridge.org by **Monday 9th June**.

With renewed congratulations on your success.

Best wishes,



Professor Eilis Ferran
Provost, Gates Cambridge Trust

Terms & Conditions of your Gates Cambridge Scholarship for the academic year 2025-26

This Agreement records the terms and conditions that apply to the Gates Cambridge Scholarship (the 'Scholarship'), offered by Gates Cambridge Trust (the 'Trust') to you.

Summary:

Name:	Ms Yilin Tang
Citizen:	China
College:	Churchill College
Degree & Subject:	Certificate of Postgraduate Study in Computer Science
Application Number:	10835948
Starting on:	1 October 2025
Tenure (months):	48
Finishing on:	30 September 2029

The standard Gates Cambridge PhD award covers 3 years of fees and up to 4 years of maintenance, (in most cases no fees are due in the fourth year).*

Scholars in receipt of a full Gates Cambridge award will initially be registered with the Trust for the mandatory three-year fee-paying period. If you require additional time in order to complete your PhD, you will be required to work with your supervisor to agree a realistic fourth year plan and schedule for completion. The Trust will continue your maintenance payments up to a maximum of one further year, to the finish date noted above, to allow you to undertake the agreed completion plan.

The Trust will not make any payments beyond the fourth year of your award. You should therefore allow enough time to submit your thesis at the planned time, for a viva to take place, for completion of any corrections and to book your airfare home within the maximum four years of your award.

There are some four-year PhD courses that are provided by the University, which have a four-year fee-paying period. In such cases, full funding including maintenance allowance and fees will be provided by the Trust for four years from the outset.

The Trust does not support scholars into a 5th year except in the special circumstances requiring intermission (see below).

** Scholars in receipt of multiple scholarship awards for their studies are required to declare these to the Trust. The Trust may sometimes share your funding with other scholarship bodies, such as UK Research Councils, in which case your award will be adjusted to take account of this additional income.*

Value of the Scholarship:

1. Fees

For the tenure of your course, the Trust will pay annually 100% of the [University Composition Fee](#) unless you have been granted a fee award from another source, such as the [UK Research Councils](#) (in which case you should accept the fee award and the Trust will cover other elements listed below). The University Composition Fee of **£39,336** for a PhD in Science will be paid directly to your College annually, as agreed with the University and Colleges.

2. Maintenance allowance

For the tenure of your course, the Trust will pay you an annual maintenance allowance. In the academic year 2025-26 the annual maintenance allowance will be **£22,050**.

Your maintenance allowance will be paid each year of your course in four instalments at the beginning of each quarter, i.e. in October, January, April and July. Your payments will be made by electronic bank transfer to your UK bank account.

Before each payment is made, you will be required to sign in with the Programme Team to verify that you are in residence in Cambridge (or on authorised leave to work away) and actively working on your degree. Details of the sign in procedure for the next maintenance quarter will be communicated to scholars in advance of each quarter.

The maintenance allowance rate for any subsequent academic years will be announced by the Trust and notified to you prior to the start of the academic year for which the allowance applies.

The amount of the maintenance allowance awarded to you is at the absolute discretion of the Trust.

3. Travel

Your Scholarship includes the offer of an economy class flight to the UK (if you are not already residing in the UK) at the start of your course and an economy class flight home at the end of your course or at the end of your Graduate Writing Up Period, plus a standard fare train or coach ticket to travel to and from Cambridge. Scholars who are already resident in the UK will be eligible to apply for a reimbursement of their standard fare train or coach travel to Cambridge. Where practical, the Trust encourages you to use modes of travel that have the lowest carbon impact. The Trust will not reimburse travel costs that have been incurred by a Scholar without prior approval.

The Trust will cover the cost of one checked bag if it is not included with your travel ticket but it does not pay for any further bags or excess baggage costs.

Your scholarship award does not include insurance and you should make arrangements to ensure you are covered for any loss of baggage or personal possessions during your studies.

Full details about booking your travel are available from our dedicated [Scholar-elect web page](#).

4. Visas and Immigration Health Surcharge

The Trust will reimburse standard rate, student visa costs if you provide appropriate and relevant supporting documents. This reimbursement includes the Immigration Health Surcharge, which gives you access to the UK state health system, called National Health Service (NHS), including General Practitioners (known as GPs or family doctors) and NHS Hospitals. The Trust does not pay for private healthcare.

Full-time students who hold a European Healthcare Insurance Card (EHIC) issued in an EU country are able to apply for an Immigration Health Surcharge refund from the UK government. Any eligible scholar who chooses to apply for this refund must inform the Trust so that arrangements can be made for any reimbursed funds to be returned to the Trust.

Full details about visas and reimbursement from the Trust are available from our [Scholar-elect web page](#).

5. Discretionary funding from the Trust

Once in residence, Scholars are eligible to apply for additional discretionary funding. This includes:

- Academic Development Funding - e.g. for attending conferences
- Child allowance* - to help with the costs of child/ren resident with a Scholar in Cambridge; parental leave and funding as described in the Trust's [Guidelines for Scholars](#).

* If you wish to bring dependants with you to Cambridge, you will need to obtain prior written permission from the [Student Registry](#).

Terms and Conditions of your scholarship:

- Your Scholarship is tenable only for the length of the course specified in this offer letter. Your award cannot be extended.
- It is important that you:
 - familiarise yourself with and abide by the Trust's [Guidelines for Scholars](#)
 - familiarise yourself with and abide by all [regulations of the University of Cambridge](#) and the rules of your College
 - make satisfactory academic progress
 - reside in Cambridge unless you have been given permission to work and reside outside Cambridge by the University (e.g. for fieldwork, health or compassionate reasons, etc.) and have informed the Trust
- The Trust aims fully to support scholars and enable them to successfully complete their degrees. The Provost and Trust staff work with scholars, the University, departments, supervisors and Colleges to achieve this. However, in rare circumstances, the Trust will be entitled to terminate the Scholarship at any time, by immediate notice to you in writing, in the event of:
 - Your withdrawal from your course
 - Exclusion, suspension or de-registration, for any reason, from the University that results in removal of your graduate student status
 - Failure to make satisfactory progress in your study
 - Any act or omission which, in the Trust's reasonable opinion, is damaging to the reputation of the Trust or may have a detrimental effect on the Trust
 - Failure to comply with the conditions of your UK visa, should you require one (whether sponsored by the University or not) or removal of your right to study in the UK
 - The discovery that you have submitted fraudulent or otherwise false or dishonest information or made any misrepresentations to the Trust, either during the application process for the Scholarship or during or in connection with the course that is funded by the Scholarship
 - Neglect or failure to perform or observe any of the terms of this Agreement and such default, neglect or failure is not de minimis and is either incapable of

remedy or is capable of remedy but which you fail to remedy to the Trust's satisfaction within seven days after written notice from the Trust

- If you have received any monies from the Trust in error, you will be required to repay any amount overpaid within 14 days of the Trust demanding repayment, which shall be recoverable by the Trust as a debt.
- The Trust Scholarships are fully funded and we expect you not to hold any other named Scholarships coincident with your Trust funding. Exceptions to this are made for Scholars in receipt of funding from [UK Research Councils](#), in which case your award will be adjusted to take account of this additional income, and the [NIH Oxford-Cambridge Scholars Program](#). NIH Oxford-Cambridge Scholars will receive two years of funding from the Trust (usually when resident in Cambridge) to cover fees and will be eligible to apply for the Trust discretionary funding during this time. The NIH will provide the maintenance stipend for the duration of the course.
- You may undertake paid work during the tenure of your scholarship, provided that the work is in line with the [University's regulations for graduate students](#) and any applicable restrictions set by the UK government as part of your immigration permission (ie. your visa conditions). Work should not impact negatively on your studies, or delay or interfere with research: the consequences of working cannot be used as a reason to extend your Gates Cambridge award. If you receive funds from any other source during the tenure of your Scholarship, not in accordance with these rules, the Trust must be informed of this immediately. In some circumstances your award may be reduced or no longer paid if this funding is not compatible with your scholarship, for example if you have signed a paid, full-time employment contract.
- You may undertake an internship during the tenure of your scholarship, provided that you have permission from the University to intermit or take Leave to Work Away from your studies. The Trust may suspend your scholarship funding during this time if the internship is not compatible with your scholarship.
- If you undertake paid work during your studies, it is your responsibility to ensure that you are aware of any tax implications with regards to your employment. You may be liable for tax and/or UK national insurance payments.
- If it becomes necessary temporarily to stop your studies, you must inform the Trust in writing immediately. In addition, you are required to initiate what is called the "intermission" process with the University. This may have implications for your visa (if you require one to study in the UK). You may be required to return any maintenance allowance that has been paid to you in advance. Decisions about intermission are a matter for you, your supervisor, College Tutor and Degree Committee.
- If for any reason you need to withdraw from your course entirely, you must inform the Trust in writing immediately. In addition, you are required to initiate the deregistration process with the University. This will have implications for your visa (if you require one to study in the UK). You are obliged to return any overpaid maintenance allowance that has been paid to you in advance.

- If you wish to defer your admission and Scholarship, please note the following:
 - Scholars seeking to defer for one or two terms – you must seek permission from the Postgraduate Admissions Office and the Trust.
 - Scholars wishing to defer for a whole academic year will need to re-apply for admission (details from the Postgraduate Admissions Office) and seek permission from the Trust to defer your Scholarship (which is contingent upon you being offered admission to the same course and other factors as determined by the Trust). The Trust will agree to deferrals for good cause for up to one year.
- You are required to work with your supervisor to ensure your supervisor provides termly reports to the University (via CamSiS) as well as an annual report to the Trust (via our website).
 - If your Gates Cambridge Annual Report is not submitted by the specified deadline you will not receive your next maintenance allowance payment.
 - If your report suggests there is a cause for concern with your academic progress the Trust will contact your Supervisor for further information and your Scholarship may be terminated early. Please note that the Trust follows, but does not determine, such academic decisions.
- You must inform the Trust immediately if, at any time during your course, your circumstances change to an extent that it will have an adverse impact on the completion of your studies, your expected submission date or your end of course registration date.
- You must inform the Trust immediately if you need to extend or re-apply for your student visa. Reimbursements for a second student visa will be considered on a case-by-case basis and subject to academic requirement.
- If your course requires you to leave Cambridge for more than two continuous weeks you must under [University Regulations](#) apply for and be granted leave to work away from the University before you leave Cambridge and also inform the Trust.
- If you propose a change to your course or department, including PhD research topic, you must seek permission from all relevant bodies. These include your supervisor, the University Departments involved, College, School or Institute, the Student Registry and the Trust. Approval is at the discretion of the Trust and staff can give advice on the procedure.
- If you experience any difficulties during your degree that cannot be resolved in discussion with your supervisor or advisor (see [Graduate Code of Practice](#)) your College Tutor is the key person qualified to provide you with pastoral support in such circumstances and should be contacted at the earliest opportunity. If you are experiencing difficulties that might have an impact on your scholarship you should also inform the Trust immediately. The Trust will always be sympathetic in such circumstances.
- If you have any access or support requirements in order to undertake your studies you should contact the [Accessibility and Disability Resource Centre](#) (ADRC) to ensure appropriate support is put in place. This information is confidential and will not be shared with the Trust. If you have access and support requirements that you would like

the Trust to be aware of in order to support your participation in the Gates Cambridge community, please contact the [Programme Team](#) to discuss.

Intellectual Property

- The Gates Cambridge Trust makes no claim on ownership of any intellectual property for its scholars, past or present.

If it is appropriate to do so, you are very welcome to acknowledge the support you have received from the Trust to undertake your studies/project/paper etc. and may use the Gates Cambridge logo for this purpose. Please email scholar.support@gatescambridge.org for a .jpeg or .png file.

Applying for a second Gates Cambridge Scholarship

- If you wish to apply for a second degree and a second Scholarship you must submit a new application by the relevant funding deadline. Your application will be dealt with in the same way as all new applications.

Data Protection

- By accepting this Scholarship, you understand that the Trust will use and store the personal information you provide to us both directly and indirectly (e.g. through the University of Cambridge application and student administration processes).
- Your public profile (photo and bio) will be displayed and searchable from our website. You can edit the content (including text, privacy and communication settings) through your on-line profile. Access instructions will be provided once you have formally accepted your award.
- You can review the Trust's data protection and privacy policies on our [website](#). If you have any questions please contact the Trust at scholar.support@gatescambridge.org

Severability

- If any provision of this Agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, that provision shall be deemed to be deleted from this Agreement and the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect and the parties to this Agreement shall use their respective reasonable endeavours to procure that any such provision is replaced by a provision which is valid and enforceable, and which gives effect to the spirit and intent of this Agreement.

Entire Agreement

- This Agreement and any document referred to in it constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes and extinguishes all previous agreements, promises, assurances, warranties, representations and understandings between them, whether written or oral, relating to its subject matter.

- Each party acknowledges that in entering into this Agreement it does not rely on, and shall have no remedies in respect of, any statement, representation, assurance or warranty (whether made innocently or negligently) that is not set out in this agreement.
- Each party agrees that it shall have no claim for innocent or negligent misrepresentation or negligent misstatement based on any statement in this Agreement.
- Nothing in this clause shall limit or exclude any liability for fraud.

Governing Law and Jurisdiction

- This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law. Any dispute arising out of or in connection with, or concerning the carrying into effect of, this Agreement shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales, and the Parties hereby submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of that court for these purposes.

Gates Cambridge Scholarship Decision Form

Please complete the relevant sections of this form and return a signed copy as soon as possible to:
selection@gatescambridge.org

Your information

Name Yilin Tang

Degree & Subject at Cambridge Certificate of Postgraduate Study in Computer Science

College at Cambridge Churchill College

Accepting your Scholarship

Please complete either Section A or Section B of this form and sign accordingly:

Section A: I confirm that I have read the offer letter, details of the Scholarship and its terms and conditions and accept the offer of a Gates Cambridge Scholarship and note the conditions set out in the offer letter.

Signature Yilin Tang

Date 2025.06.05

Section B: I cannot accept the offer of the Scholarship (*Please give your reasons below for declining*)

Signature _____

Date _____

Additional Funding

If you have received or accepted offers of additional funding, please provide the following information:

Name of Award	Annual value	Date awarded/to be awarded
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