

# POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FINANCIAL HELP FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS WHO ARE IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY.

## **S C Witting Trust**

One-off grants to people who live in England, Poland or Germany, who are at university or preparing to go to university. Grants are small – average £100 for books, equipment or instruments. No grants for the payment of debts. Applications must be made in writing by the person in need, and should include a letter of support from someone like a tutor indicating financial need. Applications must give a short case history, reasons for need, and the amount needed. Applications are considered monthly, and unsuccessful applications will not be acknowledged unless a SAE is provided.

### **Contact:**

The Administrator  
Friends House, 173 Euston Road  
London, NW1 2BJ

## **The Anglo-Czech Educational Fund**

Grants and loans to students from the Czech Republic who wish to study primarily in the UK, USA, and European countries.

### **Contact:**

Paul Sheils  
Moon Beaver Solicitors  
24-25 Bloomsbury Square  
London  
WC1A 2PL

e-mail: [info@moonbeever.com](mailto:info@moonbeever.com)

## **The Humanitarian Trust**

Grants to British citizens and overseas students under 30 years old who are on a recognised course of academic study, at graduate or post graduate level, and hold a basic grant for the course. Grants of £200 are awarded for academic subjects only, and top up fees. Some exclusions apply, please contact for more information. Applications in writing including a CV, income and expenses and total shortfall, plus two referees (course tutor and head of department).

### **Contact:**

27 St. James's place  
London  
SW1A 1NR  
Tel: 0207 409 1376

## **The Schilizzi Foundation**

One – off grants to Greek nationals pursuing an undergraduate course in Great Britain. Grants are normally given during the final year of study in cases of hardship or special need, for books, fees, and living expenses.

### **Contact:**

Bryan P Smith, Secretary  
Rowan  
Turweston  
Brackley  
Northamptonshire  
NN13 5JX

[www.schilizzifoundation.org.uk](http://www.schilizzifoundation.org.uk)

e-mail: [schilizzifoundation@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:schilizzifoundation@tiscali.co.uk)

### **Hazel Heughan Educational Trust**

One-off and recurrent grants for students and academics in further, higher, or postgraduate education who usually live in Turkey and are from poor backgrounds. Grants are for trips to the UK (usually Edinburgh) to further studies in the English language, and if possible, gain work experience. This can include grants for travel expenses, books, equipment, fees, and maintenance and living expenses. Applications in writing at any time, for consideration usually in May and November. Applications must be submitted by a third party, e.g. University.

**Contact:**

The Trustees  
14 Camus Avenue  
Edinburgh, EH10 6QT

### **The British and Foreign School Society - International Award**

Awards to individuals from a developing country normally aged between 18 and 30, to undertake educational activity in the UK. Sponsorship is for study or for learning a skill. This learning should be useful to the individual's home community, and individuals should be able to pass on their knowledge on return. Forms can be downloaded from their website.

**Contact:**

For enquiries please contact Belinda Lawrance at [britforeign@aol.com](mailto:britforeign@aol.com)  
Maybrook House, Godstone Road  
Caterham, surrey  
CR3 6RE  
Tel: 01883 331177

[www.bfss.org.uk](http://www.bfss.org.uk)

### **Sidney Perry Foundation**

One-off & recurrent grants, primarily to first-degree students, including overseas students, for individuals of great promise who would otherwise be unable to proceed with their education through lack of means. Because of limited resources, the foundation is unable to assist students in the first year of a 3 or 4 year course or those over the age of 35 when the course starts. Postgraduate students may also receive support. There are other restrictions - please contact the secretary. Applications should be made on forms available from the contact at any time.

**Contact:**

Mrs. L A Owens, Secretary  
PO Box 2924  
Farringdon  
Oxfordshire  
SN7 7YJ e-mail: [sidneyperryfound@cs.com](mailto:sidneyperryfound@cs.com)

### **CISN Hardship Fund**

One-off grants to full time students from developing countries attending British or Irish institutions for first degree or postgraduate studies, who are within 6 months of completing their course but face unexpected financial problems. Other exclusions apply – please visit their website for more information. Applicants, whether applying by letter or email should give their full postal address in England or Ireland.

**Contact:**

David Philpot, Grants Secretary  
CISN Hardship Fund  
121 George Street  
Edinburgh  
EH2 4YH  
Tel: 0131 2255722 ext300

[www.ctbi.org.uk](http://www.ctbi.org.uk)

e-mail: [dphilpot@cofscotland.org.uk](mailto:dphilpot@cofscotland.org.uk)

### **The Sir Ernest Cassel Educational Trust: Mountbatten Memorial Grants**

Grants of £200 to £500 for living or general expenses given to overseas students from commonwealth countries. Students must be in the final year of their studies, studying in the UK, and experiencing unforeseen financial difficulties. Students can apply through their Student Welfare officers to the contact address below.

**Contact:**

David Philpot, Grants Secretary  
CISN Hardship Fund  
121 George Street  
Edinburgh  
EH2 4YH  
Tel: 0131 2255722 ext300

[www.casseltrust.co.uk](http://www.casseltrust.co.uk)

e-mail: [dphilpot@cofscotland.org.uk](mailto:dphilpot@cofscotland.org.uk)

### **The Africa Educational Trust**

#### **1) Emergency Small Grants Programme**

Provides emergency small grants to undergraduate and postgraduate students who have come from Africa to study in the UK but run into unexpected financial difficulties. Students should hold a UK student's visa, be in their final two or three months of completing their course, and in danger of having to return home without finishing. Emphasis is placed on subjects that are directly related to development, and priority is given to students who can show a clear commitment to returning and using their qualifications and skills in Africa.

#### **2) Kenneth Kirkwood Fund**

The fund provides small grants for maintenance, fees, or emergency payments, for students from Africa, particularly Southern Africa. Both undergraduate and post graduate students are eligible to apply. Priority will be given towards those students studying subjects which are relevant to the development of their home countries. It is expected that first consideration will be given to students studying at St. Antony's College, Oxford. However, students from other colleges and universities will also be eligible for awards. Applicants should be reaching the final months of their period of study, and the value of the award is expected to be about £500. Applicants to these funds should write a short letter marked 'Small Emergency Grants Programme' or the 'Kenneth Kirkwood Fund'. Make clear the reasons why you are applying, stating the name and length of the course which you are currently studying, including your expected completion date.

**Contact:**

18 Hand Court  
London  
WC1V 6JF  
Tel: +44 (0)20 7831 3283

[www.africaeducationaltrust.org](http://www.africaeducationaltrust.org)

e-mail: [info@africaeducationaltrust.org](mailto:info@africaeducationaltrust.org)

### **Karim Rida Said Foundation**

Provides full or partial scholarships for masters' degrees at universities around the UK. Students must be Iraqi, Jordanian, Lebanese, Syrian or Palestinian (including Palestinians inside Israel), resident in the Middle East, and be able to demonstrate that their chosen course of study will be of use to their home country or the Middle East region. In addition, the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office (the FCO) and the KRSF jointly fund up to 10 KRSF/Chevening awards annually for postgraduate study. The Foundation can also consider distance learning courses and shorter postgraduate courses. Other conditions apply – please visit their website for more information.

**Contact:**

[www.saidfoundation.org](http://www.saidfoundation.org)

### **Ruth Hayman Trust Fund**

One off and recurrent grants ranging from £20 to £300 to adults resident in the UK and who speak a language other than English as their first language. In practice, most beneficiaries are refugees and asylum seekers. First priority is given to tuition and examination fees, but small grants can also be made towards books and materials. Grants towards travel costs are also made to people who have disabilities. Grants are not given to postgraduate students. Other conditions apply – please visit their website for more information. To apply for an award either download the application form from their website and print out, or send a letter or email requesting an application form.

**Contact:**

The Honorary Secretary  
Ruth Hayman Trust  
PO Box 17685  
London  
N6 6WD

[www.ruthhaymantrust.com](http://www.ruthhaymantrust.com)

e-mail: [trustee@ruthhaymantrust.com](mailto:trustee@ruthhaymantrust.com)

### **The Gillian Diamond Charitable Fund**

One-off grants of £100 to £300 to overseas students for books, equipment, instruments etc. Grants are not paid for fees or debts. Applications to be made in writing & are considered on an ongoing basis.

**Contact:**

Gillian Diamond, PO Box49849  
London, NW5 9AJ  
Tel: 020 7485 6522

### **The Nora Henry Trust**

One off grants to students from any country with a preference for students from developing countries who are studying subjects which will be of use when the student returns to that country. Grants usually range from £100 to £200 and can be given towards books, fees, living expenses, travel and childcare. For more information please ring or visit their website, and either complete an online [Educational Grant Search](#) or complete an enquiry form.

**Contact:**

Grants Service  
Family Action  
501-505 Kingsland Road  
London E8 4AU  
Tel: 020 7241 7459 (2pm to 4pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only)

[www.family-action.org.uk](http://www.family-action.org.uk)

### **The Northbrook Society:**

One-off grants ranging between £200 and £750 to Nationals of India who are studying in the UK, and then returning to India to related employment. Applications in writing. The applicant must provide evidence of return to India on the completion of the course, and a reference from a supervisor or tutor.

**Contact:**

Ms B Weller, Secretary  
Northbrook Society  
Nursery Bungalow  
Norwich Road  
Dereham  
NR20 3AF

### **The Nurses Association of Jamaica**

One off grants ranging between £50 - £500 towards books, fees, educational outings, study or travel abroad. Primarily people from black and ethnic minority groups, especially African-Caribbean groups, who are aged 18 or over. The trust will consider any studies to promote the practice of nursing, midwifery and health visiting. This may range from students undertaking studies in health education, psychology, sociology, and other related health programmes, in particular where the course of study will impact positively on the health and care of ethnic minority groups. The trust also considers the following funding priorities: business schools, IT training, pre-school education, special needs education; and training for community development. Preference is given to people living in Birmingham, London, Nottingham and internationally. Applications can be downloaded from their website.

#### **Contact:**

Mrs Lyrell McNish  
125 Perry Hill Catford,  
London SE6 4LP

[www.naj.org.uk](http://www.naj.org.uk)

Mrs Lyrell McNish on **0208 291 2733** or Mrs Charmaine Case on **0208 251 7820**

### **Prisoners of Conscience Appeal Fund**

Mainly one off grants of about £350 each for prisoners of conscience and/or their families, who have suffered persecution for their beliefs. The fact that the person is seeking asylum or has been a victim of civil war is not sufficient grounds in itself. Please visit their website for more details. Grants are to assist with travel, resources, equipment, vocational conversion courses and re-qualification costs.

#### **Contact:**

Grants Officer at [grantsofficer@prisonersofconscience.org](mailto:grantsofficer@prisonersofconscience.org)  
or telephone 020 7407 6644.

The Prisoners of Conscience Appeal Fund  
PO BOX 61044  
LONDON  
SE1 1UP

[www.prisonersofconscience.org](http://www.prisonersofconscience.org)

### **The Hammond Trust**

Grants to students from Asia, aged 18 years and over, who are studying in the UK. Grants are intended to help students complete their studies when these are threatened by unexpected financial difficulties. Applicants must be in their final 6 months of study for a degree, diploma, or other professional qualification. Preference is given to those whose study will benefit the applicant's own country. The maximum grant is £500. No grants for tuition fees. Grants are not given where financial help is still available from the applicant's own authorities. Applications must be made through the academic institution's authority and must be officially stamped. There are limited funds available for 2010/2011.

#### **Contact:**

Mr Kevin Drury  
British Council  
Bridgewater House  
58 Whitworth Street  
Manchester  
M1 6BB  
Tel: 0161 9577809

### **All Saints Educational Trust**

Awards to students from the UK/EU 'home' students, and to students who are citizens of countries that are currently full members of the Commonwealth. Preference for students intending to follow a teaching career, serving teachers who want to gain further qualifications relevant to education, first degree or diploma students of RE or Home Economics, including food and nutrition education and public health promotion, and anyone wanting a career in the public sector (other than the NHS), and applicants with a church connection. Several exclusions apply – please visit their website for more information. No awards will be made in the 2010/11 academic year due to lack of funds. The Trust will next consider new applications in April/May 2011 for awards tenable in 2011/12.

**Contact:**

Suite 8C First Floor  
VSC Charity Centre  
Royal London House  
22-25 Finsbury Square  
London, EC2A 1DX  
Tel: 020 7920 6465

[www.aset.org.uk](http://www.aset.org.uk)

e-mail: [aset@aset.org.uk](mailto:aset@aset.org.uk)

### **The Airey Neave Trust**

Provides assistance to refugees who wish to further their studies at universities in the UK. Applicants must have Home Office sanction to remain in the UK. In the first instance please send a C.V. They will not be considering new applications until 2011. Please visit their website for further details. You can contact them by post or by completing their online enquiry form.

**Contact:**

PO Box 36800  
40 Bernard Street  
London  
WC1N 1WJ

[www.aireyneavetrust.org.uk](http://www.aireyneavetrust.org.uk)

### **The Frank Buttle Trust**

The Trust's Grant scheme helping home and refugee students facing severe financial and personal difficulties acquire academic, trade, or professional qualifications. Applications are considered from people who are estranged from their family, orphaned, adopted, cared for by relatives or friends, caring for a severely sick or disabled single parent. Refugees must have full refugee status or Indefinite Leave to Remain in the UK. Assistance is normally only given to students over 16 and under 21. However, help will be given to those over the age of 21 when both the course being followed and the financial support of the Trust began before the applicant was 21. No assistance is available under any circumstances to those who have reached the age of 25. Help is not normally given those studying second degrees, postgraduate courses. Visit their website for more information. Initial enquiries should be made by telephone or email.

**Contact:**

The Casework Manager  
Grant Scheme for Students and Trainees  
Audley House  
13 Palace Street  
London SW1E 5HX  
Tel: 020 7828 7311

[www.buttletrust.org](http://www.buttletrust.org)

e-mail: [info@buttletrust.org](mailto:info@buttletrust.org)

### **Donald Chesworth Educational Trust**

Offers a limited number of small financial grants (max £250), and personal help to assist genuinely vulnerable disadvantaged home and overseas students to complete their studies.

**Contact:**

The Administrator  
Small Grants Fund  
223 Shakespeare Tower  
Barbican  
London, EC2Y 8DR

### **Family Action**

Offers a variety of grants for overseas students. To find out whether you are eligible to apply for a Family Action Educational Grant or another grant making trust you need to complete an online Educational Grant Search.

**Contact:**

Grants Service  
501-505 Kingsland Road  
London  
E8 4AU  
Tel: 020 7241 7459

[www.family-action.org.uk](http://www.family-action.org.uk)

### **The Leche Trust**

Provides assistance to overseas students who are under the age of 35, during the last 6 months of their PHD studies in the UK. The funding of overseas students is on a rolling programme and students can apply at any time. It should be noted that applications can only be made by students in the final six months of a PhD course and under the age of 35. Copies of the application form and guidance notes can be obtained from the Secretary.

**Contact:**

84 Cicada Road  
London  
SW18 2NZ  
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[www.lechetrust.org/](http://www.lechetrust.org/)

e-mail: [info@lechetrust.org](mailto:info@lechetrust.org)

### **Professional Classes Aid Council**

Grants are given to home students, EU, and overseas students who started their studies with an assurance of full funding. Grants are also given to refugees with Home Office Refugee Status or Exceptional Leave. Preference is given to students who are in their first or last year of study, and who started their course with the expectation of full funding and have exploited all other financial options open to them. Other exclusions apply, please visit their website for more information.

**Contact:**

The Executive Secretary  
Professional Classes Aid Council  
10 St Christopher's Place  
London, W1U 1HZ  
Tel: 020 7935 0641

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