

ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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This document contains useful information for students looking for further funding

PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION SERVICES

The following organisations provide information on scholarships and grants available in higher education.

Association of Commonwealth Universities

Financial aid to Commonwealth students and academic staff. www.acu.ac.uk

Department for Education & Skills (DfE)

Guidance on fees, loans and grants.

www.education.gov.uk

Employment4students

Directory of student jobs, internships, gap year jobs, summer work.

www.e4s.co.uk

FindA University Ltd.,

The team behind FindAMasters.com and FindAPhD.com, are delighted to announce the launch of PostgraduateFunding.com, a comprehensive database of grants available to postgraduate students from all over the world.

Graduate Prospects

www.prospects.ac.uk

Institute of International Education

Funding for United States Study: A guide for International Students and Professionals www.iie.org

International Association for the exchange of Students for Technical Experience

www.iaeste.org.uk

PostgraduateStudentships.co.uk

This website brings together all types of funding opportunities open to potential postgraduates.

www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk

Scholarship Search

Provides a freely searchable database of undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships offered by academic institution, commercial organisations and charitable trusts.

www.scholarship-search.org.uk

Study Abroad

Advice for Students Travelling to the United States of America

www.fulbright.org.uk

The Educational Grants Advisory Service

Advice for students on potential sources of funding.

www.family-action.org.uk

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

www.daad.de

The Grants Register

A comprehensive guide to postgraduate and professional funding world-wide, available in most libraries.

The National Union of Students

Financial assistance and grants offered to Undergraduate and Postgraduate students.

www.nus.org.uk

The Student Awards Agency for Scotland

Applicable only to students applying/receiving grants from the Student Awards Agency for Scotland.

www.saas.gov.uk/

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS FOR STUDIES WITHIN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Details of award making bodies relevant to students pursuing studies/research within the United Kingdom

Access to Learning Fund

Students in financial hardship who need extra help to start a course or stay in higher education could get help from the Access to Learning Fund.

<https://www.gov.uk/access-to-learning-fund/overview>

Arkwright Scholarships

Promoting the rewards of an engineering/technology career to young people through sponsored scholarships; providing direct contact with industry seeking to recruit them in the future.

www.arkwright.org.uk

British Chevening Scholarships

Awards to postgraduate students in any subject field, but preference is given to postgraduate students or applicants already established in a career.

www.chevening.org/

Commonwealth Scholarship Commission

The Association of Commonwealth Universities offers awards to academics, research students and undergraduates from Commonwealth Nations to pursue studies or research within the United Kingdom.

<http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/>

CyberFirst

CyberFirst is a Student Bursary scheme led by GCHQ to help support and prepare students for a career in cyber security. Successful applicants could be offered an annual bursary of for each year of degree study in a STEM or Social Science degree. www.gchq-careers.co.uk

Defence Engineering and Science Group

Sponsorships for 1st year BEng and 1st and 2nd year MEng students undertaking various undergraduate degree courses.

www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/AboutDefence/WhatWeDo/ScienceandTechnology/desg/

E3 Academy

The E3 Academy offers sponsorship to students studying an Electrical Energy Engineering degree programme at the University of Nottingham, the University of Newcastle or the University of Bristol. The scholarship includes a bursary for each year of study and paid summer work placements with one of the partner companies. <http://www.e3academy.org/>

Engineers Trust - Worshipful Company of Engineers

A range of awards, notably the £5,000 Hawley Award for "Engineering Innovation that benefits the Environment"

<http://engineerstrust.org.uk>

EPSRC Studentships and Fellowships

Awards to assist research students undertaking higher degrees in engineering.

www.epsrc.ac.uk

IET Power Academy

A number of scholarships are awarded each year to students at participating universities, which include mentoring from industry partners, paid summer placements, an annual bursary and the opportunity of a career with the sponsoring company after graduation. www.theiet.org/poweracademy

Leverhulme Early Career Fellowships

The Fellowships are to provide career development opportunities for those with a proven record of research at an early state of their academic careers.

<https://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/grant-schemes/early-career-fellowships>

Open University - Financial Assistance

Advice concerning courses and the availability of financial assistance to OU students may be obtained from the Open University Course Information and Advice Centre. A number of Local Authorities also provide assistance to students pursuing OU courses.

www.open.ac.uk/courses

Overseas Research Students Awards Scheme - ORSAS Awards

Research awards to assist overseas students pursue research programmes in the United Kingdom. Further details and application forms may be obtained from the Registrar or Faculty Secretary at any of the UK academic institutions. Candidates must have already received an offer of a place at a UK university. <http://www.european-funding-guide.eu/scholarship/12907-overseas-research-studentships>

Professionals Aid Council

Applicants must be of some professional background, either through their parents (even if not dependent on them) or through their own careers. PCAC aims to assist those on essential courses rather than people changing their careers or taking a course from choice.

www.pcac.org.uk

RefuAid: Equal Access Loan

Interest free loans for people with refugee status of up to £10,000 to pay for the UK licensing or training needed to get back to your field of work in the UK.

Loans are character based and can be used for:

- Professional registration fees
- Exam fees with a professional governing association
- Qualification assessments
- Other related expenses

www.equalaccessloan.org

Rosetrees Trust

Young Enterprise Fellowships are aimed at recently qualified postdoctoral researchers in the fields of engineering, computer science, maths and physics who wish to develop a long-term programme of biomedical research within a UK university. Applicants must either be in the final year of their PhD studies or be an early-career researcher with a maximum of 3 years post-doctoral experience (excluding career breaks). <https://rosetreestrust.co.uk/>

Royal Academy of Engineering

Various awards to engineering professionals to help broaden their professional qualifications and experience. www.raeng.org.uk

Royal Commission 1851

<http://www.royalcommission1851.org/awards/?award=special>

The Royal Television Society Technology Undergraduate Bursary

<http://www.rts.org.uk/guidance-notes-technology-undergraduate-bursary>

Student Support

Financial help is available for most UK undergraduates to assist with fees and living costs. Extra help is also available for some students e.g. those with disabilities or with children.

For detailed information please contact your Local Education Authority (England & Wales) or your Education and Library Board (Northern Ireland) or the Student Awards Agency for Scotland, whichever applies to your home base (not your place of study).

www.slc.co.uk

The Daphne Jackson Trust

A Fellowship scheme designed to enable scientists and engineers to return to their careers following a break.

www.daphnejackson.org

The Royal Society Awards

Aimed at younger scientists, engineers and technologists, typically (though not exclusively) in their early to mid 30's.

www.royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards

The Sainsbury Management Fellowships

Enables engineers of high career potential to undertake full-time MBA courses at major international business schools. Each Fellowship has a financial value of £50,000 to cover tuition fees. Applicants do not need to have Chartered Engineer status (or equivalent), however this qualification or progress towards it will be viewed favourably. Applicants would usually have 4-10 years professional experience post-degree. www.smf.org.uk

The Sidney Perry Foundation

The trust aims to help first degree students with one-off and recurrent grants, usually towards books and equipment/instruments. Undergraduate and postgraduate students who are under 35 and not in their first year of a course can apply.

Contact: The Sidney Perry Foundation
Mrs L A Owens
PO Box 2924
Faringdon
SN7 7YJ

Toshiba Research Fellowships

One-year Fellowships offered annually in competition and are intended to promote mutual understanding between the UK and Japan through co-operation in high technology research. Candidates must be EU Nationals, under 35 and currently working in UK academic or government laboratories, and must hold a PhD by the time their contracts commence.

www.toshiba-europe.com/eur/fellowship/index.htm

UK Electronics Skills Foundation

The UK Electronics Skills Foundation offers scholarships to students studying degrees in electronic engineering at selected UK Universities. Scholarships are open to students in any year of their degree, except the final year. The scholarship includes a bursary for each year of study and paid summer work placements with one of the partner companies. <http://www.ukesf.org/>

Whitworth Scholarships

Available to outstanding young engineers who have excellent academic and practical skills and the qualities needed to succeed in industry, who are wishing to embark / or have already commenced on an engineering degree-level programme.

www.whitworthscholarships.org.uk

OVERSEAS TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

ACU Awards

The ACU administers a variety of different awards to assist students and academics to undertake research or make study visits within the Commonwealth.

www.acu.ac.uk

Canon Foundation in Europe

Up to 15 Research Fellowships annually to highly qualified European and Japanese researchers.

www.canonfoundation.org

Daiwa Scholarships

Scholarships which are tenable in Japan for twenty months, providing UK graduates from any academic or professional background with a lasting knowledge of Japanese life, culture, and spoken and written Japanese. No previous experience of Japan or Japanese language is necessary.

www.dajf.org.uk/scholarships/general-information

FISITA Travel Bursary

FISITA offers student engineers the opportunity to apply for a travel bursary, to help with the costs of taking part in organised work placements (internships, exchange programmes etc.) in automotive companies and research institutions overseas.

Applicants must be studying Engineering at either Undergraduate or Postgraduate level, they must have arranged an industry or research placement in an automotive company or organisation overseas and be a member of a FISITA member society.

All the associated forms and further information can be found on the website here

<https://go.fisita.com/yfia/academia-industry/travelbursary>

John Moyes Lessells Travel Scholarships

Open to Honours or Higher Degree Graduates in Engineering from Scottish Universities

<https://www.rse.org.uk/awards/john-moyes-lessells-travel-scholarships/>

The Leverhulme Trust - Study Abroad Studentships

Offering maintenance and research expenses to allow applicants to spend a period of 12 to 24 months on advanced study or research at a centre of learning in any overseas country (excluding the USA). Non-UK residents are not eligible

<https://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/>

The Royal Society

www.royalsociety.org

Winston Churchill Fellowships

Travel grants for British citizens to study innovative ideas overseas for 4-8 weeks, with a dedicated category for Science, Technology & Engineering.

The scheme does not cover attending courses, academic studies or student grants.

www.wcmt.org.uk

Other useful places to look on the web

The Scholarship Hub www.thescholarshiphub.org.uk provides a database of UK scholarships, grants or bursaries for UK/EU university undergraduates and postgraduates.

Postgrad Solutions Ltd www.postgrad.com offers 10 Postgraduate study bursaries each year to students. Two of these bursaries are specifically for engineering students, see www.postgrad.com/editorial/fees_and_funding/postgrad_solutions_study_bursaries/information/

IET Connect may be able to offer a student support grant to students who are struggling because of exceptional or unforeseen circumstances. Funding may be used to help with any additional support recommended by an education, health or welfare professional which, if the student did not have, would affect his or her wellbeing and ability to complete the course. It would not usually be available to help with educational fees. Email ietconnect@theiet.org or ring the IET Connect Helpline on 020 7344 5498 for more information.

Turn2us is a national charity that helps people in financial hardship to access welfare benefits, charitable grants and other help. Its free website includes a Benefits Calculator to check your entitlements to welfare benefits, a Grants Search to check eligibility for support from over 3,000 charitable funds, and other sources of financial help and information. Please visit www.turn2us.org.uk

Education Projects

The IET's Education 5-19 programme also provides some funding for schools and other educational organisations for projects that aim to increase the understanding of engineering in young people aged 5-19. For further information please see www.theiet.org/education