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FUNDING DIRECTORY

Council For At-Risk
Academics

This directory contains an extensive list of funding organisations, grants and scholarships that may be of assistance to persecuted academics, international students and the wider refugee and asylum seeker community looking to undertake educational courses in the UK.

The document may be searched by clicking on the above headings. A more detailed search is possible using key words by pressing Ctrl + F: for example, searching 'London' will allow you to find all results containing the word 'London.'

Disclaimer: This guide is intended as a signposting resource. Whilst Cara has compiled these resources to support students and scholars, Cara does not endorse or verify the listed organisations. Applicants are strongly encouraged to independently research the organisation and conduct their own due diligence prior to their application.

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EXISTING SEARCHABLE DIRECTORIES

Afghan Future Fund

<https://afghanfuturefund.org/our-mission/>

Dedicated to supporting at-risk Afghans, particularly women, journalists, civil society leaders, activists, and students, AFF's mission centres on empowering talented Afghans to realize their full potential. Our initiatives focus on three strategic priorities of education Programmes, Skills Training, Employment and Entrepreneurship Initiatives.

Aga Khan Foundation, International Scholarship Programme

<https://the.akdn/en/what-we-do/developing-human-capacity/education/international-scholarships>

Priority is given to Master level courses, but PhD students also considered. Preference to students under 30 years of age. Applications accepted from nationals of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Kenya, Kyrgyz Republic, Madagascar, Mozambique, Pakistan, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, and Uganda. In Canada, France, Portugal, and the USA, applications are accepted from those who are originally from one of the above countries. AKF is not available to students who wish to study in the UK. Applications are next open in early 2027

Australia Awards

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards>

Various scholarships to provide opportunities to citizens of participating countries, for fulltime undergraduate or postgraduate study at Australian institutions. Available for undergraduate and postgraduate study, short courses and trainings as well as research opportunities.

Arab Student Aid International

www.arabstudentaid.org AND <https://arabstudentaid.org/gear-program>

Provides interest-free loans to students wishing to undertake master's and postgraduate level studies. Applicants must be Arab citizens and must already be enrolled at an accredited university. The organisation also offers grants to Palestinian students pursuing Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees.

Bseisu Foundation

<https://www.bseisufoundation.org/scholarships>

The foundation offers scholarships and funding opportunities across the UK, Ireland, US, Middle East and Malaysia. The Scholarship programmes are administered through university admissions departments or through their partner organisations.

British Council

<https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/options/scholarships-financial-support>

List of financial support options for international students who wish to study on a UK course such as scholarships, grants, bursaries, fellowships, financial awards, loans. Deadlines and eligibility criteria vary.

DAAD Hilde Domin Programme

<https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/hilde-domin-programm/>

The Students at Risk Hilde Domin Programme supports students and doctoral candidates across the globe to begin or complete a degree at a higher education institute in Germany. Recipients should be at-risk for being denied education rights in their country of origin. To apply, students must be nominated by an institution legally domiciled in Germany.

Gaza Education Assistance and Relief (GEAR)

<https://arabstudentaid.org/gear/>

The GEAR Program provides financial aid and academic support to students pursuing higher education in Gaza. The organisation supports students from Gaza enrolled in higher education and studying abroad in accredited universities in Jordan, Lebanon or Egypt.

Gilchrist Educational Trust

www.gilchristgrants.org.uk

Students who have made proper provision to fund a degree or higher education course but find themselves facing unexpected financial difficulties, normally in the last year of the course or required to spend a short period of time abroad, either studying or on a placement. Travel grants to cover the cost of necessary fieldwork for student research projects, internships abroad or international conferences. Full-time students at a British University are eligible.

Great Britain-China Educational Trust

www.gbcc.org.uk/educational-grants

Chinese student awards for Chinese students (from the PRC including Hong Kong) studying for a PhD in any subject at a UK university. Students must have started their third year before they are eligible to submit their application. The trust also offers small grants for British PhDs researching China, as well as Chinese language awards.

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation

<https://www.hfg.org/programs/>

The Foundation offers various research grants and dissertation fellowships. Highest priority is given to proposals from any of the natural and social sciences and the humanities that promise to increase the understanding of the causes, manifestations, and control of violence and aggression in the modern world. Priority will also be given to areas and methodologies not receiving adequate attention and support from other funding sources. Applicants may be citizens of any country and studying at a college or university in any country, except for the Harry Frank Guggenheim African Fellows programme which is restricted to doctoral candidate researchers from the African continent.

Jean Monnet Scholarships

<https://jeanmonnet.org.tr/en/about-scholarship-programme/>

Provides scholarships for people who are currently working in the public sector, private sector or university or are currently senior undergraduate or postgraduate students in Türkiye and who would like to specialise in EU Acquis.

The Leathersellers' Company

<https://leathersellers.co.uk/foundation/>

The Leathersellers' Company now awards Student Grants of up to £5,000 a year, for a maximum of 4 years, to study full-time for a degree at a UK University. To be eligible to apply for a Student Grant you must be enrolled on a full-time undergraduate degree course at a UK University, or with an offer to do so later this year; be in financial need of support to study the course (and have exhausted other options for funding including loans or family support); and hold the ambition to have a positive impact on society in the future. In addition, you must meet at least one of the following criteria: be a UK citizen or have indefinite leave to remain, have the right to remain for at least five years, have been granted refugee status or have pre-settled status (EU). Please see list website for further opportunities.

Language Support:

BRIDGE- Conversation over borders

<https://www.conversationoverborders.org/bridge>

English and befriending programme connecting volunteers with refugees and people seeking asylum for weekly one-to-one conversations.

Durham Palestine Educational Trust

<https://durhampalestine.webspace.durham.ac.uk/scholarships/>

Offer IELTS fee scholarships to Palestinian potential applicants for a Durham Master's Degree scholarship. In 2026, the trust is offering five IELTS fee scholarships.

The Hanoon Foundation

<https://hanoon.org/programmes/language-support/>

Provides language support to medical students and graduates in Palestine as part of their academic and professional development. The programmes reimburse exam fees for recognised English language proficient tests, including the Occupational English Test (OET) and the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

Trinity College London Language Access Fund

<https://www.trinitycollege.com/local-trinity/UK/english-language#>

The fund provides English language learning and examination grants for candidates in the UK and Ireland. Designed to support individuals who have barriers to accessing training and qualifications due to socio-economic or settlement status barriers. The grants support ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) and ISE (Integrated skills in English) qualifications.

The Ruth Hayman Trust

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/migration-and-resettlement/learning-english-in-devon/ruthhayman-trust-educationalgrants-for-adults/>

The trust awards small grants to support the education and training of adult speakers of other languages who have settled in the UK. The Trust supports individuals suffering severe financial and social hardship. The average award is around £300- £500. The grant may cover registration and course fees, essential textbooks and exam fees, among other things.

University of Leicester Sanctuary Seeker's Unit

<https://le.ac.uk/cite/sanctuary-seekers-unit/study/applicants/english-classes-support>

The University offers various initiatives to support students improve their English language abilities. Including the Professional English Professional English Programme, and OET preparation course.

Masters/PhD/Post-Doctoral Opportunities

Academy in Exile

<https://www.academy-in-exile.eu/fellows/>

Supports persecuted scholars to collaborate with one another and resume their work in Germany. The programme supports around 13 scholars with long-term fellowships (24 months). During the fellowships, fellows conduct independent research, participate in professional development and so forth.

Airey Neave Trust

<https://www.aireyneavetrust.org.uk/our-research>

Research fellowships available for research funding into personal freedom under the law of any nation in the world. Fellows of established university departments are invited to submit applications for Trust Research Fellowships on any topic which falls within the definition of helping to protect and/or enhance personal freedom under the rule of democratic law, either national or international.

Al Qasami Foundation Doctoral Research Grants

<https://www.alqasimifoundation.com/grants-research>

Provides grants for PhD students of all nationalities studying at recognized universities in the UAE or abroad. Applicants must be proficient in English and undertaking a research project which focuses on the UEA, specifically the emirate of Ras Al Khaimah, and addresses an issue of some public or social relevance. The grant covers all students' expenses associated with field research in UAE, including return airfares, accommodation and living costs.

Arbour Scholarship

<https://www.fondationarbour.com/en/bourses-d-etudes-doctoract-phd-dba/>

Provides scholarships for master's and PhD students studying at selected universities in Canada. Selection made based on academic performance and financial needs of applicants. The foundation offers \$23,000 per year for master's scholarships and \$35,000 a year for doctoral scholarships.

Asylum Seeker Scholarship- The University of Edinburgh

<https://registryservices.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/undergraduate/international/asylum-seeker-scholarship>

The scholarship offers living cost and tuition fee support for individuals seeking asylum. This is especially aimed at undergraduate degree programmes.

The Aziz Foundation

<https://www.azizfoundation.org.uk/internships/>

Foundation that provides master's scholarships, and internship opportunities for British Muslims.

Beit Trust

<https://beittrust.org.uk/beit-trust-scholarships/>

Provides post-graduate scholarships for students who are nationals of and permanently resident in Zambia, Zimbabwe or Malawi, and who wish to study in the UK or South Africa. Applicants must apply to one of the Trust's partner institutions.

Biochemical Society

<https://biochemistry.org/grants-and-awards/grants-and-bursaries/>

Grants for Molecular Biosciences Postgraduate students to support research and travel to attend scientific conferences. The Krebs Memorial Scholarship provides funding during PhDs.

British Academy

www.britac.ac.uk/funding

Research grants and funding in the Humanities and Social Sciences for scholars at postdoctoral level

British Academy International Fellowship

<https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/schemes/international-fellowships/>

International Fellowship Programme that supports researchers to work in a UK institution for two years. Applicants must be in the final stages of their PHD, be working outside the UK, and not hold UK citizenship.

British Academy Leverhulme Research Grant

<https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/schemes/ba-leverhulme-small-research-grants/>

Support for up to £10,000 in value for a defined research project. Whilst the main applicant must be ordinarily resident in the UK, co-applicants may be from anywhere in the world.

British Academy Talent Development Awards

<https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/schemes/talent-development-awards/>

The programme supports researchers who wish to: develop new methodological or technical skills, learn approaches outside usual discipline. The focus of the grant is primarily the development of skills and capacity building. Main applicants must be resident in the UK, but co-applicants may be resident overseas. The maximum grant is £10,000.

Chevening Scholarships

www.chevening.org

Funding providing by UK government's Foreign and Commonwealth Office to foreign based outstanding established or emerging leaders to pursue one-year master's degrees in any subject at any of the UK's leading universities. Criteria for eligibility is listed on the organisation's webpage.

China Oxford Scholarship Fund

https://chinaoxford.org/?page_id=9

Offers scholarships for students who are citizens of and ordinarily resident of Hong Kong Sar and mainland China, and who have been accepted to or are already studying a postgraduate degree at the University of Oxford. Preference is given to those who are studying in the United Kingdom for the first time.

The Charles Wallace India Trust Scholarships

<https://www.britishcouncil.in/study-uk/scholarships/charles-wallace-india-trust-scholarships>

Managed by the British Council, the Trust supports early to mid-stage career Indian citizens living in India to spend time in the UK to advance their academic and professional careers. Grants are available for a variety of paths, including but not limited to short term research grants, artists residencies, visiting fellowships, and grants for final-year doctoral studies.

The Charles Wallace Pakistan, Burma, and India Trusts

<http://www.wallace-trusts.org.uk/about.html>

<https://www.britishcouncil.in/study-uk/scholarships/charles-wallace-india-trust-scholarships>

Provides funding for citizens of Pakistan, Myanmar, and India to further their professional development or doctoral studies in the United Kingdom. Eligible applicants include midcareer academics, artists and professionals. Funding covers a variety of activities including visiting fellowships, visiting artists, professional visits, and doctoral bursaries. The Trusts will not fund students pursuing undergraduate or master's degrees.

Commonwealth Scholarships

<https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/scholarships/commonwealth-shared-scholarships-applications/>

Provides range of scholarships and fellowships for students from eligible low- and middle-income Commonwealth countries to pursue a full-time Master's or PhD degree at a participating UK university. Candidates must be a citizen of or have been granted refugee status by an eligible Commonwealth country, not have studied or worked for a year or more in a high-income country, and have no other means with which to afford to study in the UK.

The Daphne Jackson Trust

<https://daphnejackson.org/about-fellowships/>

Part-time, paid fellowships awarded to science, engineering, technology or mathematics graduates and post-graduates who have taken a career break of two or more years for family, caring or health reasons. To be eligible you must have at least 3 years in research prior to career break (due to family, caring or health reasons) and/or a PhD qualification is required and must have a right to work in the UK for at least 12 months with a clear route to subsequent visa progression.

Diabetes UK

www.diabetes.org.uk/Research/For-researchers/Apply-for-a-grant/

Funding for research-training opportunities in the form of PhD studentships and research fellowships to support clinicians, scientists, and other medical-related health professionals at different stages in their careers. Applicants must hold an established NHS, academic or research post and be in receipt of a salary for the duration of the award.

Durham Palestine Education Trust

www.dur.ac.uk/durham.palestine/scholarships/

Offers scholarships to graduates of a university in the West Bank or Gaza to study for a 1-year taught master's degree at Durham University. Each scholarship will cover all tuition, living and travel costs for one person. The Trust also offers IELTS fee scholarships to potential applicants who cannot afford to take an English Languages test.

Einstein Foundation

<https://www.einsteinfoundation.de/en/funding/einstein-guest-researcher-academic-freedom>

The foundation supports researchers whose academic freedom is constrained, or who lives and security are at risk to work in Berlin. The foundation offers various professorships, fellowships and grants.

Ertegun Graduate Scholarship

<https://www.ertegun.ox.ac.uk/scholarships>

Funds 15 scholarships for students from around the world undertaking graduate study in the humanities at the University of Oxford. Students must be applying to start a new course of study. A specific list of the eligible courses may be found on the website.

France Excellence Eiffel Scholarship Programme

<https://www.campusfrance.org/en/france-excellence-eiffel-scholarship-program>

The Eiffel Excellence Scholarship Program was established by the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs to enable French higher education institutions to attract top foreign students to enrol in their master's and PhD programs. It gives opportunity to the future foreign decision-makers of the private and public sectors, in priority areas of study, and encourages applicants from foreign countries up to 29 years old at master's level, and applicants up to 35 years old at PhD level.

Fullbright Foreign Student Program

<https://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/fulbright-foreign-student-program>

Support for postgraduate students wishing to study in the USA. Application details and grant terms for the Fulbright Program vary by country of citizenship and program.

Gates Cambridge Scholarship (University of Cambridge)

www.gatescambridge.org

Offers full-cost scholarships to outstanding applicants from countries outside the UK to pursue a full-time postgraduate degree in any subject available at the University of Cambridge (with some exceptions).

The Hanoon Foundation

<https://hanoon.org/programmes/>

The programme partner with medical schools and healthcare charities to support Palestinian medical schools and students. This is done through bursaries, training support, the supply of equipment, and language support (including support for language exam fees).

Higher Education Scholarships for Palestinians

<https://www.britishcouncil.ps/en/study-uk/scholarships/hespal>

Provides funding for around 6 PhD and 8 Master's scholars to study at participating UK universities. Applicants must be a resident citizen of Occupied Palestinian Territories and should be nominated by a Palestinian university who will employ them on their return to Palestine after their degree is completed.

Inlaks Shivdasani Scholarships

<https://www.inlaksfoundation.org/scholarships/how-to-apply/>

Scholarships to Indian students, who are normally resident in India to study master's and PhD at top-rated universities across the US, UK and Europe. Awards of up to 100,000 USD. Subject exceptions listed on the website.

K.C. Mahindra Trust

<https://www.kcmet.org/what-we-do-Scholarship-Grants.aspx>

Mahindra Education Trust grants interest-free loan scholarships to deserving students to pursue post-graduate studies abroad in various fields. Applicants must be an Indian citizen.

University of Leicester Sanctuary Scholarship

<https://le.ac.uk/cite/sanctuary-seekers-unit/study/applicants/academic-scholarships-andhomefees>

List of Sanctuary Scholarships that seek to reduce barriers to participation in higher education faced by individuals from a refugee background.

University of Leicester Gaza Support

<https://le.ac.uk/cite/sanctuary-seekers-unit/initiatives/gaza>

List of Scholarships and support for Gazan students and academics based in the University of Leicester.

The Leverhulme Trust

www.leverhulme.ac.uk

Grants for research fellowships for experienced researchers, Early Career Fellowships for post-doctoral researchers, research grants, visiting professorships for distinguished academics based overseas to spend up to twelve months at a UK university and International Academic Fellowships. Available to those who reside in the UK.

London School of Economics (Palestine Programme)

<https://www.lse.ac.uk/middleeastcentre/research/palestine-programme>

The programmes support academics in Palestine through collaboration research projects, student Scholarships and policy-focused research projects.

Oxford- Exeter- Sandys Graduate Scholarship

<https://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/news/new-fully-funded-scholarship-for-graduate-students-withlived-experience-of-forceddisplacement>

Scholarship aimed at displaced or refugee scholars undertaking research on issues related to forced migration. The scholarship covers full tuition and college fees and includes a maintenance grant for the full duration of the student's course. Preference is given to applicants who wish to undertake the DPhil in International Development or DPhil in Migration Studies at the Refugee Studies, with a research focus which is of use and relevance to refugees and displaced people.

The Palestinian American Research Centre (PARC) Research Fellowships in Palestinian Studies

<https://www.parc-us-pal.org/fellowship-program-for-palestinians/>

Research fellowship competition for Palestinian doctoral students and Palestinian scholars who have earned their PhD. Proposed research must contribute to Palestinian Studies Research and must take place in Palestine, Jordan, or Lebanon.

The Pause Programme

<https://www.programmepause.fr/en/cand-comment-etre-accueilli-par-un-etablissement-enfrance/>

The programme co-funds a higher education or research institution placement. Support lasts from 6 months to a year. Applicants must be doctoral students (with who have an in-progress thesis that has been disrupted by an urgent situation), researcher, teacher-researcher or artist in their country of origin. Additionally, applicants must be at-risk (please see programme website for more details on eligibility).

Postgraduate Solutions Study Bursary

www.postgrad.com/editorial/bursaries/

Provides Postgraduate Study Bursaries to students worldwide.

Qalaa Holdings Scholarship Foundation

<https://qalaascholarships.org/>

Provides scholarships for Egyptian students pursuing graduate studies at leading universities in the US or Europe. Applicants must be under the age of 35 and intend to return to Egypt after completing their studies. The website also lists further scholarship opportunities for Egyptian students.

The Quantedge-Cambridge Masters Scholarship

<https://www.kings.cam.ac.uk/opportunities/quantedge-cambridge-masters-scholarshipinternational>

The scholarship supports students to study a full-time MPhil at King's College, Cambridge which have refugee status in the UK, or who have formerly held refugee status, or who are from an area of instability/conflict. Applicants for other one-year, full-time master's courses may also be considered.

Rotary Peace Fellowships

<https://my.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowship-application>

The Peace Fellowships are awarded for master's degrees in peace and development at six selected partner institutions around the world. Candidates must have completed their most recent academic degree at least three years ago, have relevant experience and cannot be citizens of the UK, USA, Sweden, Japan, or Australia.

The Royal Society

royalsociety.org/grants/

Range of post-doctoral research funding grant schemes to support the UK scientific community and foster collaboration between UK based and overseas scientists but does not provide funding to master's or PhD students. Open to UK/EEA national or a nonEEA national with other specified eligibility criteria depending on scheme.

Saïd Foundation Scholarships

<https://saidfoundation.org/scholarships/>

Offers scholarships for students from Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and Palestine to pursue one year master's degrees in the UK at participating institutions. Applicants must have experience relevant to their field of study and intend to return to their home country after completion.

STEPS Palestine

<https://stepspalestine.org.uk/what-we-do/>

Provides funding for Palestinians studying a one-year master's degree in any field at the University of St Andrews. Applicants must first apply to the university for the master's of their choice, and following acceptance should then apply for a STEPS scholarship.

Weidenfeld Scholarships and Leadership Programme

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/fees-funding-and-scholarshipsearch/weidenfeld-hoffmann-scholarships-and-leadership-programme>

Scholarships for students and young professionals from emerging economies, enabling them to take up graduate study at the University of Oxford. A list of eligible countries and eligible courses is provided on the website. Applicants should be able to demonstrate a connection between your subject of study and your longer-term career objectives, explaining how you see your professional work contributing to the improvement of public life in your country of origin.

World Bank Scholarship Program

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/scholarships/jj-wbgsp>

Offers scholarships for 44 Participating Master's Programs in 24 universities in the U.S., Europe, Africa, Oceania and Japan in key areas of development, including economic policy management, tax policy, and infrastructure management.

Refugees And Asylum Seekers

Asylum Support Appeals Project

<https://www.asaproject.org/guides>

Focuses on protecting asylum seekers' and refused asylum seekers' legal rights to food and shelter via free legal representation for appeals to the Asylum Support Tribunal.

Bail for Immigration Detainees

<https://www.biduk.org/pages/information-and-advice>

Provide help for those detained under immigration powers in a prison or removal centre.

BMA Charities

<https://bmacharities.org.uk/get-help/grants-available/>

Provides grants to refugee and asylum-seeking doctors and medical students in financial hardship to help cover utility bills, travel and disability equipment, the costs of the GMC retention fee and professional indemnity insurance, as well as financial advice to doctors to help them manage their finances.

Breaking Barriers

<https://breaking-barriers.co.uk/refugee-support/employment/young-refugees/>

Runs courses for English language and employment training for refugees, as well as informative support for those looking to begin studying/working in the UK. Special programme for 18-25 years old to help at the beginning of their careers. No longer offers grants.

British Red Cross

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/get-help-as-a-refugee>

Provides a variety of support services for refugees and asylum seekers in the UK including emergency help and one-on-one casework.

Fund for Human Need

<http://fundforhumanneed.org.uk/>

Emergency relief payments usually to a maximum of £120. Priority is given to those who are destitute or have no income or benefits; who are particularly vulnerable; where amounts up to £120 will make a major difference. Grants are not made to cover debt or to pay scholarships, university, or college fees. Asylum-seekers receiving an asylum allowance MUST apply through a recognised organisation which is able to receive the payment and organise any purchases on behalf of the applicant. Direct payments made to asylum-seekers may result in deductions being made from their relief payments and any claim they make.

Hibiscus Initiative

<https://hibiscusinitiatives.org.uk/get-involved/refer/>

Supports marginalised women trapped in the immigration and criminal justice systems with rebuilding their lives. Runs programmes such as Double Disadvantaged, Anti-Trafficking, Cultural Mediation. Heritage, I Am Roma Woman and Women Inside.

InPower Project

<https://clearvoice.org.uk/social-impact/inpower-project/>

Funds community interpreting qualifications to enable refugees to enter the UK workforce once they have the right to work.

The Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants

<https://www.jcwi.org.uk/Pages/Category/toolkit-and-guides>

Offers support services and resources to assist with all areas of asylum and immigration law.

Know your rights guide by Migrants' Rights Network

<https://migrantsrights.org.uk/resources/know-your-rights/>

This guide is to help you understand your rights in a situation where immigration rules are changing regularly. It is also useful for anyone who cannot prove they are British or have Indefinite Leave to Remain, for example if you don't have a passport or immigration documents. Other migrants, including those from the European Union, refugees and those with Limited Leave to Remain will also find it useful.

Liberty Human Rights

https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/advice_information/i-need-immigration-advice/

A list of organisations that provide legal aid or support for various matters including asylum and immigration support.

Medical Justice

<https://medicaljustice.org.uk/make-a-referral/>

Provides support for people in immigration detention who have experienced torture or extreme trauma or have health problems and are not receiving the necessary treatment.

Migrant Help

<https://www.migranthehelpuk.org/Listing/Category/asylum-resources>

Provides independent advice and guidance for those going through the asylum process. Also offers mental health and well-being support as well as information on rights of people who experienced any form of sexual violence. Can be contacted through their free helpline, regional services, or webchat.

Prisoners of Conscience Appeal Fund

<https://prisonersofconscience.org/grants/application-guidelines/>

Grants aimed at individuals who have suffered persecution for their conscientiously held beliefs, who fall within the organisation's definition of a prisoner of conscience. Grant's purpose is for the relief and rehabilitation of anyone who falls within this category. There are also available Family Reunion Grants, and Bursary Grants for postgraduate study.

Rainbow Migration

<https://www.rainbowmigration.org.uk/>

Dedicated to supporting LGBTQI+ people through the immigration and asylum system, through practical and emotional support, specialist legal advice, and assistance with access to housing and health services.

RefugEAP

<https://le.ac.uk/cite/sanctuary-seekers-unit/initiatives/refugeap>

RefugEAP programme was developed by the staff at University of Leicester 'Sanctuary Seekers' Unit. It is a free online pre-university academic English skills programme for refugee-background students across the UK. It is for students who need to improve their academic English skills to help them access a degree programme at university but perhaps have not been able to access a formal pre-sessional English for Academic Purposes (EAP) programme yet.

Refugee Action

<https://www.refugee-action.org.uk/our-services/help-and-advice/>

Collection of various organisations supporting refugees and asylum seekers in the UK.

The Refugee Council

<https://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/get-help/>

An employment service aiming to provide information, advice, guidance, and support to refugees looking to access training, volunteering, and employment opportunities. Available to refugees based in Greater London. Special programmes available to those refugees with a professional background in health.

Restart Refugee Support

<https://www.restartrefugeesupport.org/for-applicants>

Provide interest-free loans to skilled refugees and entrepreneurs. Funds should be used for professional re-qualification or accreditation, or as capital for business start-ups and development. Applicants must have been granted refugee status, have permission to work, have professional skills and a realistic business or professional development plan.

Right to Remain Toolkit

<https://righttoremain.org.uk/toolkit/>

A guide to the UK immigration and asylum system containing information from qualified experts.

Said Foundation DAFI Scholarships

<https://www.unhcr.org/dafi-scholarships.html>

Offers Syrian students with recognised refugee status, or refugees recently returned to their home country, a scholarship to support undergraduate studies either in their country of asylum or their home country. Applicants must be 28 years or younger, have completed sufficient secondary education, and have no other financial means of supporting their studies.

Science4refugees

<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/frameworks/science4refugees>

A network of opportunities, resources, and partner organisations dedicated to helping refugee researchers.

The Schwab and Westheimer Trusts

<http://swtrust.org.uk/>

Educational funding in the form of grants and two available scholarships. Westheimer Scholarship for a first degree or professional qualification in the fields of health and social care through a scholarship to cover home tuition fees, and associated study costs. Applicants who have an asylum-seeking background are encouraged to apply; applicants should be below 30 years of age. Schwab Educational Grant offers a financial support of up to £2,000 to students in need.

Sidney Perry Foundation

<https://www.thesidneyperryfoundation.com/applications>

The Foundation primarily helps first degree students with grants that are intended to be supplementary where most of the funding is obtained elsewhere. Available to refugees, asylum seekers and others

under the age of 35 unless there are exceptional circumstances. Long list of exceptions is available to view on the website.

Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS)

<https://www.saas.gov.uk/>

Financial support to eligible students doing a course of higher education in the UK. Open to refugees and asylum seekers if they meet certain requirements including residency in Scotland.

Student Action for Refugees

<https://star-network.org.uk/access-to-university/>

Provides a list of university-specific scholarships for refugees and asylum seekers in the UK, as well as a list of resources and advice for refugee students applying in the UK.

University of East London Directory of Services and Organisations

<https://www.uel.ac.uk/our-research/research-school-education-communities/olive/our-resources/ngos-public-support>

A directory of services and organisations for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in the UK and beyond, including regional charities and support groups.

United Westminster Almshouses Foundation

<https://www.westminsteralmshouses.com/grants.htm>

The Forrest and Grinsell Endowment awards education grants to projects benefiting underprivileged children and young people whose families are on low incomes and living in Westminster. Priority is given to projects that target those with special needs, students at risk of being excluded, students struggling academically and high achieving students. The charity also provides one off hardship awards, to support people on a low income.

Walcot Foundation

<https://www.walcotfoundation.org.uk/individuals.html>

Funding includes costs for a first degree or a first vocational (work related) qualification, helping those out of work take a further education or vocational training course that has a strong likelihood of leading to work, and expenses associated with gaining work experience. Must have been living in Lambeth for at least one year and on low income. Refugees, asylum seekers and others are eligible with additional specified criteria. Grants of up to £1,800 for non-childcare costs and up to £4,000 for childcare costs. The grants are specifically aimed at Lambeth residents.

The Windle Trust International

<https://windle.org.uk/scholarships>

Scholarships for postgraduate study in Sudan and the UK. Provides postgraduate scholarship opportunities in UK, Sudan or through Distance Learning to refugees, and people who have been internally displaced or otherwise affected by conflict. Applicants should be from the countries of East, Central or the Horn of Africa, some regions of Kenya, or some regions of Uganda, and be resident in Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, or South Sudan. Undergraduate scholarship programmes to support students in Sudan and South Sudan.

Workeer.de

<https://workeer.de/en/fuer-gefluechtete>

A job board dedicated to job-seeking refugees in Germany.

Women+

American Association of University Women

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/current-opportunities/>

Offers grants and scholarships for women pursuing academic work or leading community projects. International Fellowships and Project grants support non-US citizens who pursue education in the US and return to their home countries afterwards.

British Council Women in STEM Scholarship

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/study-work-abroad/in-uk/scholarship-women-stem>

Scholarships for individuals who are or identify as women, are passport holders from a selected list of countries, demonstrate socio-economic needs, and want to study a STEM degree at a UK university.

British Federation of Women Graduates

<https://bfwg.org.uk/bfwg2/how-to-apply-for-a-bfwg-academic-award/>

For all scholarships, applicants must be doing research towards a doctoral degree (PhD, DPhil, DMus etc.) and must be registered for their doctorate at a UK university

Funds for Women Graduates

www.ffwg.org.uk/home.html

Foundation Grants for postgraduate doctoral level e.g., PhD or DPhil to help women graduates with their living expenses (not fees) while registered for study or research at an approved institution or higher education in the UK. A grant will only be given for the final year of a PhD or DPhil. One-off emergency grants are also available. Women graduate from UK and overseas are eligible. Theodora Bosanquet Bursary and International Fellowships also available.

Graduate Women International

<https://graduatewomen.org/what-we-do/grants-fellowships/>

Provide a range of fellowships and grants to support study, research, and training, for women and girls. The next call for applications will open in October 2027.

International Atomic Energy Agency Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship Programme (MSCFP)

<https://www.iaea.org/services/key-programmes/together-for-more-women-in-nuclear/iaea-marie-skłodowska-curie-fellowship-programme>

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship Programme aims to increase the number of women in the nuclear field by offering scholarships for master's programmes in nuclear related studies at accredited universities. This opportunity is only open to women.

Rights of Women

<https://rightsofwomen.org.uk/get-advice/>

Provide a variety of legal support services to vulnerable women in England and Wales, including free telephone advice lines focused on specific areas of law, and guides and handbooks with key legal information.

Schlumberger Foundation Faculty for the Future

<https://www.facultyforthefuture.net/>

Awards fellowships to women from developing and emerging economies to pursue a PhD or post-doctoral research in STEM at globally recognised universities. Candidates who have applied to or been admitted to a university abroad from their home country, and who are planning to return to their home country after their studies to be committed to returning to your home country to contribute to its socio-economic development, are eligible to apply.

Urgent Action Fund for Women, Trans and Non-Binary People

<https://urgentactionfund.org/our-grants/>

Provide grants and other resources for women, trans and non-binary human rights defenders around the world. Grants fall under two categories; the protection and security of women, trans and non-binary human rights defenders; and advocacy by women, trans and non-binary rights movements during time-bound opportunities.

Zonta International

https://zonta.org/Web/Our_Programs/Education/Web/Programs/Education_Home.aspx?hk_ey=ba5aaa93-9106-436b-8f2a-dc1acff389dd

Provides scholarships for women in studying STEM, business, and doctoral study in aerospace engineering and space sciences. Also issues an award for young women in public affairs. Applications must be submitted to a district/regional Zonta club, or for areas where Zonta is not in operation via Zonta e-club or directly to the district.

Specific Professions and Disciplines

Aviation

Royal Aeronautical Society

<https://www.aerosociety.com/careers-education/scholarships-bursaries/>

Awards include Futures Scholarship and Travel Grants to provide support to those seeking career in aerospace and aviation, by providing support to both individuals and teams. To be eligible, you must be a member of the Royal Aeronautical Society (Individual Applicants), you must demonstrate financial need and commitment to aerospace.

Artists

Artists at Risk (Afghanistan)

<https://artistatrisk.org/apply/?lang=en>

Supports persecuted art practitioners from around the world. Recently have opened specific enquiry lines for Ukrainian and Afghan artists and cultural workers.

Al Qasami Foundation

<https://www.alqasimifoundation.com/artist-residency>

Provides funding for artists to undertake residencies and cultural exchange in the Al Qasami Foundation's Studio and Gallery for six to twelve months. Prospective applicants must have a degree or established experience in studio or fine arts, have demonstrable experience teaching or collaborating with others to explore different artistic media, proficiency in English, and evidence for how the exchange would inspire personal creativity and artistic expression. The Foundation also supports film grants of up to 35,000 AED. To support the production of short films exploring themes relevant to Ras Al Khaimah, particularly Hazeera Al Hamra and the United Arab Emirates.

Architects & Designers for Ukraine

<https://niaiu.pl/2022/03/for-ua/>

Accepts applications and collates job offers for those affected by the war in Ukraine and looking for employment in the creative sector in Poland and Europe.

Artistic Freedom Initiative

<https://artisticfreedominitiative.org/apply-for-assistance/>

Assists at-risk artists of all disciplines with temporary and permanent residence in the United States. Also accepts applicants from artists already in the US and currently seeking asylum. Applicants must show that they are at-risk of persecution because of their artistic expression.

Artists at Risk Connection

<https://artistsatriskconnection.org/>

Supports persecuted artists of all disciplines as well as cultural professionals. Artists can apply for support directly to the organisation or can use the directory of resources to find external opportunities. Recently ARC has also launched specific funds for emergency assistance and resilience assistance for Ukrainian visual artists. The terms of the two funds are detailed on the webpage. ARC has temporarily paused intake of new assistance requests on “I am At Risk” portal until September 1, 2026.

Artists at Risk Ukraine

<https://artistsatriskconnection.org/story/emergency-and-resilience-funds-for-ukrainian-visual-artists>
[Application Form](#)

A specific form for Ukrainian art practitioners of all forms to apply to Artists at Risk.

Arts for Ukraine

<https://www.artsforukraine.org/all/>

A collection of resources to help Ukrainian artists find shelter or professional and educational opportunities.

European Network of High Arts Education

<https://elia-artschools.org/page/InsolidaritywithUkraineELIAmembersactionsupport>

Have compiled a list of opportunities specifically for Ukrainian creatives.

Kyiv Biennial Emergency Support Initiative

<https://esi.kyivbiennial.org/en>

Provides financial relief for members of the artistic and cultural community in Ukraine who have remained in the country.

Latvian Contemporary Arts and Culture Mentorship Programme

<https://theatre.lv/eng/latvian-contemporary-arts-and-culture-ngos-mentorship-programme/>

A database of Latvian art organisations offering to mentor artists and cultural professionals arriving in Latvia after being displaced by the war in Ukraine.

Martin Roth Initiative

<https://www.martin-roth-initiative.de/en/application>

Supports temporary placements and scholarships for artists and cultural actors. Recipients may be hosted in Germany with the assistance of a host cultural institution or temporarily relocated to safe locations in their home region.

National Institute of Music and Dance, Warsaw

[Application Form](#)

Entry form for Ukrainian artists interested in cooperation with Polish cultural institutions via the National Institute of Music and Dance.

On the Move - Solidary with Ukraine

<https://on-the-move.org/resources/collections/solidarity-ukraine-enforced-mobility>

A list of information and key resource places for artists and culture professionals in need of relocation or support from Ukraine and other affected contexts.

Prague City Theatres

<https://www.mestskadivadlaprazska.cz/blog/1686/imagine-ua/>

An open call for Ukrainians currently residing in the Czech Republic to collaborate with the Prague City Theatre. Artists and art students are invited to apply with their proposed projects and CVs.

AM Qattan Foundation- Culture and Education Programme (CEP)

<https://qattanfoundation.org/en/grants-opportunities>

The Culture and Education programme aims to support Palestinian artistic, cultural and educational infrastructure. An element of this programme includes the Grants and Capacity Support Unit, whereby the foundation offers and publishes avenues for financial support, capacity-building programmes, artists residencies and research/learning partnerships.

Romanian Solidarity Action for Ukrainian Artists

<https://contemporarylynx.co.uk/art-residencies-and-practice-for-artists-and-cultural-workers-from-ukraine>

An open invitation for Ukrainian artists of all disciplines to participate in a Romanian programme of artistic community space in Bucharest, Cluj, and Timișoara. Accommodation and financial support will be provided for accepted artists.

Safe Muse

<https://safemuse.org/safe-residencies/>

Provides Safe Residencies for artists at risk in Oslo, Norway, with a focus on artistic development and cooperation.

Solidarity with Ukraine/(En)forced Mobility Working Group

[Application Form](#)

A collection of resources to support the Ukrainian arts community (N.B Last updated in 2022).

Stand for Art

<https://mawred.org/stand-for-art/?lang=en#123243>

Supports artists and cultural actors from the Arab region who are threatened as a result of their cultural and artistic expression, as well as those at risk because of violence, war, and political instability. The emergency fund covers financial support, including travel and accommodation expenses. The organisation can also help to connect beneficiaries with temporary residences or other forms of support at relevant institutions.

The Power of International Education Artist Protection Fund

<https://www.iie.org/en/Programs/Artist-Protection-Fund/Eligibility-and-Application>

Provides support to artists of all disciplines facing threats and risks. Preference is given to artists who can demonstrate accomplishment and promise in their artistic practice and will benefit their home countries or communities. Applicants cannot be seeking to use funds for the continuation of academic studies and should not have been displaced or in exile for more than two years.

Ukrainian Emergency Performing Arts Fund

<https://ueaf.moca.org.ua/>

A body of funds reserved for the support of teams of Ukrainian dance and theatre artists remaining in Ukraine with the continuation of their art.

Ukrainian Emergency Art Fund

https://ueaf.moca.org.ua/?fbclid=IwAR3w_EGbCOjfSwtbK_uhImkEM7n3HVOVuEQsCP2ntQXmB5gMGc9xSpyVhV_Q

Provides one-time stipends or other forms of financial aid for up to 3 months for members of the cultural sector.

Dentists/ Dentistry Students

Restart Dental Pathway

<https://www.restartrefugeesupport.org/dentist-pathway>

Lends funds to help refugees who have the right to remain in the UK and possess dental qualifications and experience to requalify and practice in the UK. Candidates must be able to prove sufficient proficiency in English.

Engineering

Institute of Engineering and Technology

<https://www.theiet.org/impact-society/awards-scholarships/>

The IET Future talent scheme offers range of awards for undergraduate and postgraduate students of Engineering and Technology. Scholarships are available to UK residents fulfilling certain criteria. Also offers several awards to MSc, PhD and mature students, and engineers at the early stage of their careers, for 'notable academic achievement.'

Royal Academy of Engineering

<https://raeng.org.uk/programmes-and-prizes/programmes/uk-grants-and-prizes/>

Provides a variety of study bursaries and research fellowships. Deadlines and eligibility criteria vary. Open to any UK student who fulfils the criteria. There are no residency or nationality requirements, but the post must be held in the UK.

Environmental Sciences

The Nature Fund (previously John Spedan Lewis Foundation)

<https://www.johnlewispartnership.co.uk/foundation/nature-fund>

Supports the understanding, protection and restoration of the natural world. Awardees are typically professionals or non-professionals of any nationality or age who are usually within the first 10 years of their work within the natural environment and have a record of creating a positive impact on the UK natural environment. Areas of impact include environmental activism, and campaigning, community engagement, education, nature conservation and research.

Canadian Journalists for Free Expression: Journalists in Distress Program

<https://cjfe.org/journalists-in-distress-fund/>

Provides supports to journalists around the world whose lives and well-being are threatened because of their work. Applicants must be verified by an IFEX member or an organisation that provides emergency assistance. Funds available range between 500 to 1500 Canadian dollars and can be used for legal fees, medical expenses, transportation costs to flee a dangerous situation, financial support for the families of journalists, and resettlement costs for the first year in a safe destination.

Committee to Protect Journalists

<https://cpj.org/emergency-response/what-we-do/>

The Committee's Emergency Response team supports frontline journalists and media support workers to ensure that they are prepared for safety and security issues when entering a conflict zone. This includes the Gene Roberts Emergency Fund Journalist Assistance program, which offers emergency grants to journalists in distress worldwide.

ECPMF Journalists-in-Residence Programme (JiR)

<https://www.ecpmf.eu/support/journalists-in-residence/>

Provides temporary shelter in Leipzig for journalists facing harassment and intimidation as a result of their work. Funding covers accommodation and basic living costs for three to six months and can also cover other support services depending on individual needs. Applicants must be a legal resident in an EU member state, have English, German, or Russian language skills, and be able to provide evidence of the threat faced as a result of their work.

English PEN Writers at Risk

<https://www.englishpen.org/campaigns/writers-at-risk/>

Works to defend and support writers whose freedom of expression is under attack.

Free Press Unlimited

<https://www.freepressunlimited.org/en/projects/reporters-respond-emergency-and-legal-support>

The Reporters Respond fund provides direct assistance, legal support, and safety advice to journalists and media outlets in need to enable them to resume their work. This includes subsistence costs for journalists who are not able to work or need to flee an unsafe situation, and temporary support for family members of journalists who are unable to work, imprisoned, or deceased. Freelance or staff journalists are eligible if their emergency situation is a direct result of their work in journalism.

Hannah Arendt Initiative

<https://hannah-arendt-initiative.de/>

A network of civil society organisations which supports endangered journalists from Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Sudan, and Central America.

International Centre for Journalists

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

Non-profit, professional organization located in Washington, D.C., United States, that promotes journalism worldwide. Periodically runs fellowship programmes.

International Federation of Journalists Safety Fund

<https://www.ifj.org/safety-fund.html>

The Fund offers financial assistance for journalists facing emergency situations such as threats, violence, prosecution, exile, and illness.

International Media Support Safety Fund

<https://www.mediasupport.org/what-we-do/safety-for-journalists/#safety-fund>

Provides help in cases where a journalist has been killed or rendered other incapacitated, in need of immediate protection as a result of a direct threat, or in need of urgent legal or medical assistance. Support is given for a period of no longer than six months.

Journalists in Distress Network

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

A network of media freedom organisations able to assist journalists and media workers through their individual member organisations.

Media Defence

<https://www.mediadefence.org/apply-for-case-support/>

Provides emergency defence to financially support journalists facing costly and complex litigation in an attempt to silence them. Can provide funding for legal defence, help in the search for a lawyer, and provide technical legal support to legal counsel. Can also help in the bringing of legal action to compel the state to protect rights.

PEN International

<https://pen-international.org/protecting-writers-at-risk/our-protection-work>

Provides small emergency grants, supports asylum requests, assists with temporary relocation, and aids access to legal recourse for writers at risk. Through the Foundation PEN Emergency Fund, offers one-off grants of up to €2000 for certain emergency assistance measures.

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Reporters Without Borders

<https://rsf.org/en/assistance-journalists-and-media#financial-support-1411>

Will provide a variety of support for individual journalists and media workers, including financial support and travel medical insurance for journalists working outside of their home country.

Rory Peck Trust

<https://rorypecktrust.org/>

Has a variety of funds available to support freelance journalists. Applicants must be professional freelance journalists who have been actively working for at least 12 months, have journalism as their only source of income, and lack access to other financial support or any contractual benefits.

Skeyes Centre for Media and Cultural Freedom

<https://www.skeyesmedia.org/en/About-Us>

Supports journalists and intellectuals in Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, and Jordan through legal, moral, and financial support.

24.04 Fund

<https://2402.org/>

Provide safety equipment, HEFAT training, satellite communications, and evacuation assistance for journalists in Ukraine.

Lawyers/ Law students

Inderpal Rahal Memorial Trust

<https://www.gardencourtchambers.co.uk/about#inderpal-rahall-trust>

Provides awards of £2000 to assist in the costs of undertaking or pursuing legal qualification, training, or research in the UK or abroad for women from an immigrant or refugee background.

The International Observatory for Lawyers in Danger

<https://protect-lawyers.org/en/the-observatory/>

Paris-based initiative which upholds the rights of lawyers worldwide to practice freely and independently. Support can take the form of emergency assistance mechanisms for those facing imminent threats, which can cover legal support for lawyers subject to criminal proceedings, and emergency funding to lawyers and their dependent whose financial situation is being impacted by threats.

Lawyers for Lawyers Toolkit for Lawyers at Risk

<https://lawyersforlawyers.org/en/toolkit-for-lawyers-at-risk/>

A collection of resources and information for those seeking to protect lawyers at risk.

Medical students/Doctors and Medical Research/Health

Academy of Medical Sciences Newton International Fellowship Scheme

<http://www.acmedsci.ac.uk/newton-international>

Scheme for postdoctoral researchers at an early career stage, from any country outside the UK to work at a UK research institution for 2 years. Research fields include Clinical and patient-orientated research. Available to those from Turkey, China, India, Brazil, Mexico, and South Africa – not available to all of these nationalities every year so please check website.

BMA Charities Trust Fund

<https://bmacharities.org.uk/get-help/grants-available/>

Grants to medical doctors, medical students, and their dependents in times of financial crisis including grants for including assistance to refugee and asylum-seeking doctors towards taking the PLAB exams and GMC registration.

Cancer Research UK

<https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/funding-for-researchers>

Grants for research in any aspect of the study of cancer. Also offer several PhD scholarships. Deadlines and criteria differ for different grants/fellowships and bursaries.

Daniel Turnberg Scheme

<https://acmedsci.ac.uk/grants-and-schemes/grant-schemes/daniel-turnberg-travel-fellowship>

Offers the opportunity for biomedical researchers from the UK, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Israel, or the Palestine territories to visit a research institution of their choice in the UK, and for those from the UK to visit a research institution of their choice in the Middle East.

Rosetrees Grants

<https://rosetrees.org.uk/funding/>

Supports a diverse range of grants from smaller early discovery research to major project grants and interdisciplinary awards funding more progressed translational research. Also offers funding for early career fellowships at specific universities. Applications for these fellowships must be made directly to the host university.

Westheimer Scholarship

<https://www.swtrust.org.uk/westheimer-scholarship.html>

Up to three people a year will be supported with a Westheimer Scholarship to study for a first degree or professional qualification in the fields of health and social care through a scholarship ranging from £10 - £20,000 a year. Must be under 30 and be an asylum seeker to apply, as well as ineligible for UK Student Finance Award.

Linguistics:

Caroline Clapham IELTS Masters Award

<https://ielts.org/researchers/awards-and-scholarships>

£2000 prize awarded annually to the Master's-level dissertation or thesis in English that makes the most significant contribution to the field of language testing. This submission must be for a dissertation or thesis written towards a master's degree or equivalent.

Religious Studies

The Spalding Memorial Educational Trust

<https://www.spaldingtrust.org.uk/application>

Awards grants to encourage activities and research with a comparative and/or dialogic interfaith or inter-religious dimension.

Teaching

All Saints Educational Trust

www.aset.org.uk

Grants are for teachers or those intending to become teachers and students in Religious Studies, Home Economics, and related subjects. Applicants from UK/EU and overseas. Overseas applicants (whom the Foundation defines as those liable to pay overseas student fees at UK universities) must already possess a first degree or equivalent, acquired at least two years before the commencement of the postgraduate course which the scholarship is intended to fund.

IELTS Morgan Terry Memorial IATEFL Scholarship

<https://ielts.org/researchers/awards-and-scholarships/ielts-morgan-terry-memorial-iatefl-scholarship>

Scholarship that covers the costs of IATEFL (International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language) membership/ Award recognises individuals that develop educational activities or learning resources that could help prospective IELTS test takers prepare for their tests.

Occupational and Environmental Health

The Colt Foundation

<https://www.coltfoundation.org.uk/phd-fellowships/>

Offers funding for Fellowships which are expected to turn into PhD projects. Also offers grants for some PhD students. All in the area of Occupational Hygiene and Health. Open to UK/EU and overseas applicants

Islamic Studies

Barakat Trust

<https://barakat.org/grants/>

Scholarships and grants to applicants worldwide in the fields of Islamic Art History, Architecture, and Archaeology. Support is given for a diverse range of projects, programmes, and studies. They include scholarships and grants for post-graduate and postdoctoral study and research scholarships. Exhibitions, lectures, conferences, archaeological excavations, conservation projects, surveys and documentation, travel grants and scholarly publications are also supported. Not open to transferring money to individuals. Applicant needs to identify an institution to which grant monies can be transferred on their behalf. Applications reopen on 1st January 2027.

Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies Scholarships

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/fees-funding-and-scholarshipsearch/oxford-centre-islamic-studies-ocis-scholarships>

Scholarships for students studying full-time postgraduate courses at Oxford in a field derived from or of relevance to the Islamic tradition, or of relevance and benefit to the Muslim world. Potential recipients can be either UK citizens or citizens and residents of a variety of overseas countries.

Computer Science

Edinburgh University

<https://www.epcc.ed.ac.uk/education-and-training/masters-programmes>

Offers Master's Scholarships in High Performance Computing and High-Performance Computing with Data Science— one year, half of tuition.

Academic Jobs

Academic Positions

<https://academicpositions.com/>

Job directory for positions in universities and research institution

FindAPostDoc

<https://www.findapostdoc.com/>

Job directory for positions in universities and research institutions

HigherEd Jobs

<https://www.higheredjobs.com/>

Job directory for positions in universities and research institutions

Inomics

<https://inomics.com/top/jobs>

Job directory for positions in universities and research institutions

General

Campden Charities

www.campdencharities.org.uk

Grants to obtain employment, with funds for course fees, travel, childcare and equipment and support for students at university. Applicant needs to have lived continuously in Kensington for at least two years, be a British or European citizen or have indefinite leave to remain, be living in rented accommodation and be in receipt of benefits or in low paid work.

Creative Ukraine Program

<https://pretlak.com/en?tags=creativeukraineprogram>

An online job board highlighting positions open to Ukrainians in the Czech Republic, Poland, and Slovakia.

Future Leader Fellowships

<https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/future-leaders-fellowships-round-7/>

These fellowships provide individuals with funding over four years to tackle complex research or for career development. Work must fall under an area eligible for research and innovation support by UK Research and Innovation. In some cases, funding may be extended by a further three years. Applicants must be based at and supported by an eligible academic or non-academic organisation.

Humanitarian Trust

<http://www.humanitariantrust.co.uk/>

British citizens and overseas students under 30 years old on a recognised course of study in the UK and who hold a basic grant for the course. Small grants and top-up fees are available to graduates and postgraduates and are awarded for 'academic subjects only'.

My World of Work (Skills Development Scotland)

<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/>

The Individual Training Account (ITA) Scotland provides funding for training sessions. Applicants must be ordinarily resident in Scotland, be a UK citizen or EEA national who has utilised their “right of residence” or have “settled within the UK”. Grants of up to £200 provided. Not eligible if person is in Scotland on a temporary student or work visa.

National Zakat Foundation

www.nzf.org.uk/Apply

Helps with essential/basic needs, training and development activities, legal fees, and debt relief. Average grant of £750 per person. You must be Muslim, live in the UK and be able to demonstrate your need.

Open Society Foundation Fellowship

<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants/open-society-fellowship?eligibility=1>

Provides funding for contemporary and unique research ranging from problems that have not previously been recognised, developing new policy ideas to address familiar problems or offer a new advocacy strategy. Eligible applicants should possess a deep understanding of their chosen subject and a track record of professional accomplishment. Proficiency in spoken English is required. It does not provide funding for degree or non-degree studying at an academic institution. Applicants must be from Beirut, Buenos Aires, Colombo, Dar es Salaam, Jakarta, Lagos and Taipei.

Open Society University Network Fellowships

<https://www.chathamhouse.org/academy/fellowships-and-leadership-programme/open-society-university-network-academy-fellowships>

Various fellowships aiming at contribution to the advancement of knowledge, foster collaboration across OSUN's network, and prepare new generations of researchers to address fundamental global challenges.

Professionals Aid Guild (PAG)

www.pcac.org.uk

Provides small grants to those with degree level or equivalent qualification. Applicants must be over 18 years old; be a resident in the UK; have applied to their own occupational fund for assistance in the first instance (if applicable); have less than £6,000 in savings if they are under pension credit age and less than £10,000 if over pension credit age; and have claimed, or are in the process of claiming, all benefits to which they are entitled.

Scholars at Risk Network

<https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/2022/07/alternative-resources/>

A collection of opportunities and resources for at-risk individuals.

Science for Ukraine

<https://scienceforukraine.eu/listings>

An initiative dedicated to supporting the Ukrainian academic community, partly by collecting and disseminating information about opportunities for Ukrainian researchers and students.

Sir Halley Stewart Trust

<http://www.sirhalleystewart.org.uk/what-we-do/what-we-fund/>

Trust supports innovative and pioneering projects, with a focus on the Trust's current priority areas. It offers both main grants and small grants. The Trust does not fund individuals directly as grants are only paid to or through registered UK charities.

Sir Richard Stapley Education Trust

www.stapleytrust.org

Offers grants to those pursuing degrees in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary studies as a second degree, and postgraduate degree students from all fields of study. Offers £650 to £1500 grant. Does not fund beyond third year of study for full time PhDs. Open to students from all countries residing in the UK at time of application and during the course of study.

Sir William Boreman's Foundation

https://thedrapers.co.uk/philanthropy/#Grant_Giving

Grants to cover living expenses to allow UK nationals or individuals with settled status under the age of 25 to continue their education or training. Only available to residents of the London Borough of Greenwich or Lewisham.

Skinner's Charity Foundation

<https://skinner.org.uk/our-grants>

Open to young people (age 16 to 26) living in London and Kent from low-income background. Available are grants towards accredited vocational training only.

The Prince's Trust

<https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/help-for-young-people/get-funding-train-learn>

Offers Development Awards to cover costs such as course fees, transport, or equipment to help you achieve your plan to get into education, training, or employment. If you meet the eligibility criteria, you can receive up to £500. You must be UK resident, aged 16-30, no longer in compulsory education if aged 16 to 17, or unemployed if aged 18 to 30, working less than 16 hours per week or in education for less than 14 hours per week. Also offers personal development and vocational courses for young people.

The Ukrainian Welcome Centre

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

A partnership between the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain and the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family in London. Focuses specifically on helping Ukrainians arriving, settling, and living in the UK.

The Wellcome Trust

<https://wellcome.org/grant-funding/schemes>

Variety of funding opportunities, including grants for undergraduate and doctoral students, clinicians, dentists, and veterinarians. Eligibility depends on specific grant.

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)

https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/?filter_council%5B%5D=830

Academic research grants, fellowships, and studentships as well as grants for industrial collaborations, science communicators and others. Included are grants for university-based research and post-graduate training. Available to UK Citizens and all nationalities depending on the scheme and other specified criteria.

Ukrainian Institute London

<https://ukrainianinstitute.org.uk/>

Have compiled a variety of resources for Ukrainians arriving in the UK.

UkraineJobs

<https://www.ukrainejobs.at/>

A website designed to connect displaced Ukrainians with Austrian employers.

University and College Hardship Funds- Gov.uk

www.gov.uk/extra-money-pay-university/university-and-college-hardship-funds

Provides support to undergraduate and postgraduate students in financial difficulty, aiming to relieve financial hardship that might impact on a student's participation in higher education. Contact the student services department at your university or college.

Human Rights Defenders

African Defenders

<https://africandefenders.org/get-help/>

Offers emergency relocation for human rights defenders at risk, threatened or persecuted for their work across Africa.

Agir Ensemble Pour Les Drois Humains

<https://agir-ensemble-droits-humains.org/fr/notre-fonds-durgence/>

Through their Emergency Fund, provide financial support to human rights defenders in danger because of their commitments to human rights defence. Support may be categorised as one or more of security in the form of temporary relocation, basic subsistence aid, medical aid, and legal or judicial aid.

Civil Rights Defenders - The Emergency Fund

<https://crd.org/emergency-fund/>

Provides rapid assistance to human rights defenders who are in danger. Can cover legal fees after arrests, help with security training or psychosocial support, and temporary relocations of human rights defenders and their families.

Defend Defenders – East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project

<https://africandefenders.org/members/east-horn-of-africa/>

Works to strengthen the work of human rights defenders in Burundi, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda. Host workshops and events to guide defenders in their use of digital strategies to enhance their work, as well as a variety of other resources.

Digital Defenders Incident Emergency Fund

<https://www.digitaldefenders.org/incident-response-fund/>

A rapid response fund specifically for human rights defenders, journalists, activists and organisations under digital threat. Funds must be used for activities aimed at reducing the risk or impact of the digital attacks or threats. Applicants' work must be supported by two human rights organisations or networks. Funds are available up to \$5000 and cover activities for a maximum of four months.

Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders

<https://emhrf.org/category/grants/>

Provides grants for individuals, groups, and entities, committed to improve the protection of rights as prescribed in International Human Rights Conventions, who are at risk or facing difficulties.

Freedom House

<https://freedomhouse.org/programs/emergency-assistance-and-thematic-programs>

Runs a program for Emergency Assistance to Frontline Activists, designed to offer short-term support to human rights defenders, civil society organisations and survivors of severe religious persecution. Funds can be used for a variety of purposes depending on the specific needs of the individual or organisation.

Frontline Defenders

<https://www.frontlinedefenders.org/en/tools-hrds>

Offers a variety of resources for Human Rights Defenders, including protection grants up to the value of €7500, rest and respite fellowships, risk analysis and protection training, enhanced digital security, and digital handbooks.

The Fund for Global Human Rights

<https://globalhumanrights.org/what-we-do/>

Specialise in finding and delivering grants to early-stage activists and organisations in remote areas where activities lack access to funding. Also provide tools, training, emergency support, and a network of partners and allies. Regional programs work in South Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, North Africa and the Mediterranean, and Southeast Asia.

Human Rights Defenders Fund

<https://hrdf.org.il/who-do-we-support/>

Assists human rights defenders who work in Israel and Palestine. The Fund operates a hotline for emergency assistance and can be reached by phone and email for any other requests for assistance.

Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen Elisabeth-Selbert Initiative

<https://www.ifa.de/en/funding/elisabeth-selbert-initiative/>

Provides threatened human rights defenders with a safe place to rest and recuperate, as well as develop their professional skills and connections. Funding can cover different programme lines to provide temporary relocation either abroad, within an applicants' home region, or on-site, whilst the Special Module Afghanistan provides support for human rights defenders already issued with a German residence permit. In order to be eligible for a protective stay in Germany, human rights defenders must have the intention to return to their country of origin at the end of the temporary placement.

International Federation for Human Rights

<https://www.fidh.org/en/issues/human-rights-defenders/financial-support/>

The Federation maintains and manages a support fund to strengthen the work of human rights defenders' organisations, as well as providing emergency material support to at risk human rights defenders working in difficult circumstances. Any human rights defender facing a risk because of their human rights work may apply for an emergency grant, while the support fund is restricted to human rights organisations working in accordance with the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders.

OMCT World Organisation Against Torture

<https://www.omct.org/en/resources/news/emergency-material-support-to-human-rights-defenders-at-risk>

Now providing material assistance and emergency support for human rights defenders and organisations at risk. Applicants must be human rights defenders or organisations working in accordance with the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights Defenders, facing risks because of their human rights work, and in need of emergency support.

ProtectDefenders.EU – The European Union Human Rights Defenders Mechanism

<https://protectdefenders.eu/news-and-resources/#resources>

Have a variety of support measures for human rights defenders, both individuals and organisations, including grants for urgent protection measures, temporary relocation support, and a 24/7 helpdesk. Also have a directory for resources for defenders from their network of partners and allied organisations.

Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights

<https://rfkhumanrights.org/press/emergency-funding-support-for-human-rights-defenders-and-journalists>

Have compiled a roundup of resources available for emergency funds to support human rights defenders and journalists.

Shelter City

<https://sheltercity.org/apply/>

Provides human rights defenders at risk a three-month placement in a safe location. Recipients will receive support tailored to their needs, to help them re-energise and develop their skills.

University of York – Protective Fellowships for Human Rights Defenders

<https://www.york.ac.uk/cahr/human-rights-defenders/>

Offered by the Centre for Applied Human Rights, these three-to-six-month fellowships consist of an invitation of benefiting human rights defenders to come to York, to both enhance their skills and take time to recuperate before returning to their work. Defenders must be nominated by recognised civil society organisations and inter-governmental organisations working in human rights or human rights defenders.

Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund

<https://wphfund.org/whrds/>

The organisation's funding window for Women Human Rights Defenders provides rapid, flexible funding for those working in areas affected by conflict and crisis. Funding can take the form of either Advocacy Support, covering logistical expenses associated with meeting or decision-making events which contribute towards advancing human rights and peace, or Safety Net, covering urgent costs up to the value of 10,000 USD such as short-term livelihood or protection expenses, including relocation.