



**CHARITABLE GRANTS FOR
POSTGRADUATE STUDY IN THE UK**



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ABOUT THE SIR RICHARD STAPLEY EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Founded as a charity in 1919 by the businessman, politician and philanthropist Sir Richard Stapley, for over 100 years our Trust has increased access to educational opportunities for students of proven academic merit experiencing financial need. Open to UK-based students from all countries, the Trust currently supports students of medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine taken as a second degree as well as postgraduate courses in any subject.

For further details on our current eligibility criteria please see [our website](#).

PLEASE HELP US SUPPORT EVEN MORE STUDENTS IN FUTURE

We depend on our endowment and individual donations to fund everything we do – and the number of students seeking our support is growing all the time. Postgraduate study makes an enormous contribution to public life, providing so much of the knowledge and skills on which we all rely. Every donation however small is welcome. To find out how you can help us to help even more students, please [follow this link](#). Thank you!

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE



Much as we would love to help every student in financial need, our own funds are very limited so sometimes we can't help or can't help enough. This guide aims to offer some alternatives to UK-based students seeking charitable grants to finance further or higher degrees in the UK.

Part 1 provides information and links to print and online searchable directories of UK grant makers.

Part 2 provides links to some specific UK grant makers that we know have helped students seeking support.

All information in the guide relates only to the UK and assumes that the reader is living in the UK and attending or planning to attend a recognised UK educational institution. If you are not currently living in the UK, please see the final page.

A NOTE ON UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES



For many students in financial difficulty, their first port of call will be the university at which they are studying. Many universities offer various scholarships and bursaries including:

- Emergency, hardship or welfare funds
- Disadvantaged bursaries - to encourage students from all backgrounds to pursue further study, regardless of their personal circumstances
- Academic excellence scholarships - funding for students in recognition of their outstanding academic credentials
- Alumni discounts - many UK universities offer a tuition fee discount of 10%-15% to their own students who progress to postgraduate study
- Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) - fee waivers for PhD students in return for providing pastoral support and teaching duties to undergraduate students.

To find out more, contact your University Student Services Office or Student Union welfare officer.



PART 1: PRINT AND ONLINE SEARCHABLE DIRECTORIES OF UK GRANT MAKERS

IN PRINT

The only published, print directory of educational grant making trusts and foundations that we know of is 'The Guide to Educational Grants' produced by the Directory of Social Change. This is published every two years, and the latest edition came out in April 2020. The guide has a small section on grants for further and higher education.

The Directory of Social Change also publishes 'The Guide to Grants for Individuals in Need'. The most recent edition was published in March 2020.

These publications are primarily intended for organisations, and are priced accordingly (£95 each). They can be purchased from the [Directory of Social Change](#).

If you wish to view the directories without buying them, you will need to see if your local library, university library, student union welfare office, student services office or local Citizens Advice Bureau has a copy that you can look at. Some students purchase out of date copies cheaply on, for example, eBay or Amazon, but we can't recommend this.

ONLINE

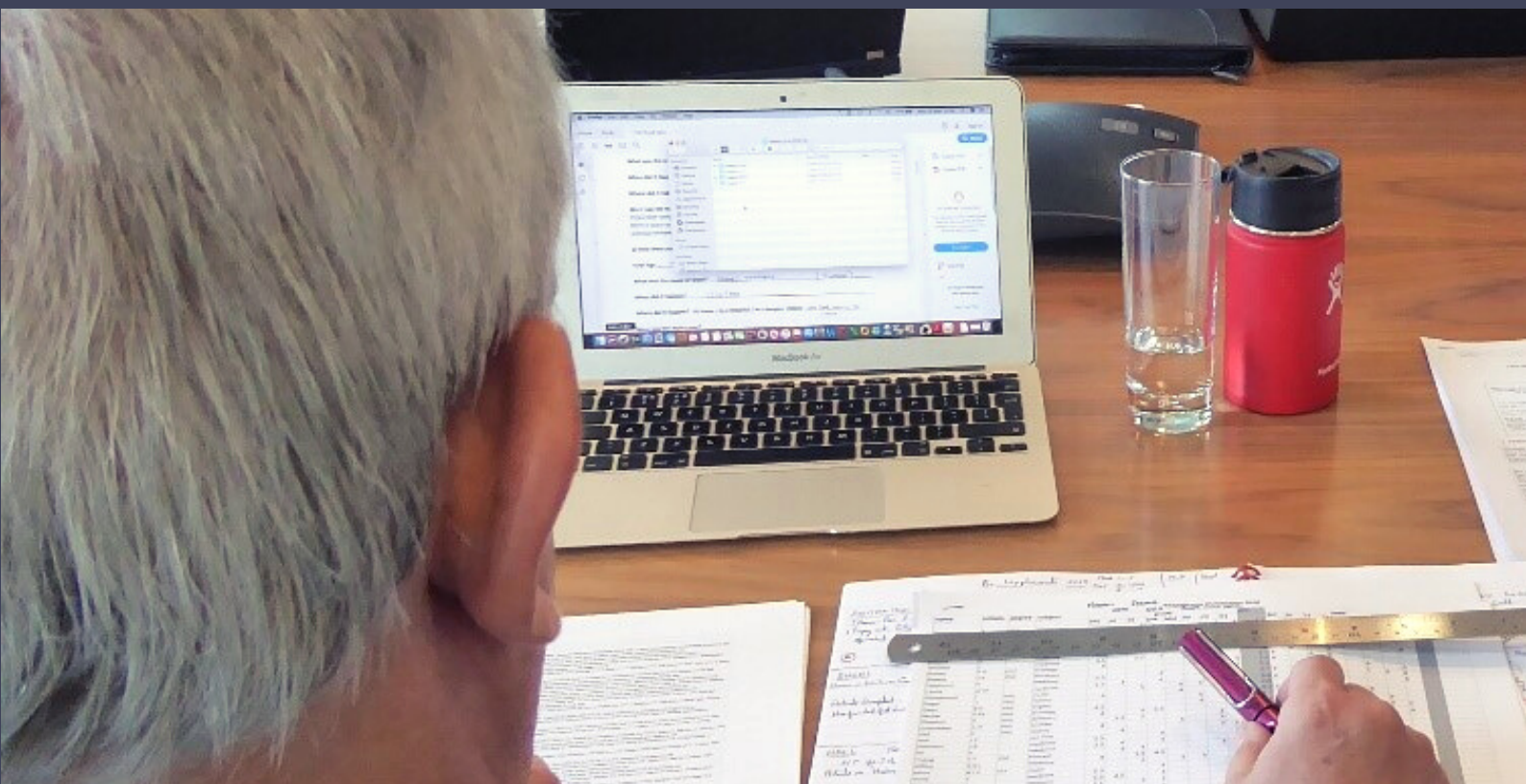
- [Prospects](#): Information and advice for graduates, including a searchable database of loans, scholarships and bursaries for postgraduates.
- [GradFunding](#) provides advice on postgraduate funding from charities. They publish [*The Alternative Guide to Postgraduate Funding*](#) as a web resource (currently £14.99 for a 3-months access licence).
- [Grant-Making Charities Funding Individuals](#): Published online by the Directory of Social Change, a one-week user licence currently costs £180 for charities. If you wish to view the database, you will need to see if your local library, university library, student union welfare office, student services office or local Citizens Advice Bureau has a subscription and will let you access it.
- [Turn2Us grants search](#): Turn2us is a national charity providing practical help to people who are struggling financially. Its grant search database is free to access.
- [Help Musicians' Funding Wizard](#): Help Musicians is an independent UK charity for musicians of all genres. Their Funding Wizard is a free to use, searchable database covering postgraduate scholarships along with many other opportunities.



PART 2: SOME SPECIFIC CHARITABLE GRANT MAKERS

Each year, we ask students we have supported which other charities have given them grants. The list of charities below has been compiled from their answers along with one or two suggestions of our own. To the best of our knowledge, all of those listed are open to applications from individual students (there are others which only accept applications from universities and their staff).

- **When?** All of those listed are likely to have strict date-bounded application 'windows'. Check when you are able to apply, and if there is an email reminder service, sign up for it.
- **Who?** They will all have eligibility criteria explaining the kinds of student and the types of courses they are prepared to consider. Check you are eligible to apply before wasting time (yours and theirs).
- **How?** Apply in the manner prescribed (application form or letter) and make sure you include all of the information requested.
- **Make a strong case:** Being eligible to apply is only the first hurdle. You will then be in competition with all of the other students who are also eligible to apply. Read their information carefully to find out what you need to include in your application to make the strongest case for yourself.



OPEN TO ALL ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

THE SIDNEY PERRY FOUNDATION

Aims primarily to help first-degree students, but also certain second-degree and postgraduate students where the further degree is related to the first degree, or is a necessary part of professional training (e.g. medicine or dentistry).

THE LEATHERSELLERS' COMPANY

Grants for disadvantaged undergraduate students. In 2021-22, no longer supported postgraduate or doctoral students.

THE HUMANITARIAN TRUST

Students undertaking a higher or graduate degree in the UK who will not be over the age of 30 when the course is completed.

THE RUBY AND WILL GEORGE TRUST

Grants for the enhancement of education. Applications must have a link to commerce.

THE GILCHRIST EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Full-time tertiary level students in the UK who find themselves unexpectedly in financial difficulty in their final year, or who as part of a UK degree course need to spend a short period studying abroad.



FOR WOMEN STUDENTS



FUNDS FOR WOMEN GRADUATES

Grants, bursaries and fellowships to women graduates to help with living expenses, financial crisis and other areas of their education.

THE HILDA MARTINDALE TRUST

British women taking an undergraduate or postgraduate course in the UK and pursuing a career in areas where women are underrepresented. The first year of undergraduate study is excluded.

THE YORKSHIRE LADIES' COUNCIL OF EDUCATION

British women students aged 21 and over with a confirmed offer from a UK educational institution. Must not be eligible for Student Finance support other than a Postgraduate Loan.

FOR REFUGEE, ASYLUM-SEEKING AND UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS:



HOPE FOR THE YOUNG

Helps refugees, asylum-seekers, and undocumented young people complete their education by providing grants to those who have no access to government funds, or to those who are facing extreme financial hardship. Grants contribute to tuition fees, exam fees, travel and living costs.



FOR STUDENTS FROM SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE UK:

THE JAMES PANTYFEDWEN FOUNDATION

Grants towards tuition fees for Masters or PhD students from Wales. Must have a permanent address in Wales and have been born in Wales, or be of Welsh parentage, or have studied in Wales for at least 7 years.

THE MCGLASHAN CHARITABLE TRUST

Postgraduate students aged under 30 at the start of the period of study for which support is requested. Must have been born in Scotland or be planning to study in Scotland.

THE SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION TRUST (SIET)

Gives priority to Scottish (by birth or formation) postgraduate students working for a higher degree or similar qualification, especially if the course does not qualify or the applicant is not eligible for assistance from public funds (e.g. a Research Council).

STIRLINGSHIRE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Postgraduate scholarships for students who have been resident in Stirlingshire, either currently or in the past, for a period of at least 5 consecutive years or have been born there.

THE GLASGOW EDUCATION AND MARSHALL TRUST

Grants to assist Glasgow residents further their education, including postgraduate education. Must have lived in the city of Glasgow for a minimum of 5 years in total.



FOR SPECIFIC STUDY AREAS:

BMA CHARITIES

Grants to those taking medicine as a second degree, and to other medical students in immediate and serious financial need.

THE WORSHIPFUL SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES

Makes a small number of grants each year to final year undergraduate medical students struggling financially.

HELP MUSICIANS UK

Open to students hoping to start or move in to the second year of a music performance postgraduate degree.

THE DRAKE CALLEJA TRUST

Scholarships for exceptionally talented musicians at undergraduate, postgraduate and research levels.

THE COUNTESS OF MUNSTER MUSICAL TRUST

Open to postgraduate jazz or classical instrumentalists, singers and composers.

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF MUSICIANS

Various open-entry awards for musicians.

THE COATES FOUNDATION TRUST

Prioritises Textile related courses.

THE CHALKE VALLEY HISTORY SOCIETY

Postgraduate study in the UK of history-related topics across the globe.

BLACK TROWEL COLLECTIVE MICROGRANTS

"Any archaeology student (graduate or undergraduate) who needs support. Students of color and students without parental/family support or who lack access to other forms of financial aid by virtue of being undocumented etc. to the front!"



WHAT IF I AM CURRENTLY LIVING OUTSIDE THE UK?

All information in this guide relates only to the UK and assumes that the reader is living in the UK and attending or planning to attend a recognised UK educational institution. We regret that we have no information about opportunities for those not currently living in and planning to study in the UK, although it may be that the list of scholarships from [The Canon Collins Educational Trust](#) may provide some useful leads.

PLEASE HELP US TO IMPROVE THIS RESOURCE

Please help us make this a really practical and relevant resource! If we have included a charity or resource that is no longer relevant, or failed to include a charitable grant maker that we should have included, please let us know.

Likewise if any of the links are broken or out of date, please get in touch via admin@stapleytrust.org



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