



democratising access to higher education

Workshop on Funding and Scholarships for PhDs  
Saturday, 22 October 2022



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# Project EduAccess

Access to higher education is a privilege most people from marginalised communities are systematically denied through cost, information and dispositional barriers.

**Project EduAccess** is a modest attempt to improve inclusivity in HEIs by removing these barriers for marginalized communities in South Asia.

We hope to achieve this by providing expert mentorship, support and guidance to learners in South Asia.

# Meet your panelists



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# How to look for funding?

- Department Funding
- College Funding
- University Funding
- Research Council Funding
- External Funding
  - Trusts (Rhodes, Inlaks, Felix, Gates-Cambridge)
  - Country (UK: GREAT Scholarship, India: Overseas Scholarship for ST/SC, PwD etc.)
- Other sources of funding: loans, institutional sponsor, crowdfunding

# Department Funding

## DPhil

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Our DPhil students usually receive full funding over four years, covering course fees and a living expenses stipend. To achieve this, we may ask you to submit additional funding applications and ask that you identify and pursue external funding opportunities.

- › Saïd Business School doctoral support
- › Eni-Oxford DPhil Scholarship
- › Oxford Saïd-HEC Montréal Scholarship

This is a screenshot of all the scholarships available to pursue a PhD from the Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford.

## Maitland Studentship in Legal History

The Managers of the F.W. Maitland Memorial Fund are able to offer one Studentship for students applying to undertake doctoral research in legal history at the University of Cambridge, starting in October 2022. Studentships are tenable in the Faculty of Law, the Faculty of History, or the Faculty of English.

Applications will be accepted from students applying directly to read for the PhD degree only. Studentships are tenable for up to three years. Continued tenure of the Studentship will be subject to satisfactory academic progress, and to the meeting of any other conditions set by the University for continuation of study. In making decisions on the award or continuation of studentships, the Managers will take into account funding available from other sources. Preference may be given to applicants who hold, or will hold by the commencement of the Studentship, a relevant master's degree.

The maximum annual value of the Studentship will be a sum equivalent to the total of the University of Cambridge's minimum maintenance requirement for PhD students (which for the academic year 2022-23 is £15,250) plus PhD fees at either the home or overseas rate, as applicable (the home rate for 2022-23 is £9,111, and the overseas rate £27,048).

Candidates wishing to be considered for this Studentship should apply for admission as a postgraduate student by the relevant funding deadline for the PhD in Law, History or English as set out in the [online Course Directory](#) – and should also complete the [studentship application form](#) and send it directly to Mrs Alison Hirst, University of Cambridge, Faculty of Law, 10 West Road, Cambridge, CB3 9DZ or by email to [phdadmissions@law.cam.ac.uk](mailto:phdadmissions@law.cam.ac.uk) by **5 January 2022**.

## John Hall PhD Studentship

The Faculty of Law is offering one studentship for a new PhD student commencing full-time doctoral research in 2022/23. The studentship is available to home and overseas students, and is renewable for a further 2 years subject to satisfactory academic progress.

The value of a studentship will be £10,000 per annum and may be used by the student to contribute towards the University Composition Fee or to contribute towards maintenance costs. Candidates wishing to be considered for this studentship should apply for admission to the PhD by the PhD course closing date of 2 December 2021 and return a completed [studentship application form](#) to [phdadmissions@law.cam.ac.uk](mailto:phdadmissions@law.cam.ac.uk) by the studentship application closing date of **31 March 2022**.

## Wright Rogers Law Scholarships

There will be an election to two Wright Rogers Law Scholarships in August 2022. Candidates for the Scholarships must have successfully completed a course of study qualifying them for a degree in any university or similar institution in the United Kingdom and have spent at least one year in the study of law. If elected, a Scholar will be required to carry out study or research relating to the Laws of England under the direction of the Electors. The tenure of a Scholarship will be for one year from 1 October 2022 in the first instance, but a Scholar may be eligible for re-election for a further two years. A Scholar must already be or must become a member of the University.

The annual value of each Scholarship will be at least £3,000 and will be determined by the Electors of the Wright Rogers Scholarship Fund after taking into account any other financial resources that may be available to the Scholar. Applications for a Scholarship should include a Curriculum Vitae, details of proposed course of study at Cambridge, and a statement of funding secured to date towards the proposed course of study and/or details of any applications for funding that are pending. Completed applications should be sent by email to Mrs Alison Hirst, Faculty of Law ([ash26@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ash26@cam.ac.uk)) by not later than **1 July 2022**. Candidates must also arrange for two persons each to send a reference to Mrs Hirst so as to arrive by the same date.

## Arnold McNair Scholarship in International Law

The Arnold McNair Scholarship Fund supports a one-year Arnold McNair Scholarship in the area of international law. The Scholarship is open to any member of the University of Cambridge who has kept at least eight terms and who is a candidate for, or has been classed in, Part II of the Law Tripos. A letter of application, together with a statement of the nature of the further study or research that the applicant proposes to undertake, should be sent by email to Mrs Alison Hirst, Faculty of Law ([ash26@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ash26@cam.ac.uk)) by **25 June** in any year. The present value of the scholarship is at least £5000. If the available income of the Fund is sufficient, a second Scholar may be elected.

This is a screenshot of all the scholarships available to pursue a PhD in Law at the University of Cambridge.

# College Funding

## Graduate fees, funding & scholarship search

The University makes every effort to provide a fees, funding and scholarship search facility that is helpful and reliable for prospective and current students. This search facility provides details of Oxford scholarships worth over £1,000 which require additional application materials or information to be submitted. However, the University cannot guarantee that the search facility will deliver a comprehensive list of these scholarships. You are therefore encouraged to undertake your own research into the range of potential scholarships and other funding for which you may be eligible. The University will not be liable for any errors or omissions in the fees, funding and scholarship search.

I will / did start my course in

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More Information

Show me the fees for

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Fee status

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More Information

Exclude part-time only courses?

This is a screenshot of the funding page of University of Oxford, where you can search for scholarships available for your PhD programme.

## Scholarships

OXFORD INDIRA GANDHI GRADUATE  
SCHOLARSHIP

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RADHAKRISHNAN GRADUATE  
SCHOLARSHIP

CORNELIA SORABJI SCHOLARSHIP

HSA ADVOCATES SCHOLARSHIP

RATANSHAW BOMANJI ZAIWALLA  
SCHOLARSHIP

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This is a screenshot of all the scholarships offered by Somerville College, available to for Indian students to study at the University of Oxford.



# University Funding

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## Funding

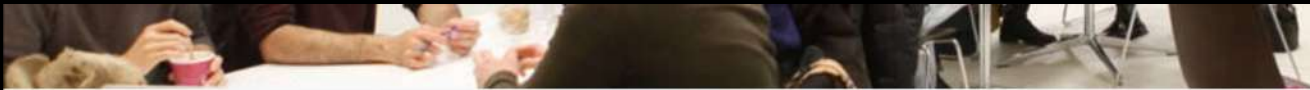
The University expects to be able to offer around 1,000 full or partial graduate scholarships across the collegiate University in 2022-23. You will be **automatically considered for the majority of Oxford scholarships**, if you fulfil the eligibility criteria and submit your graduate application by the relevant December or January deadline. Most scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit and/or potential.

For further details about searching for funding as a graduate student visit our dedicated Funding pages, which contain information about how to apply for Oxford scholarships requiring an additional application, details of external funding

This is a screenshot of the funding page of any PhD course for University of Oxford.

Scholarship	Application Status
<a href="#">British Council Women in STEM - PGT</a>	Deadline midnight on 18th March 2022
<a href="#">Chevening Scholarships - PGT</a>	Deadline 02/11/2021
<a href="#">China Scholarship Council - PGR</a>	Deadline 23:59 (UK) 30/04/22
<a href="#">Colfuturo - PGT/PGR</a>	Please see web site
<a href="#">Commonwealth Masters Scholarships - PGT</a>	Deadline 16:00 (UK) 01/11/2021
<a href="#">Commonwealth Shared Scholarships - PGT</a>	Open 10th November 2021 to 16.00 (UK) on 20th December 2021
<a href="#">Commonwealth PhD Scholarships - PGR</a>	Deadline 16:00 (UK) 01/11/2021
<a href="#">Commonwealth Split-Site Doctoral Scholarships</a>	Due to open November 2022
<a href="#">Conacyt</a>	
<a href="#">Durham Doctoral Studentships Peace and Trust</a>	Deadline 5.00 p.m. 20th June 2022
<a href="#">Durham Palestine Educational Trust - PGT</a>	Open 1st January 2022 to 30th March 2022
Durham Training Partnerships and Centres - PGR	
<a href="#">Fulbright - Durham Scholarship - PGT</a>	Deadline 17:00 (UK) 12/10/21
<a href="#">Hatfield Lioness Scholarship - PGT</a>	Opens 1st January 2022 to 31st March 2022
<a href="#">Marshall Scholarship</a>	
<a href="#">Postgraduate Studentships - PGT and MRes</a>	
Research Council Awards	
<a href="#">Ruth First Scholarship</a>	
<a href="#">Said Scholarship - PGT</a>	

This is a screenshot of the funding page of University of Durham which lists the various scholarships available to study at Durham - including scholarships for PhD students.



## LSE PhD Studentships

“It was a huge honour to receive funding from such a prestigious institution”

Katherine Furman, LSE PhD Studentship

For 2023 entry, LSE will be offering studentships to new PhD students, in 2022 this was approximately 80, in the form of LSE PhD Studentships, LSE DTP [ESRC Studentships](#) and [London Arts and Humanities Partnership \(LAHP\) Studentships](#).

The awards are open to high calibre students of all nationalities studying across all research areas at the School.

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Eligibility



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How to apply



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Student stories



This is a screenshot of the funding opportunity available for PhD students at London School of Economics.

# External Scholarships (UK)

## UK Government Scholarships



- GREAT scholarship (for final year PhD students)

## Scholarships by Trusts



- Rhodes Scholarship
- Gates Cambridge Scholarship
- Cambridge Trust Scholarships
- Felix Scholarship

## Indian Scholarships



Subject Specific

General

- Inlaks Scholarship
- Goa Education Fund
- Aga Khan Foundation Scholarships (not strictly Indian)
- JN Tata Endowment Scholarship (partial funding)
- KC Mahindra (Multiple grants, partial funding)
- Narottam Seksaria Scholarship
- India: Overseas Scholarship for ST/SC, PwD etc.

# Rhodes Scholarship

- Fully funded scholarship – includes Tuition and Stipend
- Only for University of Oxford
- Post-graduate Scholarship
- 5 scholarships awarded for Indian students
- No bar on discipline (field)
- Age limit - above 18 years but below 24 years of age as on 1 Oct 20XX  
(of the year of the application)

<https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/the-rhodes-scholarship/>

# Felix Scholarship

- Fully funded scholarship – includes Tuition and Stipend.
- Felix scholarships are offered at three universities - the University of Oxford, the University of Reading and the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), part of the University of London.
- Application can be made to only one institution.
- The Scholarships are awarded on the basis of outstanding academic merit and financial need.
- There is no separate application process: in order to be considered, you must submit your application for graduate study by the relevant January deadline for your course.

<https://www.felixscholarship.org/>

# Gates-Cambridge Scholarship

- A Gates Cambridge Scholarship covers the full cost of studying at Cambridge.
- Offers c.80 full-cost scholarships to applicants from countries outside the UK to pursue a postgraduate degree in any subject available at the University of Cambridge.
- Approximately two-thirds of these awards are offered to PhD students, 55 for international students.
- Has a list of courses for which the scholarship is not applicable.
- The selection criteria are: outstanding intellectual ability, reasons for choice of course, a commitment to improving the lives of others, leadership potential.

<https://www.gatescambridge.org/programme/the-scholarship/>

# Inlaks Scholarship

- Award up to USD 100,000 to cover programme tuition as well as scholars' living expenses, healthcare, and one-way airfare.
- Has a list of courses for which the scholarship is not applicable.
- Open to all Indian passport holders who are resident in India at the time of application.
- Candidates having or have started a postgraduate qualification (e.g. Master's or PhD) from an institution abroad are not eligible to apply.
- It is essential to have prior admission to the institution and course chosen at the time of the application. The Foundation will not consider candidates without evidence of admission.

# Cambridge Trust Scholarships

- Overall about 500 scholarships awarded every year.
- These scholarships are funded by the various trusts of the University of Cambridge
- Awards, which include both full-cost and part-cost scholarships, are offered to selected students at PhD, Masters and undergraduate level, in all subjects and at all 31 Colleges of the University of Cambridge.
- The application process differs a bit for each scholarship and there are different eligibility criteria for each.
- For Indian students, there is specifically the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Cambridge Trust Scholarship. It covers tuition fees, maintenance and Immigration costs.



# UK Research Council Awards

- These are studentships provided by the various research councils. Usually occur in the form of Doctoral Training Programmes (DTPs)
- Upto 30% of all studentships are for international students
- Covers tuition fees (at UK level), maintenance and research costs
- Need to usually apply for the specific programme/DTP or can be nominated by the department.
- Wellcome Trust also conducts its own DTPs but for selected STEM subjects



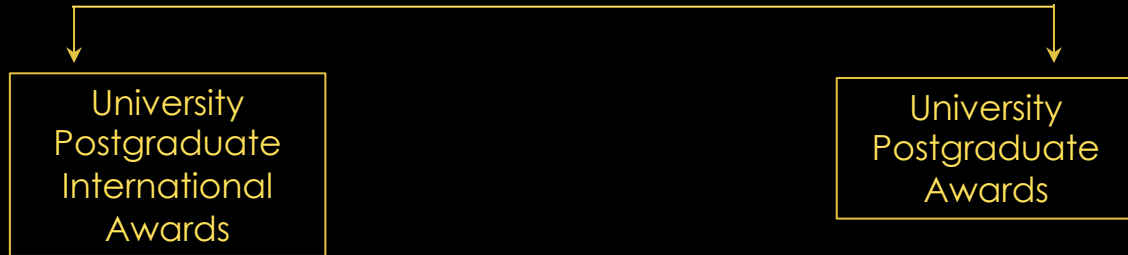
# External Scholarships (Australia)

## Australian Government Scholarships



- **Australia Awards Scholarships** (India not a participating country)
- Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarships

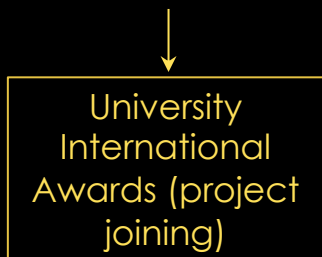
## University Scholarships



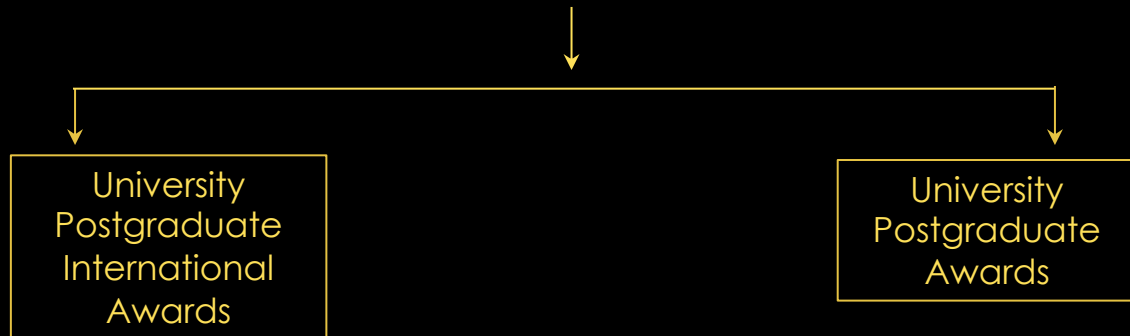
Approximately 600 scholarships are available for Masters and doctoral research studies at the University of Melbourne

# External Scholarships (Australia)

All Australian Universities have



Of 43 Australian universities, 37 have:



- University Postgraduate Awards (Joining a project)
  - Tuition Fees by universities
  - Stipend funded by the Faculty, School or Supervisor
  - **Stipend negotiable depending upon the project funding**

- Both cover
  - Scholarship type: Full tuition fee cover
  - Scholarship stipend value: \$29,854 per annum (2023 rate)
  - Health insurance: Overseas student health cover(OSHC)
  - Relocation allowance: Up \$2000 for international students
  - Thesis Allowance: Up to \$400
  - Degree Program: MRes/ PhD
  - Available in: In all faculties/ Any field of study
  - Number of positions: Multiple positions
  - Award Duration: up to 3.5 years for PhD, 2 for Masters



# Application Timeline

Varies with each university and country. Australia offers three intake seasons in a year

1. March Release
  - a. Applications close in last week of January
  - b. Offers roll out in March
  - c. Course begins in September (T3)
  
2. June Release
  - a. Applications close in first week of May
  - b. Offers roll out in June
  - c. Course begins in February (T1)
  
3. November Release
  - a. Applications close in first week of October
  - b. Offers roll out in November
  - c. Course begins in June (T2)



# Application and Selection Criteria

The application cycle is open thrice a year (T1 intake, T2 intake, T3 intake)

To be considered for a scholarship, you must:

- a. complete your application for admission in postgraduate research to the relevant faculty, and select the checkbox to be considered for research scholarships
- b. ensure your application includes all relevant supporting documents, referring to the RTP/UPA applicant information pack and research experience guide and evidence template (see related documents below).

The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship on the basis of:

- a. academic merit,
- b. research experience,
- c. availability of a high quality research environment and resources to support the candidature, and
- d. availability of high quality supervisory arrangements to support the candidature

# Some online resources

Popular online resources for funding and scholarships:

- <https://www.scholarships.com/>
- <https://www.internationalstudent.com/scholarships/>
- <https://www.scholars4dev.com/>
- [https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/scholarships\\_en](https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/scholarships_en)
- <https://search.studyaustralia.gov.au/scholarship/search-results.html?qualificationid=3&nationalityid=0>
- <https://www.findaphd.com/>
- <https://www.postgraduate-funding.com/gateway>



# Other Forms of Funding

## LOANS

- You can apply for student loans offered by banks in India. Also, interest-free loan scholarships are available like the K.C. Mahindra Scholarship, JN Tata Endowment Fund and Narottam Seksaria Foundation funds.

## STUDENT JOBS

- You can work part-time and support yourself during the course of your program.

## INSTITUTIONAL SPONSORS

- Your company / employer may support your education.

# Tips for Scholarship Applications

## WEBSITES

- Search department, college, university websites for scholarships available.
- Random search on scholarships for your desired courses.

## CRITERIA

- Carefully read what is required for the application process.
- Course limit, age limit, work experience requirement, etc.
- Obligation to return.

## APPLICATION

- Scholarship application different from university application.
- Leadership, extra-curricular activities, internships important.

## INTERVIEW

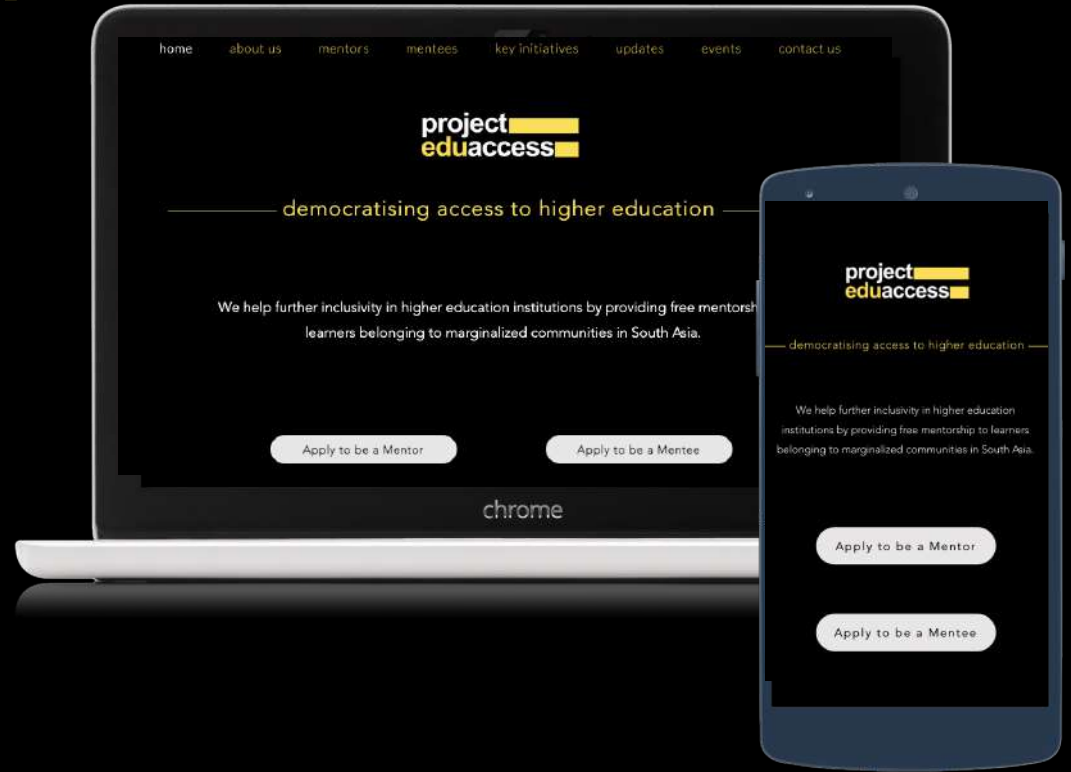
- Interview required, so prepare and write application accordingly.



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