

Postgraduate Study: Sources of Funding

Postgraduate students may wish to explore the follow options in relation to financial support.

1. Government Guidance

For a government overview of funding options for postgraduate studies:

<https://www.gov.uk/funding-for-postgraduate-study>

Key content: you can find helpful directories under the ‘Trusts and Charities’ heading

Postgraduate Master’s Loan

This loan can help with course fees and living costs while you study a postgraduate master’s course: <https://www.gov.uk/masters-loan>

Career and Professional Development Loans

If you already have a degree, you can apply for a Career and Professional Development bank loan which you repay once you have finished studying: <https://www.gov.uk/career-development-loans>

2. Useful Resources and Databases

Prospects

Specifically aimed at graduate careers, this link specifically provides guides to the loans, scholarships and bursaries available to postgraduates, and get advice on employer sponsorship and working while studying: <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study/funding-postgraduate-study>

The Scholarship Hub

This website explores different potential sources of Masters funding that you could be eligible for: https://www.thescholarshiphub.org.uk/masters-degree-funding/?fbclid=IwAR3j9MNQYIQ2ZCcSqYqSs2f_vbOVAuUPByCDDqmXk9mNa-93j3ZZr9-A3qM

Postgraduate Funding

Use the search engine to find small funding grants such as travel bursaries, exchange programme funding, living cost grants, fee waivers:

<https://www.postgraduatefunding.com/?fbclid=IwAR0Tip89M-BkkaZy2HXY-G5uap8Lwt4FOw4od8MwDDm55Yuo4LWvsOZlqzo>

Directory for Social Change's 'Guide to Grants for Individuals in Need 2020/21' publication

You can purchase this here: <https://www.dsc.org.uk/publication/grants-individuals-need-2020-21/>

Postgraduate Funding Guide

You can download their 'Ultimate Postgraduate Student Funding Guide' directly or navigate their website to understand the average breakdown of costs for postgraduates and other ways to receive financial help:

https://www.postgrad.com/fees_and_funding/funding/postgraduate_student_funding_guide/

Study UK

A useful resource for more specifically for international students: <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/scholarships/great-scholarships>

Key content: look out for GREAT scholarships

Trinity Laban

This page is dedicated to additional methods of locating external funding, for postgraduate students: <https://www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/study/fees-and-finance/external-funding/other-funding-opportunities/>

Turn to Us

You can explore this online directory for grant-giving charities: <https://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk/>

Postgraduate Studentships

A directory of charities and trusts offering funding for postgraduate students:

<https://www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk/funding-opportunities/study/charity-trust-funding/applicant/all/organisation/all/subject/arts-and-humanities/region/all/pn/1>

Key content: Information for international postgraduate loans is available here:

<https://www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk/opportunity/international-postgraduate-student-loans/22103>

3. Grants & Bursaries

The Rebecca Skelton Scholarship

If you're looking for dance specific, small grants:

<https://www.postgraduatefunding.com/award-452>

Postgrad Solutions Study Bursaries

Here you could access bursaries worth £500:

https://www.postgrad.com/fees_and_funding/postgrad_solutions_study_bursaries/information/

The Oppenheim-John Downes Memorial Trust (age 30+ only)

The trust provides small scale grant to British artists, designers, writers and performers over the age of 30 who are experiencing financial difficulties in the pursuit of their careers:

<http://www.oppenheimdownestrust.org/>

Please note: This payment cannot contribute towards course fees but can be used for materials, equipment, research, travel, and production costs

The Yorkshire Ladies' Council of Education (YLCE) Educational Awards Fund

British women over the age of 21 who are not eligible for the student loan but can't fund the course fees themselves may be eligible for these small grants towards course fees:

<https://ylce.org/awards>

Gilchrist Educational Trust

Gilchrist Grants can provide grants for individuals who find themselves facing unexpected financial difficulties that may prevent them from completing the course:

<http://www.gilchristgrants.org.uk/>

The Voice of Jewish Students

Specifically for Jewish students to access further financial support during their studies:

https://www.ajs.org.uk/ajs_student_welfare_fund

Please note: you will need to copy and paste this link into your browser to access the website

The Split Infinitive Trust

A small trust with limited funds to distribute, supporting live and performance arts more specifically in the regional Yorkshire area: <http://www.splitinfinitivetrust.co.uk/>

Please note: grant-giving activities currently paused due to covid 19

The Sir Richard Stapley Educational Trust

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 £1,300 <https://www.stapleytrust.org/>

Please note: currently closed for 21/22 applications

Please note that this information was correct at the time of issue. Further options may become available during the academic year and we therefore advise you continue to search for new sources of funding.