

# POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS



## 1st FORMATIONS SCHOLARSHIP

[www.1stformations.co.uk/business-scholarship](http://www.1stformations.co.uk/business-scholarship)

71-75 Shelton Street, Covent Garden, London, WC2H 9JQ

Tel: 020 3897 2233 Email: [info@1stformations.co.uk](mailto:info@1stformations.co.uk)

This Scholarship awards up to 10 successful applicants with a bursary of £600 each. The bursary is designed to help students with some of the additional costs involved in studying, such as the cost of course materials, textbooks and other living expenses.

To be eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- A current student (undergraduate or postgraduate) in a recognised UK academic institution.
- Display a desire to run your own business.
- Demonstrate academic excellence by providing a letter of recommendation from a tutor or course co-ordinator.
- You must not be a previous recipient of the 1st Formations Business Scholarship.
- Demonstrate personal circumstances which make you a suitable candidate for additional financial support.

See website for details on how to apply and what evidence to provide.

## CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIPS

(For International Postgraduate Students)

[www.chevening.org](http://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.

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### EDINBURGH ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN – PRESIDENT’S FUND

Eileen Brownlie, Honourable Secretary, 12 Dean Park Mews, Edinburgh EH4 1ED

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Funding is available to assist women in their final year of study for a degree (postgraduate or undergraduate) in a university in the United Kingdom. Awards are not given for courses of one year’s duration (undergraduate or postgraduate), or for access courses, diploma courses nor for certificate courses.

- Awards are for those who face unexpected financial hardship.
- Awards are given for the current study year – the applicant’s final year of study.
- Successful applicants to the Fund will receive one award only.

Application forms are available by request from the Honourable Secretary, which must be returned completed with two signed academic references. Applications are considered three times a year by the Trustees of the Fund - usually in October, January and April.

### EWS EDUCATIONAL TRUST – Exceptional Contribution Grant

<https://ewseducationaltrust.co.uk/>

c/o UNW LLP, Citygate, St. James’ Boulevard, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4JE

Applicants must have a close family member who works or who previously worked within the UK rail freight industry. Close family members are defined as being a parent, step-parent, grandparent, spouse, partner or civil partner. Applications are also considered from individuals who are or were employed directly in the UK rail freight industry.

The Exceptional Contribution Grant is awarded to help support those who would like to or intend to carry out a truly exceptional piece of research for the greater good. The ideal applicant is likely to be involved in, but not limited to, the fields of medical, scientific or engineering advancement and is anticipated to be doing doctorate or post-doctoral research.

Further information and an application form is available on their website.

### FUNDS FOR WOMEN GRADUATES (FFWG)

[www.ffwg.org.uk](http://www.ffwg.org.uk)

Grants Administrator, Jean Collett-Flatt, 4 St Michaels Gate, Shrewsbury SY1 2HL

Tel: **01743 383047** Email: [grants@ffwg.org.uk](mailto:grants@ffwg.org.uk)

FFWG awards grants specifically for living expenses to Women, during their postgraduate studies, with the aim of positively impacting their future career and our society as a whole.

**FOUNDATION GRANTS** are designed to help women graduates in the final year of a PhD or DPhil with their living expenses (not fees). To be eligible you must be registered for study or research at an approved institution of higher education in Great Britain and doing the bulk of your study in Great Britain. Foundation Grants can be up to £6,000 and are awarded in July for the following academic year

**EMERGENCY GRANTS** provide support for graduate women who face an unforeseen financial crisis whilst engaged in study or research at an approved institution of higher education in Great Britain. They can be up to £2,500 and are awarded in May and November.

Additional information and application forms available on their website.

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### HUMANITARIAN TRUST

[www.humanitariantrust.co.uk](http://www.humanitariantrust.co.uk)

20 Gloucester Place, London W1U 8HA

Tel: **020 7486 7760** Email: **humanitariantrust@prismthegiftfund.co.uk**

The Humanitarian Trust awards one-off grants of a maximum of £1,000 to students each year who have a shortfall in their income needed to complete their course of study.

The following criteria must be met for the Trust to consider a grant:

- Students must be studying for a higher degree in an academic subject (Masters, PhD, Medicine, Dentistry or similar) or a graduate degree in the UK
- Students must not be over 30 years of age when they complete their course
- Students must have secured the majority of their required income needed for the year
- Grants must be used for tuition fees or living expenses only

Further eligibility criteria detailed on their website.

Grants are not awarded for non-academic courses in art, music, theatre, youth work or sports; overseas courses, travel-related or fieldwork research projects will not be supported.

Application Form available on their website. Grant applications are reviewed by Trustees annually in March.

### LEVERHULME TRADE CHARITIES TRUST

[www.leverhulme-trade.org.uk](http://www.leverhulme-trade.org.uk)

1 Pemberton Row, London EC4A 3BG

Tel: **020 7042 9885** Email: **grants@leverhulme-trade.org.uk**

Grants to UK undergraduate and postgraduate students who are in financial need and have a parent or spouse or are employed themselves, as a commercial traveller, pharmacist or grocer.

Postgraduate Bursaries up to £5000 per annum may be paid to eligible students studying a full-time postgraduate degree at a recognised UK University. Grants for any reasonable costs connected with going to university, including tuition fees, accommodation costs, living expenses, or equipment to help you study. Grants paid to institutions to pass through to the successful applicants.

Please visit their website for full details of eligibility, and for an on-line application form.

### ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

[www.rgs.org/in-the-field/in-the-field-grants/students/](http://www.rgs.org/in-the-field/in-the-field-grants/students/)

Grants Officer, Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR

Tel: **020 7591 3000** Email: **enquiries@rgs.org**

The society provides several grants with different eligibility criteria to postgraduates and undergraduates from the UK, and/or EU, and/or other countries, to support university students with research and field trip costs (not living costs or tuition fees) in areas such as geography, environmental science, conservation, society, economy, and natural history.

Please visit their website for details.

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### SIDNEY PERRY FOUNDATION

[www.the-sidney-perry-foundation.co.uk](http://www.the-sidney-perry-foundation.co.uk)

The Secretary, PO Box 889, Oxford OX1 9PT

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 RICHARD STAPLEY EDUCATIONAL TRUST

[www.stapleytrust.org](http://www.stapleytrust.org)

Clerk SRSET, PO Box 76132, London E8 9HE

Email: [admin@stapleytrust.org](mailto:admin@stapleytrust.org)

The Trust supports the work of postgraduate students of proven academic merit, and in financial need, who are pursuing further degree qualifications at an institution in the UK. Open to students from all countries, applicants must be resident in the UK at the time of applying, as well as during their course of study. The Trust supports postgraduate degrees in any subject, as well as courses in medicine or veterinary sciences taken as a second degree. All grants are made annually, and are normally between £500 and £1,200.

Awards are competitive and made on the basis of academic merit and financial need.

Full details and application form available on the website.

### YORKSHIRE LADIES COUNCIL OF EDUCATION

[www.ylce.org](http://www.ylce.org)

YLCE, Ground Floor Offices, Forest Hill, 11 Park Crescent, LEEDS LS8 1DH

Tel: **0113 269 1471** Email: [info@ylce.org](mailto:info@ylce.org)

Provides small awards to help British women who cannot finance their chosen educational course from their own resources and do not qualify for support from Student Finance. However, **women who are eligible for a Postgraduate Loan may apply.** The grant awarded is normally between £200 and £400, and support course fees only. Grants are paid direct to institutions on behalf of applicants. No payments are made to individuals.

Applications are accepted from Women who:

- Are British citizens.
- Are aged 21 and over.
- Have a confirmed offer of a place at a British educational institution.
- Are not eligible for Student Finance support and require help with course fees.
- Are not related to a member of the Yorkshire Ladies' Council of Education.
- Women who are eligible for a Postgraduate Loan are also eligible for support.

Applications are made online on their website and are assessed in September, March and June.

## SEARCH FOR TRUST FUNDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FUNDING

- [www.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.turn2us.org.uk) - a charitable service which helps people access welfare benefits, educational grants and other help. Individuals can search their database to find funding
- [www.thescholarshiphub.org.uk](http://www.thescholarshiphub.org.uk) - provides a searchable database for scholarships and other funding
- [www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk](http://www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk) - designed for postgraduates and intending postgraduates.
- [www.postgraduatesearch.com](http://www.postgraduatesearch.com) - offers advice on courses and funding for postgraduates
- [www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk) - a graduate careers website which also provides information on sources of funding for postgraduate students.
- <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/> - specifically for International postgraduates and intending postgraduates, and includes a postgraduate scholarship finder.

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 is usually available as a reference book in public libraries. A copy of this directory can also be accessed via the University Money Advisers.

