

British Rapper Funds Tuition At The University Of Cambridge

Michael Omari, known professionally as Stormzy, has [announced](#) the continuation of funding for another two students at the University of Cambridge this autumn.

Announced exactly a year ago, "The Stormzy Scholarship" is a scheme targeted at empowering British black students from underprivileged or disadvantaged backgrounds with financial support during their undergraduate education, funded by the award-winning London-based grime musician.

"Last year, 61 new black students arrived to take up their courses at Cambridge, the largest number ever but not nearly as many as we would like", said Professor Stephen Toope, the University of Cambridge's Vice-Chancellor. Around 25% of the whole student population at the educational institution comes from a BAME background. Moreover, between 2012 and 2016, six of Cambridge's 31 colleges had admitted fewer than 10 black or mixed-race students. Stormzy's initiative aims to help inspire new generations of black students, ensure they are supported and increase awareness on race inequality in higher education.

Cambridge has also recognized that 2% of the total intake is marginally too little and offers support to a number of access schemes run by its African-Caribbean Society. Members of such societies frequently act as mentors for potential applicants.

As per the scheme, the scholarship will cover the full cost of four tuition fees – two students in 2018 and two students in 2019, as well as a maintenance grant for up to four years of any undergraduate course. Although the artist will be self-funding the entire costs, he hopes to draw in attention and financial support from additional investors to partake in the scheme.

Eligibility for the scholarship demands applicants to hold an unconditional offer and be of black heritage. The applications close on Sunday 1 September 2019 and will be judged by a panel of university staff.

Stormzy was among the Forbes European 30 Under 30 list in 2017.

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