

SOURCES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR NEW COLLEGE STUDENTS

College is aware that many Graduates face increasing hardship in financing their way through higher education. In light of this, the MCR Committee with assistance from the Bursar has prepared this document as an attempt to list some of the possible sources of financial assistance which may be available. It does not pretend to be either exhaustive or definitive, but is meant merely as a guide. Any Graduate student who wishes to see the Bursar for advice or to explore whether any of the sources of assistance listed below may be worth applying to is welcome to do so. We would also direct your attention to the Student Funding Officer, Ruth Hunt, who can be contacted at the University level.

The sources are in three categories - first, those controlled/administered within College; secondly, those controlled/administered by the University; thirdly, external sources.

COLLEGE FUNDS

UNDERGRADUATE SPECIFIC

Keasbey Bursaries: These bursaries can be for up to about £750 per annum and are awarded according to financial circumstances, the major guide to which is the size of the LEA contribution to University fees (ie. it is assumed that the lower the contribution, the lower is the financial need within the family). An undergraduate can receive a Keasbey Bursary in each year of study. In recent years the Keasbey Bursary scheme has been topped up with monies from the New College Development Fund, a Charity established to channel donations from Old Members (former students) of the College to the benefit of the College, its staff and present students. This part of the monies involved can be used to assist students who would otherwise be eligible for a Keasbey Bursary, but for the fact that they do not have a British parent (but do have an LEA contribution to the University academic fee).

Robert Hamilton Jackson Prize: A figure of about £150 is available for distribution to one or more undergraduates in need of financial assistance, as recommended by a Tutor to the Discretionary Emoluments Sub-Committee by Friday of 2nd Week in Trinity Term in each academic year. An undergraduate should approach his or her Tutor in the first instance.

Longstaff Exhibition: A figure of about £100 will be made available to 'a needy and meritorious undergraduate' who has passed Prelims or Moderations, and is reading for a Final Honour School, with a preference for students who are not holders of their scholarships. The Discretionary Emoluments Sub-Committee will consider recommendations from Tutor's providing such recommendations are received by Friday of 2nd Week in the Trinity Term. An undergraduate should approach his or her Tutor in the first instance.

Nicoll Bursary: A grant of £50 in each year of study is available for each undergraduate studying Fine Art. This award will be made automatically at the beginning of the Hilary Term.

Vacation Residence Grants: A limited number of days' residence during vacation will be paid by the

College (£10.00 per day for 2000/2001, the daily rate for 2004/2005 will be decided later in Michaelmas Term subject to review). These grants are normally available only to undergraduates in receipt of an LEA award. Details from Tuition Office in 4 OB. Similarly, for those students who stay up in vacation or return to College to assist with Open Days and/or the Admissions process the College will pay certain costs.

UNDERGRADUATES AND GRADUATES

Emergency Assistance (Discretionary Emoluments Sub-Committee): In very exceptional circumstances, this Committee will consider applications for financial aid where all other potential sources of assistance have been tried: undergraduates and graduates should approach the Bursar in the first instance.

Study Grants: Some £4,000 per annum is dispersed by the Discretionary Emoluments Committee in the form of individual grants of up to about £125 each. A notice is displayed at the beginning of the Hilary Term and the relevant application form is available from the Bursar's Secretary for return by mid-February. It is advisable to apply early, although 'late comers' are dealt with in a second round in the Trinity Term (if the kitty is not empty by then!). There are strict criteria; please read carefully the notes with application form.

The Sir Duncan Watson Bequest: is for undergraduates and postgraduates facing financial hardship. Some £3500pa is available for students in the Humanities and Social Studies (excluding Management Studies but including Mathematics). See Bursar.

The Millman Hardship Fund: is a fund to be used to support New College students facing financial hardship. Capital may be spent. The Fund might, subject to agreement from Mr Millman, be merged with 'Student Support' and/or the Baring Bursary Fund (below) if expanded into a Student Support permanent endowment item.

The Harlech Scholars' Trust: The Scholarships are in memory of Lord Harlech (Old Member) and enable a NC graduate to go to an American University, and, if finances permit, an American graduate to come to NC/Oxford. The fund was built-up on appeal in 1985-87, c£125K being collected. The 'Trustees' include Lady Harlech, Sir Isaiah Berlin, Lord Jenkins. The Fund 'lives' within the American Friends of New College; the 'Trustees' meet to decide on the award of scholarships, subject to the Trustees of the American Friends confirming that £x are available to support same. It is not that the Fund is meant to be permanently endowed, but, clearly, £x needs to be calculated according to the level of capital (taking into account preservation for a reasonable (30 year + period)

The Anthony Andrews Fund: The capital was collected in the early 1990s in memory of Tony Andrews, retired Wykeham Professor of Ancient History, and the income is used to provide grants to students wishing to travel in Greece.

The Baring Bursary Fund: The Baring Foundation gave the sum of £10K in response to the launch of the DF in 1989. The correspondence indicates that the Trustees of the Baring Foundation saw the

£10K for the 'endowment' of student bursaries ~ the minimum needed to make the Scholarship viable.

The Hedley-Broadfield Legacy: (Mr A.A. Broadfield, Old Member, 1929) funds financial aid to students in memory of his wife and himself; neither the subject areas nor the criteria for allocation are stipulated in the Will, and, at present, the guidance of Governing Body to the Trustees is that the income should be used to finance Bursaries allocated on financial need to New College undergraduates and postgraduates of any subject area.

The Reynolds Legacy: (Mrs Reynolds, in memory of her Son, R.D.Reynolds, History and Modern Languages, Old Member, 1967) funds Bursaries, Grants and Loans for the benefit of History undergraduates and postgraduates, and Modern Languages undergraduates and postgraduates, allocated on the basis of academic merit and financial need (each applicant must fulfill both criteria).

A.O. Dyer Trust: £1,200 p.a. should be used to contribute towards costs met by new Clinical Medical students at the rate of up to £100 per student in the first year. 'Students should either apply direct to Tutor for Graduates or for approval by him and one of the Fellows in Medicine'. (quote from memo sent to Tutor for Graduates from the Bursar dated 3 March, 1994).

Financial Assistance is available to graduates from a number of sources for assistance with research expenses, or for relief of unexpected hardship. Up to £115 per year for each graduate may be made available for research expenses, attendance at conferences, and so on. Clinical Medics embarking upon clinical electives receive £225, or £250 if their elective is conducted in a developing country. Exceptionally, additional assistance may be available to graduates for special projects but such payments are very rarely made. Information about financial assistance from the College or the University is available from the Bursar's Secretary. Notices for some schemes (notably Access Funds) are posted at appropriate times.

D.Phil Completion Grants

UNIVERSITY FUNDS

Committee on Student Hardship: This Committee may be able to assist undergraduates and graduates who encounter unforeseen and unforeseeable hardship. Details of the scheme and application forms can be obtained from the Bursar's Secretary . The Committee will expect the College to have provided some help and, therefore, applicants should discuss their position with the Bursar at an early stage to determine their eligibility for College assistance and thereby in turn for University assistance.

The Oxford University Gazette of mid-October each year (copy in the College Library or available for reference in the Office of the Bursar's Secretary) lists a considerable number of scholarships, etc. each with specific criteria and regulations. The list is sometimes supplemented by further notices issued as supplements to subsequent issues of the Gazette.

Oxford Overseas Bursaries: There are some Oxford University Scholarships for overseas students, available for those accepted 'for first time graduate or undergraduate entry at Oxford' in the

subsequent academic year, providing they are liable for the 'full cost' overseas fee.
Details from the Bursar's Secretary.

The Oxford Society: Assistance is available for undergraduates and graduates in cases of unforeseen financial hardship. Notices will be displayed during January and application forms are available from the Bursar's Secretary for return by 1 March in each year.

Oxford University Grants for Special Research Expenses: Graduates may obtain an application form from the Bursar's Secretary for financial assistance with research project costs, the form to be returned by 6th Week in each term of the academic year.

Access Funds: This fund is largely to assist students paying UK EU fees and having to live in private rented accommodation and incurring in excess of those faced by students living in College/University accommodation. Grants range between £100 and £750 according to rent paid, income and savings. Forms will be available during the Michaelmas Term. The scheme is administered by the Bursar using University/HEFCE funds. The Access Funds are also especially for mature students, those with health/disability problems which incur financial costs, those with extra expenses attached to following their degree course.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TO STUDY AT OXFORD

The following section describes around 300 awards which will be available to international students for graduate study at Oxford in 2004-5. Each scholarship scheme has its own conditions of eligibility and you should read the entries carefully. To find out more about the awards for which you might be eligible, you should look first at those in Sections 1 and 8, which are not restricted to students from one geographical region. You should then look at awards for students from your own region.

Students who have specific questions on funding may contact the International Office, University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JD (international.office@admin.ox.ac.uk). Please quote reference GSP2004 in any correspondence.

Scholarship Application procedures

For most scholarships administered by the University, applicants should complete the form for Scholarships and Bursaries for International Students. This form may be obtained either by completing the slip at the end of the prospectus or from the internet at www.admin.ox.ac.uk/io/. You should normally submit your application between 1 December 2003 and 31 January 2004 although the final deadline for specific schemes may differ. Closing dates are given in each scholarship entry.

Some scholarships administered by the University have separate application forms and these can also be obtained by completing the slip at the end of the prospectus or in some cases by downloading them from the [International Office web pages](#).

If you are applying for any University scholarship other than those administered by the Rhodes Trust and the OSI/FCO Chevening Scholarships, you must [apply separately for entry to Oxford through the Graduate Admissions Office](#). The scholarship application form does not serve as an admissions form.

Scholarships not Restricted by Region

[Clarendon Bursaries](#)
[Development Studies Scholarships](#)
[DFID Shared Scholarship Scheme](#)
[Freshfields studentships \(Law\)](#)
[ORISHA Studentships](#)
[Overseas Research Student \(ORS\) Awards Scheme](#)
[The Rhodes Scholarship](#)
[Sasakawa Fund](#)
[Shell Centenary Scholarships and Shell Centenary Chevening Scholarships](#)
[The Winter Williams Studentship in Law](#)

Scholarships: Applicants from Africa

Museveni Scholarships
[The Rhodes Scholarship \(Kenya, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe\)](#)

Scholarships: Applicants from Asia

[Felix Scholarships \(India\)](#)
[Hong Kong Oxford Scholarship Fund Bursaries \(China\)](#)
[Noon/Chevening/Oxford Scholarships \(Pakistan\)](#)
[Oxford Kobe Scholarships \(Japan\)](#)
[Rhodes Scholarships \(Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore\)](#)
[Sasakawa Fund \(Japan\)](#)
[K C Wong Scholarships \(China\)](#)

Scholarships: Applicants from Australasia

[James Fairfax, Oxford-Australia Fund and Chevening Oxford-Australia Scholarships \(Australia\)](#)
[Chevening Oxford-Australia Scholarships](#)
[Rhodes Scholarships \(Australia, New Zealand\)](#)

Scholarships: Applicants from Europe

[Artal Scholarships \(Belgium\)](#)
[Bodossaki Graduate Scholarship in Science \(Greece\)](#)
[Dulverton Scholarships \(Central/Eastern Europe\)](#)
[Freshfields studentships \(Law\)](#)
[Graduate Assistance Fund Awards \(Law\)](#)
[Hill Foundation Scholarships \(Russia\)](#)
[Linares Rivas Scholarship \(Spain\)](#)
[Michael Wills Scholarship \(Germany\)](#)
[OSI/FCO Chevening Scholarships](#)
[Prendergast Bequest \(Ireland\)](#)
[Rhodes Scholarships \(Germany\)](#)
[Scatcherd European Scholarships](#)

[Theological Scholarships \(Eastern and Central Europe\)](#)
[UK Research Councils and British Academy Awards \(European Union\)](#)
[The Winter Williams Studentship in Law](#)

Scholarships: Applicants from the Middle East

Karim Rida Said Scholarships

Scholarships: Applicants from North America

[Fulbright Scholarships](#)

[Marshall Scholarships](#)

[Rhodes Scholarships](#) (Bermuda, Commonwealth Caribbean, Canada, Jamaica, USA)

EXTERNAL FUNDS

Banks: Junior Members are advised that the major clearing banks are, generally, very keen to hang on to student accounts in the expectation that, in due course, they turn into solid and prosperous middle-class and middle-age accounts, and, therefore, you should feel able to negotiate reasonably hard with your bank about the privilege of giving you an overdraft (interest-free or at a preferential rate), bearing in mind that some banks currently offer only a limited interest-free overdraft and 'shopping around' may be useful.

Local Charities: There may be very small and highly localised Charities, not perhaps picked up in the volumes listed below, that operate in your home area and you should check your local reference library, with local clergy, with your old school, etc.

'The Grants Register' (Macmillan Globe): Copy available in the College Library listing, on a world-wide basis, grants, awards, fellowships and scholarships for graduate study.

'Directory of Grant-Making Trusts' (Charities Aid Foundation): (copy in College Library.) Lists a huge range of Trusts and Charities which may be able to assist individuals - needs careful study but may well provide substantial assistance if an individual can meet the often rigorous criteria of a specific charity.

Overseas Research Students Award Scheme: Some 850 awards are made annually by the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals to overseas research students. Details are available from the Bursar's Secretary, and applications need to be submitted by the end of April for the subsequent academic year. The awards contribute towards the cost of tuition fees, and not towards maintenance.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Scholarships and Awards Scheme: This may be relevant for an undergraduate who is proceeding to graduate studies and who is a foreign national 'from countries with whom the United Kingdom's commercial and economic relations are expected to develop'. Exceptionally applications will be considered from students already on a course. Details from the Bursar's Secretary.

Career Development Loans: Organised by the Department of Employment in conjunction with certain banks, these loans of between £300 and £5,500 are for postgraduate or other training courses of up to one year and offer an interest free period of borrowing before repayments begin. Of relevance to final year undergraduates considering their options for next year. Details from the Bursar's Secretary.

Student Loan Scheme: Relevant information, and application forms, available from Tuition Office at certain times only (please see College notice boards) or clearly sent to you automatically by LEA. Applications ~ be made by the end of June in any given academic year. The College will need to see your birth certificate if you were born in the UK or your passport if you were born outside the UK, before it is able to sign the Certificate of Eligibility for the Student Loan Company - bring it with you in October.