Grants, Scholarships and Fellowships Directory

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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’.

If you find any information that is no longer correct, please let us know by contacting info@cara.ngo or calling 020 7021 088
EXISTING SEARCHABLE DIRECTORIES

Student Access for Refugees Scholarships List

Over 70 universities offer scholarships, bursaries and fee waivers for people who have claimed asylum in the UK. Each scholarship has different eligibility criteria, application deadlines, and levels of financial support. Use the filters and search function to find a scholarship that suits you.

https://star-network.org.uk/access-to-university/scholarships/list/

Enfield Council Grant Directories

A directory of grants. Not available for outside the UK.

https://portal.grantsonlinelocal.uk/directory,48,264,264

OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFGHANS

University of Sanctuary Scholarship for Afghan Refugees

The University of Sanctuary Scholarship is available to new undergraduate or postgraduate taught students taking up a place to study in 2021-22 or 2022-23, who are refugees from Afghanistan and have been granted UK Asylum status or Discretionary/Limited Leave to Remain because of an asylum application, and those with Humanitarian Protection, as result of an asylum application or through a dependent’s claim.

https://www.essex.ac.uk/scholarships/university-of-sanctuary-scholarship-for-afghan-refugees
**GENERAL**

**Open Society Foundation Fellowship**

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.

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

**Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC)**

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.

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

**The Wellcome Trust**

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

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

**Lawrence Atwell’s Charity**

Open to UK citizens and individuals with indefinite leave to remain who are aged between 16 and 26. Available are grants towards accredited vocational training only.

https://www.skinners.org.uk/grants-and-trusts/atwell/individuals/

**Sir William Boreman’s Foundation**

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.

www.thedrapers.co.uk/Charities/Grant-making-trusts/Sir-William-Boremans-Foundation.aspx
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Aga Khan Foundation, International Scholarship Programme

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 Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Syria, Egypt, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Madagascar, and Mozambique. In France, Portugal, UK, USA and Canada, applications are accepted from those who are originally from one of the above developing countries. Application forms and details are available from AKF offices in each country. For the 2022-23 application cycle, the Foundation will not accept applications from students planning to attend universities in UK, Germany, Sweden, Austria, Denmark, The Netherlands, Italy, Norway, and Ireland.

www.akdn.org/our-agencies/aga-khan-foundation/international-scholarship-programme

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.

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

Canon Collins Scholarship for Masters Study

Offers scholarships for taught Master’s degree programmes, for individuals who are nationals of, or normally reside in Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Applicants must be in possession of a good first degree, or about to graduate in the year of application, and have at least 2 years work experience in a relevant field.

https://www.canoncollins.org/scholarship/our-scholarships/

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:

www.chevening.org

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).

www.gatescambridge.org
Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation

The Foundation offers 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.

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

Institute of International Education (IIE) Peer

A list of scholarships and educational opportunities for displaced and refugee students worldwide.

https://iiepeer.org/

International Scholarships.com

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.

www.internationalscholarships.com

London School of Economics

The Graduate Support Scheme is open to all applicants for diploma and taught master’s study, except for those undertaking specific modular or executive programmes. The GSS is needs based and provides funding for UK, EU, and overseas students.

https://www.lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/Graduate/fees-and-funding/secure/graduate-support-scheme

Postgraduate Solutions Study Bursary

Provides Postgraduate Study Bursaries to students worldwide.

www.postgrad.com/editorial/bursaries/

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.

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

Breaking Barriers

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. No longer offers grants.

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

The Prince’s Trust

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.

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

Prisoners of Conscience Appeal Fund

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. Two types of grant are available: Relief and Rehabilitation Grants (including Family Reunion Grants), and Bursary Grants for postgraduate study.

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

The Refugee Council

Employment service aims 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.

https://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/service-category/employment/

The Schwab and Westheimer Trusts

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 ranging from £10 - £20,000 a year. This is dependent on getting a successful home fee tuition offer. Brittan Scholarship is open to students at either masters or undergraduate level who have no more than two years further to study. The amount awarded will be tuition fees (at home rates between £9,000 - £12,000 per year) and a small maintenance grant (maximum £5,000 per year) and it will last for up to two years. Applicants who have an asylum-seeking background are encouraged to apply. For grants, applicants should be below 28 years of age and must be in education or applying for educational support.

http://swtrust.org.uk/
Sidney Perry Foundation
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.
www.the-sidney-perry-foundation.co.uk/what-we-do/

Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS)
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.
https://www.saas.gov.uk/

Student Action for Refugees
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.
http://www.star-network.org.uk/index.php/resources/access_to_university

University of East London (UEL)
Asylum seekers postgraduate scholarship. Successful applicants will be awarded 100% tuition fee support until they are awarded such immigration status that enables them to access support from Student Finance.
https://www.uel.ac.uk/study/fees-funding/scholarships-bursaries/postgraduate-scholarships-bursaries/postgraduate-scholarship-asylum-seekers

University of Warwick
Warwick are pleased to offer a range of new undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships to support refugee students in the UK. Each scholarship will have its own eligibility criteria and details of how to apply.
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/academicoffice/funding/fundingyourstudies/sanctuariescholarships/
The University of York
The University of York is offering a package of initiatives worth up to £500,000, over three years, to help refugees who are escaping humanitarian crises. The package includes the introduction of scholarships for refugee students; offering scholar rescue status to refugee academics; and developing a series of public events in partnership with York Minster and other city of York partners to raise awareness of the complex issues underlying the current refugee crisis.

https://www.york.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/fees-funding/international/asylum-seekers-scholarship/

http://www.york.ac.uk/study/international/fees-funding/scholarships/

The University of Edinburgh
Offers special fee status for asylum seekers. Offers scholarships to asylum seekers each year – see link for updates.

https://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/tuition-fees/asylum/fees-sch

The University of Salford
Students with humanitarian protection/refugee status can apply to the university’s Article 26 Scholarship if they have pre-secured a place at the university. Eligibility criteria apply.

https://www.salford.ac.uk/askus/our-services/diversity-and-faith/sanctuary-seekers

The University of Sheffield
The university will offer scholarships for students who have sought asylum in the UK, so they can succeed in higher education. The scholarships cover the cost of tuition. The scholarships will be available for students studying undergraduate degrees or postgraduate Master’s courses. Awards are discretionary. Applicants must have secured an offer at the university prior to applying.

https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/eltc/full-time/asylum-seeker-scholarships

Goldsmiths, University of London
The University offers a range of scholarships and funding opportunities for international students such as: International Scholarship, Goldsmiths Excellence Fee Waiver, Alumni Fee Waiver, Banco Santander Scholarships, Goldsmiths Humanitarian Scholarship, Turkish Student Scholarship, Said Foundation Scholarship etc.

http://www.gold.ac.uk/international/fees-funding/international-scholarships/
MASTERS/PhD/POST DOCTORAL STUDENTS

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.

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

Biochemical Society
Grants for Molecular Biosciences Postgraduate students to support research and travel to attend scientific conferences.


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

www.britac.ac.uk/funding

Diabetes UK
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.

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

The Leverhulme Trust
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.

www.leverhulme.ac.uk
Royal Academy of Engineering

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.

www.raeng.org.uk/grants-and-prizes

The Royal Society

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 Masters or PhD students. Open to UK/EEA national or a non-EEA national with other specified eligibility criteria depending on scheme.

royalsociety.org/grants/
**SPECIFIC PROFESSIONS and DISCIPLINES**

**Aviation**

**Royal Aeronautical Society**
Awards include Centennial Scholarships for postgraduate study, BAG Scholarships that provide a contribution to tuition fees for students studying courses relating to air transport management and aviation and an MSc Aerospace Bursary scheme. Open to applications from overseas as well as UK Members of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

www.aerosociety.com/Careers-Education/centennial

**Environmental Sciences**

**John Spedan Lewis Foundation**
The Foundation funds one PhD studentship over consecutive three four-year periods. Natural history research topics are chosen by the Trustees and invitations are sent out to research organisations with expertise in the chosen topic. The Foundation does not respond to unsolicited requests for PhD funding.

https://johnspedanlewisfoundation.org/how-to-apply/

**The Leathersellers’ Company**
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. Please see their criteria for further information. Students of any nationality who can show a commitment to the UK, such as permanent residence, previous secondary educational record, family ties, are eligible to apply. Only eligible to undergraduates.

https://leathersellers.co.uk/charitablefund/

**Medical students/Doctors and Medical Research/Health**

**BMA Charities Trust Fund**
Grants to medical doctors 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.

https://www.doctorshelp.org.uk/charity/bma-charities

https://www.bma.org.uk/about-us/who-we-are/bma-charities
Rosetrees Trust

Part funding for medical researchers doing PhD studentships, MBPhD studentships and Clinical Fellows. Trust offers support for post-doctoral research and PhD extensions (awarded specifically for students that received funding from Rosetrees during their PhD). Open to all UK students who fulfil the criteria.

http://www.rosetreestrust.co.uk/apply-for-funding/

Cancer Research UK

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.

www.cancerresearchuk.org/science/funding

Academy of Medical Sciences

Newton International Fellowship Scheme

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 these nationalities every year so please check website.

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

Westheimer Scholarship

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 28 and be an asylum seeker to apply.

http://swtrust.org.uk/westheimer-scholarship.html

Teaching

All Saints Educational Trust

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.

www.aset.org.uk
**Occupational and environmental health**

**The Colt Foundation**

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

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

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**Islamic Studies**

**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.

www.barakat.org

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**Computer Science**

**Birmingham University**

**Alan Turing Institute Doctoral Scholarship**

To support students the Turing offers a generous tax-free stipend of £20,500 per annum, a travel allowance and conference fund, and tuition fees for a period of 3.5 years.

https://www.turing.ac.uk/work-turing/studentships/phd-at-turing

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**Computer Science Department Scholarships**

Every PhD application, if accepted, will automatically be considered for these scholarships.

https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/funding/School-of-Computer-Science-PhD-Scholarships.aspx

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**Priestley Award**

Joint PhD with University of Melbourne. Eligibility requires: an upper second-class four-year honours undergraduate degree in a relevant subject or an MSc/MRes in a relevant subject.

https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/funding/priestley-phd-scholarships.aspx
School of Computer Science Undergraduate International Scholarships

All international students whose fees are not paid by a sponsoring body are given these scholarships at the University of Birmingham's School of Computer Science, recently ranked the best in the UK. All eligible students will receive the Entry Bursary of £1,500 per year. But students whose performance is judged to be excellent will receive an additional Excellence Scholarship of £1,900 per year, bringing their total to £3,400 a year. So, the highest achieving students could receive a total £13,600 discount off their tuition fees over a four-year degree. To attain this award, students must continue to perform at First Class level (achieving at least 70% each year).

https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/funding/international-excellence-scholarship-computer-science.aspx

Edinburgh University

Masters Scholarships in High Performance Computing – one year, half of tuition.

http://www.epcc.ed.ac.uk/msc/fees-funding/scholarships-funding/ukeu-masters-scholarships-high-performance-computing

Kent University

£2000 discount on the standard international tuition fee.

https://www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships

Queen’s University Belfast and Ulster University – Undergraduate

The Civica Scholarship Programme is open annually to 1st year undergraduates. The scheme will give several successful students a scholarship package worth up to £25,000.