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FUNDING DIRECTORY

PALESTINE

**Council for At-Risk
Academics**

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a lifeline to academics at risk

Scholarships

[The Airey Neave Trust](#)

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](#)

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.

[Arab Student Aid International](#)

Provides interest-free loans to students wishing to undertake graduate and postgraduate level studies. Applicants must be Arab citizens who intend to return to their home region upon completing their course and must already be enrolled on a Master's or PhD programme. Also provides grants for students in need who are enrolled as 3rd or 4th year university students at Palestinian universities in West Bank and Gaza, and at Lebanese universities.

Application deadlines July 15th and November 15th each year.

[Barakat Trust](#)

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 post-doctoral 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.

[British Council](#)

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.

[Brookes Gaza Scholarship](#)

Provides scholarships up to a total of 30,000 per year for studying a one-year Master's degree at Oxford Brookes University. Applicants must be students from Gaza who are under 35 and not have previously studied in the UK.

Applications closed for 2023 admissions, opening of applications for the 2024/2025 academic year dependent on successful fundraising.

[Centre for Palestine Studies \(CPS\) Master's Scholarship | SOAS](#)

Established in 2024, with first award given for the year 2024/2025 to support a student ordinarily resident in Palestine to study any taught master's programme at SOAS. Preference given to students ordinarily resident in Gaza and elsewhere in the Occupied Palestinian Territories as defined by FCDO (consisting of two separate land areas: the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip).

[Copty Scholarship](#)

Provides scholarships and in-kind accommodation for eligible one-year taught postgraduate programmes at Queen's University Belfast. Applicants must have Palestinian nationality and live in Gaza or the West Bank. Applications for 2024 admission close 22nd March 2024.

[Chevening Scholarships](#)

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.

[Chevening Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies Fellowships \(OCIS\)](#)

The Chevening Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies (OCIS) Fellowships are aimed at mid-career academics or professionals who are dedicated to the promotion of academic activities which encourage a more informed understanding of the culture and civilisation of Islam and contemporary Muslim societies.

[DAAD Hilde Domin Programme](#)

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. In order to apply, students must be nominated by an institution legally domiciled in Germany.

[Durham Palestine Educational Trust](#)

Provides scholarships for one-year taught Master's degree to students who have degrees from universities in the West Bank or Gaza. The Trust also offers IELTS fee scholarships to assist those applying to the Master's scholarship. Applications for 2024 admission close 30th March 2024.

[Ertegun Graduate Scholarship](#)

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.

[France Excellence Eiffel Scholarship Programme](#)

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 enroll in their Masters 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 25 years old at master's level, and applicants up to 30 years old at PhD level.

[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 \(University of Cambridge\)](#)

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).

[Gaza-Palestine Postgraduate Taught Scholarship \(University of Sheffield\)](#)

University of Sheffield scholarship for Master level students. The 2024 scholarship covered the cost of tuition, accommodation in a single occupant en-suite room in University halls of residence and a maintenance award of £5,000.

[Gaza Education Assistance and Relief \(GEAR\)](#)

The GEAR Program will provide vital support and financial assistance to students from Gaza who are pursuing higher education. Recognizing the immense challenges these students face due to the destruction of Gaza, our aim is to alleviate student's financial burdens and empower them to succeed academically.

[Goldsmiths Humanitarian Scholarship](#)

Provides scholarships for one year of study of taught Master's programmes at Goldsmiths, University of London. Applicants must be Palestinian and currently residing in Palestine or be a holder of Palestinian travel documents

Applications for 2024 admission close 26th April 2024.

[Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation](#)

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, with the exception of the Harry Frank Guggenheim African Fellows programme which is restricted to doctoral-candidate researchers from the African continent.

[Higher Education Scholarships for Palestinians](#)

Provides funding for scholars to study postgraduate courses at participating UK universities. Applicants must be resident citizens of the 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.

[International Scholarships](#)

An online financial aid resource for students wishing to study in a foreign country. It provides a listing of grants, scholarships, loan programmes and other information.

[Ireland-Palestine Scholarship Programme](#)

The Ireland-Palestine Scholarship Programme is part of the Ireland Fellows global scholarship programme run by the Government of Ireland. It provides opportunities for candidates to choose from a wide variety of courses at 19 higher education institutions in Ireland. Ireland Fellows Programme awards are fully funded. For the year 2024/25 they provided 25 scholarships for Master's students.

[The LSE Sir Sigmund Warburg scholarship](#)

Provides scholarships for Palestinian and Israeli students wishing to study the full-time MSc Human Rights at LSE.

Applications for the MSc close September 2024, submission details will be sent directly to eligible candidates.

[MBI Al Jaber Foundation](#)

Eligibility depends on the criteria of each scholarship scheme which may vary from year to year. Unless otherwise specified, applications are open to all Arab residents of the Middle East who hold an unconditional offer for postgraduate Master's degree from a well-respected university and are in financial need.

[Palestinian Scholarship \(Goldsmiths, University of London\)](#)

Goldsmith University Master level scholarship. For the academic year 24/25, the award covered a full tuition fee waiver, a living allowance of £19,550 for one year of study, and return trip to and from the UK.

[Saïd Foundation 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. Applications for 2025 admission year will open September 2024.

[St Andrews Education for Palestinian Students \(STEPS\)](#)

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. Applications for 2024 admission close 11th April 2024.

[Weidenfeld Scholarships and Leadership Programme](#)

Scholarships for students and young professionals from emerging and developing 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 intend to return to their country of ordinary residence once their course is completed.

Fellowships

[Daniel Turnberg Scheme](#)

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.

[The Palestinian American Research Center \(PARC\) Research Fellowships in Palestinian Studies](#)

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.

[Palestinian Students & Scholars At Risk \(PSSAR\)](#)

PSSAR is a volunteer-based, non-profit, and apolitical organization based in Canada. The objective is to empower Palestinian students and scholars through global academic solidarity. In response to the crisis, PSSAR committed to connecting Gazan students and scholars with graduate studies and research opportunities in Canada. Currently prioritizing students and scholars from Gaza and recent graduates (less than four years) with outstanding academic records.

[University of York – Protective Fellowships for 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.

Other organisations

[Artists at Risk](#)

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

[Artist Protection Fund](#)

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.

[Committee to Protect Journalists](#)

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.

[Freedom House](#)

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.

[Free Press Unlimited](#)

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.

[Friends of Birzeit University](#)

The organisation runs a variety of projects aimed at supporting the right to education in Palestine. This includes scholarships administered jointly with UNRWA in the West Bank and the Gaza strip, and the Fobzu-Oxford University MEC Writing Residency

[Frontline Defenders](#)

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.

[Human Rights Defenders Fund](#)

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.

[International Federation of Journalists Safety Fund](#)

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

[International Media Support 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.

[Know your rights guide by Migrants' Rights Network](#)

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.

[National Zakat Foundation](#)

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

[Palestinian Mission to the UK](#)

Consular of Palestine in UK.

[PEN International](#)

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 €1250 for certain emergency assistance measures.

[Scholars at Risk Network](#)

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

[Skeyes Center for Media and Cultural Freedom](#)

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

[Stand for Art](#)

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.