

Master of Studies in History: Supporting Documents

Below are details of the general and course specific supporting documents you will be asked to provide **before you can submit your application**. These are marked with an asterisk (*). References and transcripts can be provided either at the time of submitting your application or shortly after. Please submit all supporting documents as soon as you can.

If you have any questions, please contact ICE Admissions: mst.admissions@ice.cam.ac.uk and we will be happy to help.

References

You will need to provide the details of two referees who can provide academic references (preferable) or professional references. If at all possible referees should comment upon your academic ability and suitability for this course. Please try and avoid personal references. You will be asked to provide email addresses for your referees so that they can submit their references via the online referencing system, so it is important for you to ensure that each referee is able to provide a reference for you before you submit your application form.

If your referees are unable to use the online referencing system, or do not have email addresses, please contact the ICE Admissions office for further assistance.

Transcripts

A transcript is a list of all the courses you have taken during a programme of study, with the result you obtained, and with the credit value if applicable.

If you are currently studying, please provide a transcript listing the courses taken during your programme of study, with the results or grades obtained for each. Current Cambridge students should upload a copy of their unofficial transcript from their Student Self-Service.

If you have previously completed degree-level study, please provide a transcript or degree certificate for each degree-level programme you have studied, showing the date the degree was awarded and the final class or grade obtained.

The transcript should be uploaded via the Applicant Portal. Please note that we may also ask you to send the originals via post if we make you an offer of admission and supplying these may be a condition of your offer.

If your documents are not in English, you must also upload a full translation of each document, prepared by a registered translator.

Research Proposal*

This is one of the most important parts of the application. Applicants are admitted for the topic of their research proposal and an expert supervisor has to be secured before an applicant can be admitted.

The 'statement of intended research' should state clearly the intended area of research, the chronological period, how the research contributes to the existing historiography on that topic, and the primary sources that might be consulted, within the scope of the MSt, and should be between 600-1,000 words (2-5 pages) in length. The chronological period should be appropriate to the research question and body of primary sources and it is advised that a long chronological period is avoided. The proposal should display an awareness of the relevant secondary literature on the place of study and wider research area, as well as the national and/or global context. A strong proposal would indicate the possible primary sources to be consulted. The research proposal will be strengthened with a bibliography of suitable primary and secondary sources.

Sample of work*

Applicants should submit a writing sample (in English). This should be a complete final-year undergraduate paper (or a number of shorter papers) in History or a related field (Humanities or Social Science) or approximately 10-20 pages of historical research. Non-standard applicants should contact the Course Director to discuss an appropriate form of writing sample.