

Sources of Funding for Postgraduate Study

Masters/PhD Programmes – UK/EU Students

University Scholarships

John Henry Brookes Scholarships

These scholarships are awarded for academic merit to new UK, EU and International students taking a full-time taught master's degree at Oxford Brookes from September 2012. Individual scholarships will be of £1,000-3,000. Across our Departments £32,000 will be awarded.

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Santander Scholarships

The International bank Santander is awarding scholarships to new Master's students at Oxford Brookes on an annual basis. These scholarships are awarded for academic merit to new UK, EU and International students taking a full-time taught master's degree at Oxford Brookes from September 2012. Individual scholarships will be of £5,000. Across our Departments £30,000 will be awarded. Successful applicants will also receive a further 10% discount on their tuition fees from Oxford Brookes.

Funding is offered to students who are graduating from or who have graduated from named universities in the UK, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Uruguay, Spain, Portugal, Russia, the United States, China, Germany, Singapore, Poland and Belgium. The scholarship fund aims to reward the most academically gifted students from these institutions.

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Faculty or Department Taught Masters Scholarships

Some of our faculties and departments are offering scholarships towards taught master's programmes for UK, EU and international students.

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10% Alumnus Discount Scheme

Oxford Brookes recognises the personal loyalty shown by recent graduates/alumni enrolling on postgraduate courses. Brookes graduates will receive a 10% discount off tuition fees. Eligible students include any UK, EU or International student who has graduated from Oxford Brookes University and wishes to stay on/return for an additional degree.

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Research Funding

Research Studentships awarded by Departments are advertised nationally and on Department webpages, as well as on the Graduate Office website: www.brookes.ac.uk/research/studentships.html

Further information on funding research degrees can be found at www.findaphd.com

Research Studentships are also often advertised on www.jobs.ac.uk

Research Assistant or Postgraduate Teaching Assistant posts are advertised on university websites or in national press when available. For opportunities at Brookes, please visit: <https://edm.brookes.ac.uk/hr/hr/vacancies.do>

Other Sources of Funding

Public/Research Council Funding

Information about PhD funding and other opportunities offered through the Research Councils can be found on the various council websites. A comprehensive list and links to all Funding Councils can be found on the following Research Councils UK website:

www.rcuk.ac.uk/Pages/Home.aspx

Bursaries from External Organisations

The following organisations are offering partial bursaries to contribute to Masters and PhD funding. See the following websites for further details:

Target Courses

<http://targetcourses.co.uk/bursarycompetition>

Findamasters

www.findamasters.com/fundingAwards/

Postgrad.com

www.postgrad.com/editorial/bursaries/

Professional and Career Development Loan

A Professional and Career Development Loan is a bank loan. You make an agreement with a participating bank to borrow an amount between £300 and £10,000. Then once you've stopped studying, you pay it back in the normal way.

The difference with a Professional and Career Development Loan is that the Skills Funding Agency pays the interest on the loan while you're studying – and for one month afterwards. After this, you'll pay interest at the rate fixed when you took out the loan. Interest rates on the loans are set so they're competitive with other 'unsecured' personal loans that are commercially available. Currently, banks offer Professional and Career Development Loans at a reduced customer rate of 9.9% per annum, equivalent to a typical APR of 5-6% over the lifetime of the loan. However, interest rates may vary from bank to bank. For further information, consult the participating banks. For more information call 0800 100 900.

Website: www.direct.gov.uk/cdl

Charities and Trusts

There are a number of charities, trusts and foundations which award partial funding for study. Competition for these awards is increasingly tough. In order to succeed in getting support, you must assure the charity or trust that you have exhausted all other sources of funding and that you fit in with specific eligibility criteria. You should normally plan your application at least a year in advance. It is rarely possible to get help at short notice.

You can find a selection of grants at:

www.turn2us.org.uk/grants_search.aspx

Useful publications on the various trusts and charities include:

- The Grants Register - The complete guide to postgraduate funding world-wide. Published by Macmillan.
- The Directory of Grant Making Trusts and The Directory of Small Grant Making Trusts. Published by the Charities Aid Foundation.

Sponsorship by employers

Employers may fund vocational and professional training courses as part of career development. Information on company sponsorship opportunities is usually available through your HR Department.

Self Finance

Some postgraduates fund themselves through their studies with a combination of part-time jobs, loans, savings etc. This can work well, but it is important to be realistic in calculating your costs before embarking on your studies. For more advice contact your local or university Careers Advisor.

Disabled Students Allowance

The Government has extended Disabled Students Allowances to students undertaking postgraduate study. For more information, please visit the following website:

www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople/EducationAndTraining/HigherEducation/index.htm

Funding for specific vocational training

PGCE Students

For more information please visit the Graduate Teacher Training Registry (GTTR) Student Finance webpages:

www.gttr.ac.uk/students/studentfinance/

The **Institution of Engineering and Technology** provide scholarships for research degree students. Applicants are normally expected to be IEE members. See:

<http://conferences.theiet.org/ambition/postgraduate/apply.cfm>

Further Information on Funding

Libraries and Careers Centres

Many of the publications mentioned in this booklet, as well as other useful publications, are held in public libraries, university libraries and university careers centres.

Other useful websites include:

Prospects - www.prospects.ac.uk/funding_my_further_study.htm

Findamasters - www.findamasters.com/