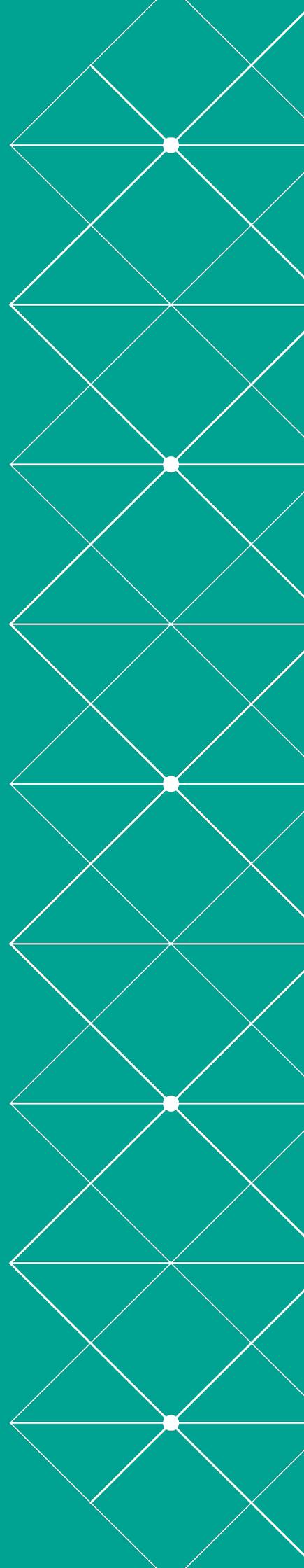


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ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES 2017/18

FUNDING SOURCES FOR FIELDWORK, CONFERENCES,
TRAVEL AND LIVING COSTS



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INTRODUCTION

This guide is intended to provide students and other academic members of College with important information about the different types of funding available to support fieldwork, travel and other research costs. The majority of the funding listed in this document comes in the form of travel grants aimed at either facilitating fieldwork or attendance at international conferences.

Please note that this guide does not cover sources of funding for tuition or college fees (for more information about these please see the graduate funding pages of the University website [here](#)).

The handbook is divided into three parts. Parts 1 and 2 address funding options for research and academic costs, while Part 3 looks at the funding options available for living and other non-academic costs. Part 1 aims to provide some general information on creating your own funding searches, based on Oxford University guidelines.

Part 2 focusses on those specific areas of funding which may be of interest to Nuffield students, addressing the 3 main subject areas (Sociology, Economics and Politics respectively) in which Nuffield specialises. In addition, there is a section on non-subject-specific funding, which highlights some of the funding available to all students, and in particular to those students pursuing interdisciplinary topics.

Both sections 1 and 2 will, in turn, be split into information about internal and external sources of funding. External sources of funding include NGOs, educational charities and educational institutions such as universities or libraries. In particular, other educational institutions and organisations provide a valuable source of funding for research students. Organisations hosting academic conferences, for example, often offer specific funding for those travelling to the event. Similarly, libraries and archives can offer incentives for visiting academics. While some funds of this nature are listed below, in some cases, this funding is not always immediately apparent. It is therefore worth checking with the library or institution you are visiting to see if they offer any funding for visits.

Part 3 looks at the financial aid available to those who require assistance with living costs. Again, this is split into general Oxford University Funds and internal Nuffield funds.

If you have any further queries about the funding available, please contact the [Academic Office](#).

PART 1: GENERAL INFORMATION (SEARCHING FOR FUNDING):

For more general information, please see the Oxford University webpage on travel grants [here](#).

Travel grants are helpful for academics who wish to carry out field work, attend conferences or need to reach other institutions for research purposes.

Please remember that you should liaise with your Departmental Administrator when costing and preparing a grant application, and that all applications for external research funding must first be approved by the relevant Head of Department and then (except for applications for less than £20k with no associated staff costs) endorsed on behalf of the University by Research Services, before they can be submitted to the sponsor. Grant applications must be submitted to Research Services at least 5 working days before the sponsor's deadline.

There are several sources of funding available, some of which are listed later in this document. The following is a short guide to searching for both external and internal sources of funding available.

Finding Travel Funding Opportunities on ResearchProfessional.com

All members of the University have access to the funding opportunities email alerting service and comprehensive searchable database at ResearchProfessional.com.

Create your own searches

Please read our [ResearchProfessional Quick Start Guide](#)  (252kb) and [How best to search for funding opportunities on RP.com](#)  (850kb). You can also find out how to export funding opportunity deadlines automatically into your Outlook Calendar or share online calendars you have created with other colleagues. For further information please see our [ResearchProfessional.com Calendar Guide](#)  (192kb).

Browse workgroup pages

Workgroup pages contain saved searches and saved folders of selected funding opportunities. Workgroups exist for each division and for some departments, research groups or theme. A selection of funding opportunities relevant to travel has already been set-up on each of the divisional workgroup homepages (and some sub-workgroup homepages).

ResearchProfessional workgroup searches/e-mail alerts

- [General/no specific subject area](#)
- [Humanities](#)
- [Social Sciences](#)

ResearchProfessional workgroup folders of funding opportunities

You will be able to save these general travel funding searches into your own ResearchProfessional account, and by selecting 'Save' and then 'Shortcut and alert' you can choose to receive weekly email alerts for these searches. (Please note you will need to log-in first.)

- [General/no specific subject area](#)
- [Social Sciences](#)

These travel funding opportunities have been specially selected ('bookmarked') by divisional workgroup editors. (Please note you will need to log-in first).

Internal Opportunities

Career Development Fellowships

Advertised on a departmental basis and on the [Research section of the Oxford University jobs listing](#), the CDF scheme was set up to attract and retain high quality post-doctoral students to the University. All CDFs are invited to take courses at the [Oxford Learning Institute](#).

Scholarships and Prizes

Can be found on the [Sources of Funding](#) web pages.

External Opportunities

Conferences: Check with your conference organisers to see if there is any specific funding available for travel to that particular event.

Libraries and archives: Check with the library / institution you are visiting to see if they offer any funding for visits.

Useful Links

Useful Guide to Grants available in the US can be found via sites such as the [Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University](#).

PART 2: SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR NUFFIELD STUDENTS

Non-Subject Specific Funding

[BIAA/SPBS Fieldwork Awards](#)

Specification: Up to £2000 (BIAA) or £400 (SPBS) supporting fieldwork in Turkey/ the Black Sea relating to Byzantine Studies.

[The British Institute for the Study of Iraq Research and Conference Grants](#)

Specification: Up to £4000 to support research and the organisation of academic conferences principally concerned with the lands and peoples of Iraq.

[Prix du Québec Award](#)

Specification: £1000 to assist British academics carrying out research related to Québec.

[Canada-UK Foundation Travel Awards](#)

Specification: Up to £1000 to fund visits to Canada (for a minimum of 1 week) directly related to the applicant's research.

[The Cross Trust Grants](#)

Specification: Open to applicants of Scottish birth or parentage and are in financial need 'to extend the boundaries of their knowledge of human life'.

History

[Institution of Historical Research \(University of London\)](#)

Specifications: Grants provided by the Institute of Historical Research (University of London) and related institutions to support the study of history and related interdisciplinary subjects.

Sociology

Internal Sources of Funding

Details to be released later in the academic year - please see [Sociology website](#) for details as they become available.

External Sources of Funding

[British Sociological Association \(BSA\) Support Fund](#)

Specifications: The BSA Support Fund is available to UK Concessionary members of the Association. Applicants can benefit from a maximum of £250 towards research-related expenses, attendance at conferences and study group events, and thesis production costs. To be eligible, applicants must reside in the UK, be a BSA member in the UK Concessionary category, and have been a BSA member for a minimum 12 months prior to application. If you have applied for free Annual Conference registration and have been successful you may also apply to the Support Fund for up to a further £75 to support your attendance. Applications must be accompanied by a letter of support from a supervisor or from a suitable referee. Letters of support must be printed on the institution's letterhead and be signed by the supervisor.

[American Sociological Association: Student Forum Travel Awards](#)

Specification: ASA anticipates granting approximately 40 travel awards in the amount of \$225 each. These awards are meant to assist students by defraying the expenses associated with attending the ASA Annual Meeting. Applicants must be students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate sociology degree in an academic institution and a current student member of ASA at the time of application.

[European Consortium for Sociological Research](#)

Specification: Members are offered a reduced fee for attendance at the annual ECSR conference, reduced fees to participate in the graduate summer and spring school and preferential selection of members from ECSR member institutes and internship grants to visit ECSR member institutes *Link:*

[Association for the Sociology of Religion: Joseph H. Fichter Research Grant Competition](#)

Specification: Members of the Association for the Sociology of Religion 'involved in promising sociological research on women in religion or on the intersection between religion and gender or religion and sexualities'.

[Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness: Post-Graduate International Conference Travel Grants](#)

Specification: Up to £600. UK students presenting a paper at a recognised international conference outside the UK where their paper contributes to medical sociology/the sociology of health and illness.

Economics

Internal Sources of Funding

[The George Webb Medley Endowment Fund](#)

Specification: Set up for the making of grants 'for the promotion of the study of the science of political economy'. Currently registered graduate students (i.e., reading for an MLitt, DPhil, or MPhil) may apply for grants from this fund to further their research. Typical examples would be applications for the finance of fieldwork outside Oxford or for the data preparation of a sample survey, in accordance with the above. Grants are given only for projects that include a substantial amount of economic analysis. Application must be justified in terms of its relevance to the student's research plan and of a carefully worked out budget based on the cheapest form of travel. It will need the support of one referee (normally the supervisor) who should be asked by the applicant to write directly to the secretary of the fund. Grants will not be made towards the foreseeable expenses of obtaining a higher degree (such as the cost of typing, binding or photocopying a thesis). The assessor of applications may interview applicants. The managers will expect some reporting back on the research carried out with the help of the fund, and any material, such as the microfilm or computer tapes, should be made available to the University. Applications may be sent in at any time, but it is advisable to apply at least one month in advance of the project.

External Sources of Funding

[Royal Economic Society: Conference Grant Scheme](#)

Deadline: 31 January, 31 May, and 30 September each year in respect of conferences that take place in the ensuing four months. The closing dates are strict. If applicants have not yet received confirmation that their paper has been accepted for a conference, they should still apply by the appropriate closing date. Any award made will be conditional on confirmation of their participation at the conference.

Specification: The Society's Conference Grant Fund is available to members who are presenting a paper, or acting as a principal discussant at a conference; support of up to £500 is available. Preference is given to those who are new entrants to the profession, those who are attending highimpact international conferences, and those whose attendance cannot ordinarily be funded from other sources, such as existing research grants. No awards will be made to any applicant who has received RES financial assistance in the 3 previous years.

[The Claes Isacson Scholarship](#)

Specification: Up to 20 000 USD for studies related to, or of importance to, the shipping industry and/or the marine insurance business.

[RADMA Postgraduate Student Conference Funding Programme](#)

Specification: Up to £500 for students presenting a paper, up to £250 for conference attendance for Masters and DPhil students to attend a conference relevant to their studies. Studies have to be in:

1. Management of scientific and technological activity within firms and public bodies
2. Determinants of performance in research, development, product design and innovation
3. The interaction of organisation-wide processes such as strategy formulation and human resources with R&D
4. National innovation systems

[Economic History Association Grants and Fellowships](#)

Specification: Exploratory Travel and Data Grants are early stage grants for doctoral students writing a dissertation in economic history. They provide funding for specific research purposes (for example, visiting archives, data transcription, or purchase of microfilm or CD-ROMs) and in most instances will not exceed \$2,500. They are non-renewable, but recipients are eligible to apply subsequently for a Graduate dissertation fellowship (see above). Applicants must be current members of the Association.

Politics and International Relations

Internal Sources of Funding

Applications for all: Application forms available on Weblearn.

Deadline for all: Friday of 5th Week of the preceding term

Cyril Foster and Related Funds

Specification: (Principally MLitt and DPhil students) undertaking research in international relations for modest grants towards travel and related research expenses

The Cyril Foster Fund

Specification: 'the promotion of international peace and the prevention of future wars'.

The Alastair Bucan Subsidiary Fund

Specification: Strictly limited, for 'the promotion of research in international relations'

The Oxford Project for Peace Studies Fund

Specification: Strictly limited, intended for 'the study of the nature of peace and of the methods by which peace can be developed and extended'

Maurice Latey Award Fund

Specification: 'to assist travel for research by postgraduate students in the fields of politics or international relations working on aspects of democracy, freedom and religion'

Pavry and Winchester Awards

Specification: support research in the areas, respectively, of international peace and understanding; and human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Royal Bank of Canada Research Scholarship

Deadline: 5th Week Trinity Term

Specification: £1000. Any graduate student of the university (including MPhil and MSc) to cover costs of research outside of the UK on 'international relations with special reference to Canada'

Norman Chester Fund

Specification: Not over £500. Intended for 'the promotion of the study of government and politics and generally to further a science of politics within the university'. MPhils can apply in exceptional circumstances if their research requires fieldwork abroad.

Andrew W. Mellon Fund

Specification: Intended for the promotion of research in American Government.

[Link for all](#)

External Sources of Funding

[European Consortium for Political Research](#)

Specification: The ECPR Provides grants in order to encourage attendance at the following events:

Joint Sessions Young Scholar's Grant

Specification: For attendance at the Joint Sessions Warsaw event 2015

Joint Sessions Graduate Grant

Specification: For Students attending the Joint Sessions Warsaw event 2015

ECPR Grant

Specification: For those attending the Winter School in Bamberg 2015

[International Political Science Association](#)

There are several awards available from the IPSA in the field of Political Science. Check the website for further details.

[Leverhulme Trust Study Abroad Studentships](#)

Specification: Annual maintenance allowance of £21000, with an additional £7000 allowance for a dependent partner, return air fare and baggage allowance. Funding for 12-24 months of advanced study or research overseas (excluding the USA). Non-UK residents are not eligible.

[Society for Latin American Studies Conference Grants](#)

Specification: Up to £500 to assist postgraduates to attend major conferences held outside the UK. You must be a member of SLAS, a current research student at a UK university (of any nationality) and giving a paper at the conference.

[Society for Latin American Studies Postgraduate Travel Grants](#)

Specification: Up to £600 per year to encourage and assist in overseas fieldwork. Aimed at those preparing for a PhD in topics related to Latin American Studies. Must be members of SLAS as a student at a UK university. Must be spent on travel costs.

[David Nicholls Memorial Trust Research Awards](#)

Specification: Up to £1500 to support the completion of original research on a topic related to Caribbean studies. There is also a fieldwork award of the same value available to support those carrying out fieldwork for a minimum of two weeks in the Caribbean. Postgraduate students registered with a UK Higher Education institution are eligible to apply.

[European Association for American Studies Postgraduate Travel Grants](#)

Specification: Postgraduate students in the Humanities and Social Sciences registered for a higher research degree at any European University and are members of an American Studies association may apply. Two types of grant apply:

- Transatlantic Grant: 3-8 weeks travel and some living expenses to an American university, independent research organisation or archive in the USA. DPhil students only.
- Intra-European Grant: Up to 4 weeks at an American Studies Centre or university library or archive in Europe. DPhil or MPhil students may apply.

[British Association for Japanese Studies](#)

Specification: Up to £400 to help graduate students attend conferences and seminars outside of the UK, and up to £250 for conferences within the UK, on a subject relating to Japanese studies.

[British Association for American Studies](#)

Specification: Up to £750 to fund UK scholars to research or read papers at a conference on American studies topics in the USA. Studies relating to American histories, culture and society.

[Council for British Research in the Levant Travel Grants](#)

Specification: Up to £800 to cover costs of travel and subsistence of students, academics and researchers undertaking reconnaissance tours or smaller research projects in the countries of the Levant.

[American Philosophical Society Grants](#)

The John Hope Franklin Dissertation Fellowship

American doctoral student completing a dissertation.

The Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research

Up to 5000 USD. American citizens or applicants who wish to carry out their work in the USA for exploratory field studies.

The Phillips Fund for Native American Research

Up to 3500 USD. Research in Native American linguistics, ethnohistory and the history of studies of Native Americans in the continental United States and Canada. Travel costs.

[Gilbert Murray UN Study Awards](#)

Specification: Up to £1000 for young international relations students studying the purposes and work of the United Nations.

[Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst Grants](#)

Specification: Multiple schemes available, covers maintenance and contributes to travel.

PART 3: LIVING COSTS

University Funding Sources:

General University Resources:

[University Guide to Seeking Financial Assistance](#)

University Guide to Living Costs:

Information on how to manage your living costs and useful estimates of the cost of living and studying in Oxford can be found [here](#). This includes information on average living costs, what additional expenses to expect, and the cost of living with a dependent or partner in Oxford.

[Vice-Chancellor's Fund](#)

Specification: The Vice-Chancellors' Fund is intended to assist students in the final stages of their DPhil. Awards vary but do not exceed £3,000, and will be calculated on a pro rata basis for part time students. All parts of the application must be received by the Senior Tutor by 12 noon on Friday 6 February 2015.

Eligibility: The fund is only available to DPhil students in the final stages of their degree. The following eligibility criteria also apply:

- Students should be planning to submit their thesis between 1 September 2015 and 31 March 2016.
- Students must have applied for confirmation of status by 31 January 2015 and this must be achieved by 30 April 2015.
- Students must be able to demonstrate that they are in need of financial assistance.
- Students must be able to demonstrate that they are academically outstanding.
- Students should not be beyond their fourth year of study at the time of application.

How to apply: Fill in the application for which can be found on the webpage below. This must then be given to the 'College Hardship Officer'- in the case of Nuffield, this is the Senior Tutor or the Academic Officer.

[University Hardship Fund \(UHP\)](#)

Specification: The University Hardship Fund aims to assist students who experience unexpected financial difficulties due to circumstances which could not have been predicted at the start of your course. The maximum award is £5,000 and awards of this level will usually be a combination of a grant and a loan. Students in their final year will normally be given a loan as it is expected that they will be able to take on paid employment on completion of their studies.

Eligibility: For the full list of eligibility criteria and for information on how the selection committee defines 'unexpected circumstances' please see the web page below.

How to apply: Students should contact their College Hardship Officer (The Senior Tutor) to request an application form and discuss their application. Applications are considered by the University Hardship Committee, which meets termly. The Termly deadlines can be viewed on the webpage below. It is possible, in emergencies, for the Chair to consider applications between meetings. This must be requested when the application is submitted to Student Fees and Funding and is subject to the availability of staff and the Chair. Colleges should send completed forms to Student Fees and Funding by the appropriate deadline listed below. The forms include sections for the student, college and tutor or supervisor to complete. Colleges are also asked to include a copy of the student's financial guarantee. Students must demonstrate the following in their application:

- how your financial situation has changed since your studies began
- why these changes are unexpected and could not have been predicted at the start of your course

- what steps you are taking to find alternative funding. Students who are in the early years of their course will be expected to demonstrate that they have thought about how they are going to fund the rest of their studies.

Other Funding

Specification: There are many other grants available to help with living costs. Many of these are subject-specific or are aimed at students from a particular country or socioeconomic background. A list of such grants can be found on the webpage below.

Nuffield College Funding Sources:

General Information

College Hardship Grants

Specification & eligibility: Students who encounter unforeseen circumstances of hardship should consider applying to both the College and the University for hardship grants.

How to apply: An application form for the College Hardship scheme is available from the [Senior Tutor](#). The Senior Tutor will also help guide you through the application process.

Deadline: Applications can be made at any time

External Funding Sources

[Canadian Centennial Scholarship Fund](#)

Specification: Canadian citizens studying a postgraduate course at a UK university. Applicants undertaking a one year programme are not eligible.

[Commonwealth Scholarships](#)

Specification: Various scholarships for citizens of commonwealth countries.

[The Anglo-Danish Society](#)

Specification: Students with a first degree from a Danish university undertaking postgraduate study in the UK. Minimum award: £2500