

PLM Components Innovation Conference

2026

Travel and Accommodation Guide

April 28-29, 2026

Downing College, Cambridge | UK

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Venue information

We're in Cambridge!

The event will be held at Downing College, part of the University of Cambridge, UK, a historical location in the heart of the city

With its world-class computer science and engineering departments, the University of Cambridge was home to pioneering research that influenced both theoretical and practical aspects of geometric modeling

The venue is approximately 1m (1.6 Km) from Cambridge's train station – 7 mins by car or bus or 20 mins walk



International Travelers

If you are flying into the UK to attend the conference, consider the following airports and transport options to Cambridge

London Stansted Airport (STN), approximately 30 miles (48 km) south of Cambridge

Travel Time: Around 30-45 minutes

Transport Options:

Train: Direct trains run regularly from Stansted Airport to Cambridge

Bus: National Express coaches also operate frequent services directly to Cambridge

London Heathrow Airport (LHR), approximately 70 miles (113 km) southwest of Cambridge

Travel Time: Around 2 to 3 hours

Transport Options:

Train: Take the Heathrow Express or Elizabeth Line to London Paddington, then transfer to the Underground (Circle or Hammersmith & City Line) to King's Cross. From King's Cross, take a direct train to Cambridge

Bus: National Express coaches offer direct services from Heathrow to Cambridge

London Gatwick Airport (LGW), approximately 90 miles (145 km) south of Cambridge

Travel Time: Around 2 to 3 hours

Transport Options:

Train: Take the Gatwick Express or Thameslink service to London King's Cross or St Pancras International. From King's Cross, take a direct train to Cambridge

Bus: National Express coaches provide direct services

London Luton Airport (LTN), approximately 40 miles (64 km) southwest of Cambridge

Travel Time: Around 1 to 1.5 hours

Transport Options:

Train: Take a shuttle bus to Luton Airport Parkway station, then a train to London St Pancras International. From St Pancras, you can walk to King's Cross (about 5-10 minutes) and take a direct train to Cambridge

Bus: National Express coaches offer direct services to Cambridge



Traveling within the UK

By Train

Main Line: Cambridge railway station is a major hub with excellent connections

Direct Services: Frequent direct trains run from London King's Cross (approximately 50-90 minutes) and London Liverpool Street (approximately 1 hour 15 minutes to 1 hour 40 minutes)

Connections: You can also easily connect to Cambridge from many other major UK cities, often with one change

By Car

Major Roads: Cambridge is easily accessible via the M11 motorway (from London and the South) and the A14 (from the Midlands and the North/East).

Parking: Be aware that parking in Cambridge city center can be limited and expensive. Consider using one of the several **Park & Ride** sites located on the outskirts of the city. These offer convenient bus services into the center

By Bus/Coach

National Express: Offers services from various cities across the UK directly to Cambridge Coach Station

Local Buses: If you're coming from nearby towns or villages, local bus services are available



Accommodation options

When booking your accommodation for the event, you can consider the following options at walking distance from the conference venue:

[University Arms Hotel](#)

[Hilton Cambridge City Centre](#)

[The Hobson Cambridge](#)

[Hotel du Vin Cambridge](#)

[Premier Inn Cambridge City Centre](#)

[Gonville hotel](#)



Getting around Cambridge

Walk: Many of the colleges, museums, and attractions are within easy walking distance of each other

Cycle: Cambridge is famous for its cycling culture and is very flat, making it ideal for bikes

Local Buses: Stagecoach operates a comprehensive local bus network

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