University of Oxford - Sasakawa Fund

Sasakawa Thesis Completion Grant

The Board of Management for the Sasakawa Fund has set up a scheme offering grants to suitable students in the final year of a DPhil course at the University of Oxford, to assist with the final write-up of their thesis. The conditions for such a scheme are as follows.

1. **Name** - The grant is called the Sasakawa Thesis Completion Grant
2. **Eligibility (timing)** – the grant is available to students enrolled on a DPhil course at the University of Oxford who at the time of receiving the award have completed their period of full fee liability but have not yet been granted leave to supplicate. In making awards, the Board will prioritise those applications which can show that the funding will materially assist in the writing up of a doctoral thesis. It is not intended merely to allow a deadline for completion to be postponed.
3. **Eligibility (subject)** - Applicants must demonstrate that their thesis has a significant focus within the remit of the Fund, namely the advancement of knowledge and understanding of Japan, but this may be within the humanities or social, physical or medical sciences.
4. **Application process** - Applicants are required to complete a standard form, to be submitted by the stated deadline published each year. The applicant’s DPhil Supervisor will be required to submit a reference which should indicate whether an award would be likely to facilitate the completion of the thesis. The Board will consider all valid applications and will make awards to those meeting suitable standards in the opinion of the Board, subject to the limitation of the budget available in that year.
5. **Amount** – the grant amount shall be £3,500 per student, subject to periodic review. The grant shall be paid to the successful applicant as a single sum. No student may receive this grant more than once. The number of grants to be offered in any year will be subject to the budget for these agreed by the Board, and the quality of applications received.
6. **Reporting** - recipients of the grant will be asked to provide a brief report on how they have made use of the grant.