

POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS

ALL SAINTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Knightrider House, 2 Knightrider Court, London EC4V 5AR

www.aset.org.uk

Tel: (0) 20 7248 8380 Email: aset@aset.org.uk

The Trust makes personal grant awards to teachers, intending teachers and students in Religious Studies, Home Economics and related areas. Awards to students over the age of 18 years from the UK/EU 'home' students, and to students who are citizens of other countries, studying at a university within the UK.

Several exclusions apply – please visit their website for more information. Enquiries on a form available from the website. Once it has been verified that the candidate is eligible, a full application form will be sent. Application packs are usually available from November for courses starting the following year.

Overseas applications will be considered in May.

ANGLO-CZECH EDUCATIONAL FUND

Moon Beaver Solicitors, Bedford House, 21A John Street, London WC1N 2BF

Email: info@moonbeever.com

Grants and loans to students from the Czech Republic who wish to study primarily in the UK, USA, and European countries.

Contact the fund to request an application form.

BRITISH CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIPS

(For International Postgraduate Students)

www.chevening.org

The British Chevening Scholarship scheme aims to bring future leaders, decision-makers and opinion-formers to the UK for a period of postgraduate study. To be eligible, you should have a proven record of success and have the potential to rise to a position of power and influence in your chosen career.

Chevening awards are given annually to students from a wide variety of countries. They cover all or part of the cost of a one-year postgraduate course in the UK. Once you have completed the course, you will be expected to return to your home country.

You can find out more and apply online at the Chevening website.

CTBI HARDSHIP FUND

<https://ctbi.org.uk/hardship-fund/>

Email: hardship@ctbi.org.uk

One-off grants to full time students from developing countries attending British or Irish institutions for first degree or postgraduate studies, who are within 6 months of completing their course but face unexpected financial problems.

- Awards are made to students already in Britain or Ireland from developing countries, who intend to return home after their current course and can show that their qualification will benefit such countries.
- Awards are made to applicants undertaking full-time first degree or postgraduate studies lasting a minimum of one academic year.
- Awards are made to students who are within 6 months of finishing and who can show that their financial problems are unexpected and that a small grant will enable them to complete their course and graduate.

All grants are made at the discretion of the Hardship Fund Committee. Grants are typically up to, but not exceeding £1,000; the same person is not funded twice. Application forms are available by emailing the Applications Secretary at the above email address. Decisions on grants are made three times a year, in February (for studies finishing April-July), June (for August-November), and October (for December-March).

FUND FOR HUMAN NEED

Administrator, Mrs G Mason, 6 Newlands Road, Darlington, Co Durham, DL3 9JL

<http://fundforhumanneed.org.uk/>

Email: fundhumanneed@gmail.com

One-off grants of up to £120 to people who are in distress or to those attempting to get over a short-term hurdle / crisis. Priority is given to those:

- who are destitute or have no income or benefits
- who are particularly vulnerable
- where £120 will make a major difference

Please note the charity only has a limited amount of monthly funds and receives a huge amount of applications. For this reason it is unable to help anyone who already has some source of income. Applications may be made in writing to the charity or via the form on their website, including details of financial circumstances. However, the majority of applications are made through intermediary organisations.

HAMMOND TRUST

Secretary to the British Council, 10 Spring Gardens, London SW1A 2BN

Email: Hammond.Trust@britishcouncil.org

Grants to students from Asia, aged between 18 years and 45, who are studying in the UK. Grants are intended to help students complete their studies when these are threatened by unexpected financial difficulties. Applicants must be in their final 6 months of study for a degree, diploma, or other professional qualification. Preference is given to those whose study will benefit the applicant's own country. No grants for tuition fees. Grants are not given where financial help is still available from the applicant's own authorities.

Application forms are available from the correspondent, but applications must be made through the academic institution's authority and must be officially stamped.

HUMANITARIAN TRUST

20 Gloucester Place, London W1U 8HA

Tel: 020 7486 7760

Grants to British citizens and overseas students under 30 years old who are on a recognised course of academic study at graduate or post graduate level in the UK, and who hold a basic grant for the course. Grants of £200 are awarded for academic subjects only, and top up fees.

Some exclusions apply, please contact for more information. Applications in writing including a CV, income and expenses and total shortfall, plus two references (from course tutor and head of department). Applications are considered twice a year in March and October.

LECHE TRUST

Rosemary Ewles, Grants Director, 105 Greenway Avenue, London E17 3QL

www.lechetrust.org

Tel: (0)20 3233 0023 Email: info@lechetrust.org

The Trustees will consider supporting non-EU overseas PhD students who find themselves in unforeseeable financial difficulty during the final six months of their course at a UK university. Grants are made towards living costs, not tuition fees, and the typical size of grant offered is £500 - £1,000.

- Students should be studying for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Preference will be given to those studying subjects having a direct bearing on the development of the applicant's own country. The Trust will not assist students studying religious subjects.
- Preference is given to students under the age of 35.
- Grants will normally be confined to students who intend to return to their own countries on the completion of their studies.
- Help from the Trust should not be invoked while financial help is still possible from the applicant's own authorities. There is, however, no objection to the Trust supplementing another award, if that award is limited and is clearly inadequate.
- Trustees do not support UK or other European Union PhD students, or provide assistance to individual students for undergraduate or other post-graduate degree courses.

Application form is available on their website. Applications are accepted at any time during the year but Trustees allocate the funding in two tranches. Decisions are made each year after 1st September and after 1st January on the applications that have been received by those dates, taking into account each student's timetable for completing their degree.

NORA HENRY TRUST

Educational Grants Advisory Service, Family Action, 24 Angel Gate, London EC1V 2PT

www.family-action.org.uk

Tel: 020 7254 6251 Email: grants.enquiry@family-action.org.uk

One off grants to students from any country with a preference for students from developing countries who are studying subjects which will be of use when the student returns to that country.

Applications on a form available from the correspondent. Applications should be submitted directly by the individual and supported by an academic referee. Applications considered all year round.

NURSES ASSOCIATION OF JAMAICA (NAJ) (UK)

Head Office, 146 Littleheath Road, Selsdon, Surrey CR2 75F

www.naj.org.uk

Tel: 07800 765 459 E-mail: info@naj.org.uk

Primarily people from black and ethnic minority groups especially African-Caribbean groups. Considers any studies to promote the practice of nursing, midwifery, and health visiting. This may range from students undertaking studies in health education, sociology, psychology, nursing and other health and health science related programmes, in particular where the course of study will impact positively on the health and health care of ethnic minority groups. Preference is given to people living in Birmingham, London, Nottingham and internationally.

Application forms are available from their website.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE APPEAL FUND

PO BOX 61044, London SE1 1UP

www.prisonersofconscience.org

Telephone: (0) 20 7407 6644 Email: info@prisonersofconscience.org

The Prisoners of Conscience Appeal Fund offer 2 types of financial assistance to prisoners of conscience:

1. Relief and rehabilitation grants

Mainly one off grants for prisoners of conscience and/or their families, who have suffered persecution for their beliefs. The purpose of the grants can include: Basic essentials such as food, clothing, toiletries and travel costs; Basic furniture; Counselling/Therapy sessions; Medical needs; Some vocational conversion courses such as PLAB and IELTS. They do not help with undergraduate university fees, but can help with travel fares, books etc.

2. Bursary grants for postgraduate study

Grants from the Bursaries Fund are available to former prisoners of conscience to assist with tuition fee payments for postgraduate study or professional conversion courses in the UK. Applications are considered on an annual basis. If successful, funding will be provided towards tuition fees for one academic year. A commitment for funding subsequent years cannot be given but applicants can re-apply to be considered again the following year. No retrospective funding can be given.

A recognised/approved agency should make the application on behalf of the individual or family. You can ask your solicitor to make an application or you can contact the Citizens Advice Bureau who may apply on your behalf. If you are in touch with any other refugee organisations or official bodies, you could also ask them to make an application. If you do not know of any organisation who might be able to assist you, please contact: grantsofficer@prisonersofconscience.org for advice. See website for full details.

PROFESSIONAL AID COUNCIL

The Executive Secretary, 10 St Christopher's Place, London, W1U 1HZ

www.pcac.org.uk

Tel: 020 7935 0641 Email: admin@professionalsaid.org.uk

Grants are given to home students, EU, and overseas students. Grants are also given to refugees with Home Office Refugee Status or Exceptional Leave. Preference is given to students who are in their first or last year of study, and who started their course with the expectation of full funding and have exploited all other financial options open to them. To be eligible for help, your parents must hold a university degree or equivalent and/or be part of a profession that requires this level of education. Alternatively, if you have a first degree yourself then you meet the criteria. Grants are usually in the region of £300 – £500.

SCHILIZZI FOUNDATION

The Secretary Rowan Turweston Brackley Northants. NN13 5JX

www.schilizzifoundation.org.uk

Email: admin@schilizzifoundation.org.uk

Grants to Greek nationals pursuing undergraduate degree courses or vocational training in Great Britain where there is shown to be real need of financial assistance. Priority is given to students in their final year of study.

Application forms are obtainable from the Secretary at the above address. Applications can be submitted directly by the individual or a parent/guardian, or through an organisation such as a school or an educational welfare agency. They are considered up to 1 April in the final year, although earlier applications are preferred.

SIDNEY PERRY FOUNDATION

The Secretary, PO Box 889, Oxford OX1 9PT

www.the-sidney-perry-foundation.co.uk

The Foundation aims primarily at helping first-degree students in hardship, maximum grant being £1000. Eligible overseas students studying in Britain can also apply. Postgraduates may also receive support. Students are expected to have a confirmed placement at University and have the bulk of their funding. Because of limited resources, the foundation is unable to assist students in the first year of a three or four-year course, or those over the age of 35.

Full details and application form available on website.

SIR ERNEST CASSEL EDUCATIONAL TRUST: MOUNTBATTEN MEMORIAL GRANTS

The Acting Grants Secretary, CTBI Hardship Fund, 121 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4YN

www.casseltrust.co.uk

Email: hardship@ctbi.org.uk

The Mountbatten Memorial Grants are intended for overseas students from developing countries including the Commonwealth, who have encountered unforeseen financial difficulty in, or towards the end, of their final year of study at a university in the United Kingdom. The grants are intended to help with living expenses in order to achieve the successful completion of the course. The grants do not cover fees or part fees. They can not be regarded as a source of primary funding.

Overseas students who think they may be eligible to apply, should contact Mr Robert Anderson at the above email address. There is a comprehensive application form which will then be sent for completion and two references will also be required, one academic and one non-academic.

SEARCH FOR TRUST FUNDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FUNDING

In addition to this list, there are websites which provide information on Scholarships and Charitable Trusts, and also include a Grant search facility to help students identify appropriate funding based on individual circumstances and needs - see examples below:

<https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/> - This website includes information on scholarships & financial support for International Students

www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk – information on postgraduate scholarships for UK, EU and International Students

When applying to charities you are advised to consider the criteria carefully as organisations often have very limited funding and will not consider applications unless they meet their specific criteria.

- The Directory of Social Change publishes "**The Educational Grants Directory**" which lists details of charities and trust funds - a copy of this directory can be accessed via the University Money Advisers.



Produced by Money Advice, University of Worcester
See our Website for a Guide to applying to a Trust
www.worcester.ac.uk/moneyadvice/trustfunds



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