

Graduate Funding Handbook

FACULTY OF ORIENTAL STUDIES

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Introduction

Welcome to this guide of the funding opportunities available within the Faculty of Oriental Studies for on-course graduate students. Together with an overview of the application process, the grants, prizes and scholarships listed in this handbook are presented in subject groups and with information about the maximum amount of money that can be applied for, deadline of applications, eligibility for applying, and information about previous awards, where this information is applicable or available. Therefore, this guide is intended to help students find funding opportunities that are relevant to them.

We invite anyone thinking of making an application to any of the listed grants or scholarships to visit the Scholarships and Grants page of the Faculty website first and foremost, <https://www.orinst.ox.ac.uk/article/scholarships-and-grants>, for more information about the various funding opportunities available throughout the University and from external organizations. Students are also welcome to contact the Trust Funds Administrator on trustfunds@orinst.ox.ac.uk with any questions.

Where applicable, deadlines for entries are given. Otherwise, please feel free to submit applications at any time of the year and the Board of Management to the fund will make a decision when they next meet.

For those who are applying for further graduate study with the University, please go to the University's Fees, Funding and Scholarship search at <http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/fees-funding-and-scholarship-search> for support that may be available to you.

All graduate research students (PRS/DPhil) in the Faculty of Oriental Studies who are within full fee liability are also entitled to apply for research support costs of up to £200 per annum in each full year of their study for as long as they continue to pay full fees. More information can be found in the graduate research allowance form, which is located here: <https://resources.orinst.ox.ac.uk/forms>.

The Application Process

The application process for each of the funding opportunities listed in this handbook will generally follow the below steps, unless stated otherwise. Please note that most prizes listed do not require a special application.

1. Student submits completed application form and relevant documents to either the Trust Funds Administrator on trustfunds@orinst.ox.ac.uk or the Chair or Secretary of the relevant trust fund, where stated
2. Applications are submitted to the Board of Management for that fund, either at a board meeting or electronically
3. The Board of Management consider each application and reach a decision
4. The student is informed by letter whether their application has been successful or not

Subject Groups

We have a variety of funding opportunities available in the following subject areas:



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Egyptology and the Ancient Near East

A.H. Gardiner Settlement

Subject area: Egyptology

The benefaction arising from the A.H. Gardiner Settlement for Egyptological Purposes of 10 March 1939 shall form a fund, the net income of which shall be expended for the general purposes of Egyptology.

Amount: Small grants

Deadline: N/A

Previous awards: - Grants towards travel and subsistence

To apply: Please fill out the [Trust Fund Small Grant Form](#) and send it to the Trust Funds Administrator on trustfunds@orinst.ox.ac.uk along with a covering letter and two references.

Gerald Averay Wainwright Near Eastern Arch Fund

Subject area: Near Eastern Archaeology

The Fund aims 'to encourage the study... of the non-classical archaeology and general history as deduced from comparative archaeology (archaeology being taken to mean the study of the objects as a science in itself, hence excluding language, literature or philology) of the following countries (hereinafter called the Near East): Asia Minor, Armenia, Caucasia, Persia, Mesopotamia, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, Arabia, Abyssinia, the Sudan to West Africa, the Sahara, Cyrenaica, Tripoli, Tunisia and its islands, Algeria, Algeria, Morocco, with preference being given to the first nine'.

Amount: Small grants

Deadline: The Board of Management considers applications on a termly basis

Previous awards: - Research grants

To apply: Please fill out the [Trust Fund Small Grant Form](#) and send it to the Secretary of the Gerald Averay Wainwright Near Eastern Arch Fund on wainwright.fund@orinst.ox.ac.uk along with a covering letter and two references.

Griffith Egyptological Fund

Subject area: Egyptology

The net income of the fund shall be devoted to the promotion of research into the history and antiquities of Egypt and the Nile Valley and the anthropology of north-east Africa so far as it concerns the study of Ancient, Hellenistic, and Christian Egypt and the early pagan and Christian kingdoms of the Nilotic Sudan, including such linguistic, religious, and cultural survivals as may throw light upon these matters, but excluding special studies of Muhammadanism and Islamic art. It may also be employed for the publication of the results of such researches.

Amount: Usually grants up to £600

Deadline: N/A

Previous awards: - Grants towards travel to Egypt

- Grants towards research trips

- Grants towards travel to conferences

To apply: Please fill out the [Trust Fund Small Grant Form](#) and send it to the Trust Funds Administrator on trustfunds@orinst.ox.ac.uk along with a covering letter and two references.

Sarah J Clackson Coptic Fund

Subject area: Coptic

The sums contributed by friends and colleagues in memory of Sarah J. Clackson will provide travel and research grants to anyone undertaking work on Coptic manuscripts including the viewing, preparation, and recording of the material, but not conservation.

Amount: Usually grants up to £600

Deadline: N/A

Previous awards: - Grants to subsidize research on Coptic materials

To apply: Please fill out the [Trust Fund Small Grant Form](#) and send it to the Trust Funds Administrator on trustfunds@orinst.ox.ac.uk along with a covering letter and two references.

Hebrew, Jewish and Eastern Christian Studies

Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies Small Grants

Subject area: Hebrew and Jewish Studies

An award or awards may be made annually to an undergraduate or graduate student in the fields of Hebrew or Jewish Studies towards the cost of travel or other specific projects in connection with his or her studies.

Amount: Usually grants up to £500

Deadline: The Management Committee of the Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies normally meets on the Wednesdays of 4th week and 8th week of each term.

Eligibility: Grants will normally only be made to students currently registered in the University for a degree in which Hebrew or Jewish Studies is a major component

To apply: Please fill out the [CHJS Grant Application Form](#) and send it to academic.administrator@ochjs.ac.uk not later than one full week before the meeting.

Dolabani Fund for Syriac Studies

Subject area: Syriac Studies

The fund's purpose is the furtherance of Syriac Studies within the University, including the support of students from Syriac churches studying their own tradition in working for formal qualifications of the University. According to the decree governing the fund, grants shall be made for the following purposes: the provision of financial support to graduate students of the University from or originating from the Middle East or the region of the Indian State of Kerala, to assist them in meeting the cost of engaging in courses involving Syriac Studies in the University; the provision of grants for the purchase of Syriac manuscripts for the Bodleian Library and for the purchase of books in or concerning Syriac for the Bodleian Library and the Oriental Institute Library.

Amount: Small grants

Deadline: N/A

Previous awards: - Grants towards the purchasing of books

To apply: Please fill out the [Trust Fund Small Grant Form](#) and send it to the Trust Funds Administrator on trustfunds@orinst.ox.ac.uk along with a covering letter and two references.

James Mew Scholarships in Arabic & Rabbinical Hebrew

Subject area: Arabic and Rabbinical Hebrew

The fund is for making grants at the discretion of the board, subject to the consent of the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, for any purpose concerned with the encouragement of the linguistic study of Arabic or Rabbinical Hebrew.

Amount: Usually grants up to £600

Deadline: N/A

To apply: Please fill out the [Trust Fund Small Grant Form](#) and send it to the Trust Funds Administrator on trustfunds@orinst.ox.ac.uk along with a covering letter and two references.

Marjory Wardrop Fund

Subject area: The language, literature and history of Georgia

The main object of the Marjory Wardrop Fund shall be the encouragement of the study of the language, literature, and history of Georgia, in Transcaucasia, and in particular: the improvement and increase of the Georgian section of the Bodleian Library; the publishing, or assisting in the publication of, Georgian and English works on the language, literature, or history of Georgia; and the public teaching, and encouragement of the study, in Oxford, of the language, literature, and history of Georgia.

Amount: Small grants

Deadline: N/A

Previous awards: - Grants towards travel expenses in relation to a study trip to Georgia

To apply: Please fill out the [Trust Fund Small Grant Form](#) and send it to the Trust Funds Administrator on trustfunds@orinst.ox.ac.uk along with a covering letter and two references.

Nubar Pasha Armenian Scholarships

Subject area: Armenian history and literature

The Board of Management gives notice that it is prepared to make grants towards the cost of travelling and other expenses incidental to study or research in Armenian history, Literature, Language, and Archaeology, or in directly related fields.

Amount: Usually grants up to £600

Deadline: N/A

Previous awards: - Grants towards travel to conferences

- Grants towards research trips

- Studentship award to attend an intensive one-year Master's course in Classical Armenian

To apply: Please fill out the [Trust Fund Small Grant Form](#) and send it to the Trust Funds Administrator on trustfunds@orinst.ox.ac.uk along with a covering letter and two references.

Pusey and Ellerton Fund

Subject area: Theology/Hebrew language, literature, history, or archaeology

The main object of the Pusey and Ellerton Fund shall be to the promotion of sound theology through a solid and critical knowledge of Hebrew.

Amount: Small grants

Deadline: N/A

Previous awards: - Grants towards travel to conferences

- Grants towards research trips

To apply: Please fill out the [Trust Fund Small Grant Form](#) and send it to the Trust Funds Administrator on trustfunds@orinst.ox.ac.uk along with a covering letter and two references.

Segal Fund

Subject area: Hebrew and Jewish Studies

An award will be made annually to a graduate student preparing for submission to the University a doctoral thesis in Hebrew or Jewish Studies.

Amount: The award is likely to be in the region of £200-£400

Deadline: 9th week of Hilary Term

Eligibility: Research students in Hebrew or Jewish Studies

Previous awards: - Support towards the 4th year of the DPhil in Hebrew Bible Studies

To apply: Applications, which should include a statement of the project for which the grant is requested and the name of the applicant's supervisor, should be sent to the Trust Funds Administrator on trustfunds@orinst.ox.ac.uk.

Inner and South Asia

Boden Fund

Subject area: Sanskrit

The fund awards grants for purposes connected with the advancement of Sanskrit studies in the University.

Amount: Usually grants up to £600

Deadline: N/A

Previous awards: - Grants towards research trips

- Maintenance grants to cover costs during completion on thesis

To apply: Please fill out the [Trust Fund Small Grant Form](#) and send it to the Trust Funds Administrator on trustfunds@orinst.ox.ac.uk along with a covering letter and two references.

Jill Hart Fund for Indo-Iranian Philology

Subject area: Indo-Iranian philology

The Jill Hart Fund for Indo-Iranian Philology at the University of Oxford supports elementary language teaching and learning, and philological teaching and study, of Vedic Sanskrit and of the languages belonging to the Iranian branch of Indo-European at their earliest attested stages.

Amount: Usually grants up to £500

Deadline: N/A

To apply: Applications should include a detailed outline of the project to be supported. They should be addressed, preferably by e-mail, to the Chairman of the Committee of Management for the Jill Hart Fund for Indo-Iranian Philology, Professor Andreas Willi, Diebold Professor of Comparative Philology, on andreas.willi@ling-phil.ox.ac.uk.

Lingyin Graduate Scholarships in Buddhist Studies

Subject area: Buddhist Studies

The Faculty of Oriental Studies is pleased to offer up to three graduate scholarships for £8000 for Master's or DPhil students whose study or research focuses on Buddhist Studies (including all areas, historical periods, and aspects of this field). The scholarships have been established thanks to a generous donation of the Lingyin Temple (Lingyin si), an ancient and important Buddhist temple in Hangzhou, China.

Amount: £8000

Deadline: 24th April 2020 (for on-course applicants only)

Eligibility: Applications are invited from suitably qualified individuals who are applying to a Master's or DPhil course at the Faculty of Oriental Studies, or current students studying for a

Master's or DPhil at the Faculty of Oriental Studies. This scholarship may be held in conjunction with other partial awards, but the total value of your scholarships should not exceed the cost of tuition and college fees in full and a grant for living costs at a rate agreed with Graduate Admissions and Funding. The scholarship is open to UK, EU, or Overseas students and will be tenable only for one year at a time. Students holding the scholarship who would wish to reapply for it for the following year would be required to submit a new application for that year, which would be considered competitively alongside other applications for that year.

To apply: Applicants applying for a new course (this includes current students who are applying for re-admission), and who submit their application to the University by the January deadline at the latest, will be automatically considered. On-course students should submit an [application form](#) to graduate.administrator@orinst.ox.ac.uk along with two references, a Curriculum Vitae, a 2000-word statement of the proposed research (if DPhil), or the topics studied during the course (if Masters). Students should make clear in the statement which languages relevant to Buddhist Studies they have studied/plan to study during their course.

Max Muller Memorial Fund

Subject area: Ancient India

The income of the fund shall be applied to the promotion of learning and research in all matters relating to the history and archaeology, the languages, literatures, and religions of ancient India.

Amount: Usually grants up to £600

Deadline: N/A

Previous awards: - Grants towards research trips

- Grants towards travel to conferences

- Grant monies awarded towards fees

To apply: Please fill out the [Trust Fund Small Grant Form](#) and send it to the Trust Funds Administrator on trustfunds@orinst.ox.ac.uk along with a covering letter and two references.

Radhakrishnan Memorial Bequest

Subject area: Indian Studies

The fund shall be applied to assist students who are citizens of the Republic of India and who are studying, or wish to study, in Oxford; and applied in any other way which the board shall think conducive to the promotion of Indian Studies in the University of Oxford.

Amount: Small grants

Deadline: The Board of Management considers applications to the Fund at the end of each term of the academic year. Applications must therefore be received by noon on Monday of

seventh week of the term in which you would like your application to be considered. Applications received after that deadline will be considered in the following term.

Previous awards: - Grants towards research trips

- Grants towards travel to conferences

To apply: Please fill out the [Trust Fund Small Grant Form](#) and send it to the Trust Funds Administrator on trustfunds@orinst.ox.ac.uk along with a covering letter and two references.

Tsering D Gonkatsang Prize

Subject area: Tibetan language

This prize was created in honour of Tsering D Gonkatsang, the Tibetan language instructor from 2001 until 2018, who died in an accident in April 2018. It will be awarded for the best performance in the unseen Tibetan language exam.

Amount: The prize comes with an award of £200

Eligibility: All students taking a Tibetan language and grammar paper are eligible, including MPhil students in Tibetan and Himalayan Studies and students who have taken Tibetan as a language option within another degree.

Yeshe Khandro Prize

Subject area: Tibetan Studies

This prize will be awarded for the best MPhil or MSt thesis in the field of Tibetan Studies.

Amount: The prize comes with an award of £200.

Japanese and Korean

Clough Travel Fund

Subject area: Japanese Studies

A fund exists in the Faculty of Oriental Studies for the provision of travel grants for undergraduate or graduate students of Japanese in the University to enable them to visit Japan or Japan and Korea for the study of the language or literature.

Amount: Small grants

Deadline: N/A

Eligibility: Undergraduate or graduate students of Japanese

Previous awards: - Support for undergraduates during the year abroad in Japan
- Grants towards research trips to Japan

To apply: Please fill out the [Trust Fund Small Grant Form](#) and send it to the Trust Funds Administrator on trustfunds@orinst.ox.ac.uk along with a covering letter and two references.

Sasakawa Fund Scholarships

Subject area: Japanese Studies

The Sasakawa Fund is pleased to offer scholarships for students who have been accepted by the University to undertake a graduate degree in October 2020 or who are currently undertaking such a course. The scholarships will be awarded to applicants who are Japanese nationals currently on a course or starting a course at Oxford University, or alternatively to students from the UK or other countries currently on a course or starting a course at Oxford University which requires some period of study in Japan.

Amount: £10,000

Deadline: 31st March 2020

Eligibility: Japanese nationals currently on a course or starting a course at Oxford University, or alternatively students from the UK or other countries currently on a course or starting a course at Oxford University which requires some period of study in Japan

To apply: Please fill out the [Scholarship Application Form](#) and send it to the Trust Funds Administrator on trustfunds@orinst.ox.ac.uk along with one reference, a Curriculum Vitae, and a statement of research interests (of no more than six pages) including outline and research proposal (for research degree applicants only) OR a personal statement (of no more than six pages - for taught degree applicants only).

Sasakawa Fund Travel Grants

Subject area: Japanese Studies

The Sasakawa Fund awards travel grants to fund travel and research in Japan by senior or

junior members of the University of Oxford, or alternatively to students from the UK or other countries currently on a course or starting a course at Oxford University which requires some period of study in Japan.

Amount: Small grants

Deadline: Applications should be submitted no later than Friday of sixth week in any term for consideration later that term.

Eligibility: Senior or junior members of the University of Oxford, or alternatively to students from the UK or other countries currently on a course or starting a course at Oxford University which requires some period of study in Japan.

Previous awards: - Grants towards research trips to Japan

To apply: Please complete the [Travel Grant Form](#), along with a covering letter giving details of the purpose of the grant, and send your application as a PDF directly to the Trust Funds Administrator on trustfunds@orinst.ox.ac.uk. Applications from junior members must be accompanied by letters of support from their tutor or supervisor.

Young Bin Min-KF University Lectureship in Korean Language

Subject area: Korean Language and linguistics

The University shall retain all of the Fund as permanent endowment and shall apply the net income of the Fund towards the furtherance within the University of research within the field of Korean Studies involving Korean Language and Linguistics.

Amount: Usually grants up to £600

Deadline: N/A

Previous awards: - Grants towards travel to conferences
- Financial support for invited speakers

To apply: Please fill out the [Trust Fund Small Grant Form](#) and send it to the Trust Funds Administrator on trustfunds@orinst.ox.ac.uk along with a covering letter and two references.

Chinese Studies

Davis Scholarships in Chinese

Subject area: Chinese Studies

The fund shall make grants for purposes connected with the advancement of Chinese Studies in the University.

Amount: Usually grants up to £600

Deadline: N/A

Previous awards: - Grants towards travel to conferences

- Grants towards research trips

- Grants towards the reimbursement of books

To apply: Please fill out the [Trust Fund Small Grant Form](#) and send it to Rosanna Gosi on rosanna.gosi@orinst.ox.ac.uk along with a covering letter and two references.

Humphrey Ko Prizes

Subject area: Chinese Studies

This prize will be awarded for the best MPhil thesis in the MPhil Modern Chinese Studies, and for the best MSt thesis in the MSt Chinese awarded by the OI.

Amount: The prizes come with an award of £100.

W.N. Thomas Tam Fund for Chinese Studies

Subject area: Chinese language

The purposes of the fund shall be: to make grants in support of Chinese language teaching and learning development in the University; to make grants to students participating in language courses in China as an integral part of their degree requirements; to make travel grants to candidates offering Chinese in the Honour School of Oriental Studies; and to make other grants for purposes connected with the advancement of the study of the Chinese language within the University.

Amount: Usually grants up to £600

Deadline: N/A

To apply: Please fill out the [Trust Fund Small Grant Form](#) and send it to Rosanna Gosi on rosanna.gosi@orinst.ox.ac.uk along with a covering letter and two references.

Arabic, Persian and Turkish

James Mew Scholarships in Arabic & Rabbinical Hebrew

Subject area: Arabic and Rabbinical Hebrew

The fund is for making grants at the discretion of the board, subject to the consent of the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, for any purpose concerned with the encouragement of the linguistic study of Arabic or Rabbinical Hebrew.

Amount: Usually grants up to £600

Deadline: N/A

Previous awards: - Grants towards travel to conferences
- Grants towards the study of Arabic abroad

To apply: Please fill out the [Trust Fund Small Grant Form](#) and send it to the Trust Funds Administrator on trustfunds@orinst.ox.ac.uk along with a covering letter and two references. The Board of Management would like references from both language and subject tutors (one of each); the Board of Management would like language tutors to be specific about applicants' progress and how further study abroad will be of benefit (e.g. do they need to acquire spoken Arabic/Hebrew? or do they need to learn a specific branch of the written language for their research? or do they simply need to strengthen the skills they have been taught at Oxford?); and the Board of Management would like subject tutors/lecturers, or prospective supervisors, to be specific about academic achievement and how further language study will enhance it, with particular reference to the research project, if the candidate is at a stage where this is relevant.

Jill Hart Fund for Indo-Iranian Philology

Subject area: Indo-Iranian philology

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Amount: Usually grants up to £500

Deadline: N/A

To apply: Applications should include a detailed outline of the project to be supported. They should be addressed, preferably by e-mail, to the Chairman of the Committee of Management for the Jill Hart Fund for Indo-Iranian Philology, Professor Andreas Willi, Diebold Professor of Comparative Philology, on andreas.willi@ling-phil.ox.ac.uk.

Sheikh Zayed Endowment Fund for Islamic Studies

Subject area: Islamic Studies

The fund shall be spent in ways conducive to the advancement within the University of teaching, scholarship, and research in Islamic Studies.

Amount: Usually grants up to £500

Deadline: N/A

To apply: Please fill out the [Trust Fund Small Grant Form](#) and send it to the Trust Funds Administrator on trustfunds@orinst.ox.ac.uk along with a covering letter and two references.

Contact Details

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