

A first-class education is one of the most valuable gifts that any parent can give to a child. But with costs continuing to rise, putting children through university has become a major financial commitment for many parents.

Some parents will be determined that their child attends only the best university, whilst others will take a more pragmatic approach. Whatever their view, it's going to cost.

So the message is simple – it's never too early to start saving.

To get some idea of the potential costs involved, let's look at Cambridge University in the UK. In 2010-11, international students had to pay tuition fees of £18,573¹ for a science-based undergraduate course. For 2015-16, the same tuition fees will have increased to just under £23,000² - that's an increase of over 23% in just 5 years.

If we assume that these fees continue to increase by just 4% each year, in 10 years' time a 3 year course could cost over £105,000, as shown in the table below.

And if that's not enough to get your clients' attention, guess what? - expenses such as college fees, course materials, food, socialising, travel, accommodation will be extra.

Help is at hand. Quantum is an investment plan that aims to build up a lump sum to help meet further education fees in return for a regular premium. In the example, we'd be talking about £670 (\$1,053) per month paid over 10 years.

The monthly premium has been calculated using the Quantum illustration system assuming an annual growth rate of 7.5% (inclusive of all Quantum product charges).

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¹ Source: <http://www.theguardian.com>

² Source: www.study.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/international/finance

³ Exchange rate GBP to USD 1.5717

Tuition fees make no allowances for any financial aid/discounts that may apply.

	Year	Tuition fees	USD equivalent ³
First year	2025 - 2026	£33,925	\$53,319
Second year	2026 - 2027	£35,282	\$55,452
Third year	2027 - 2028	£36,693	\$57,670
	Total	£105,900	\$166,441



“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

– Benjamin Franklin.