Working and living in Cambridge

Cambridge has long had a reputation as one of the UK’s most-loved cities and it’s easy to see why it remains a magnet for people looking for a high quality of life. This distinguished and delightful city has both brains and beauty. It manages to be modern and dynamic, but still feel charming and laid-back.

Home to one of the world’s oldest and most prestigious universities, Cambridge is full of historic cityscapes. Family friendly neighborhoods abound, accompanied by first-class state and private schools and colleges. You’re never far from picturesque countryside but only 50 miles by train from central London.

Simmering at the surface in the city is the palpable promise of innovations. From healthcare to computing to telecommunications and beyond, Cambridge continues to be a hotbed of breakthroughs in the science and technology space. The city and its county is home to more Nobel Prize winners than anywhere else in the UK. That innovation is generated by the most extraordinary ecosystem, where academics, entrepreneurs, investors and businesses intersect. That’s what created the Cambridge Science Park — now the most exciting technology cluster in Europe and home to Mundipharma International.

Location
Cambridge is located 50 miles (80 km) from London

Population
The population of Cambridge is more than 130,000

Technology cluster
Cambridge is Europe’s largest technology cluster

Life science & healthcare
Cambridge is home to more than 430 life science and healthcare companies

Employment
Cambridge is home to more than 4,700 knowledge-intensive firms employing more than 60,000 people with more than 12bn of turnover

Patents granted
Cambridge has 341.1 patents granted per 100,000 residents — the highest in the UK and more than the next four cities combined

Employment social grades
Cambridge has a much higher than average proportion of people in high and intermediate managerial, administrative and professional jobs (41.7% in social grades A and B compared with 23% in England nationally)

Competitive city
Cambridge is the most competitive city in the UK, according to The UK Competitiveness Index 2013

Quality of life
Cambridge scores consistently highly in quality of life studies, for example, ranking third in the list of the 2017 Glassdoor Best UK Towns and Cities to Work In