Malcolm Coffin Fund for HSPS

Purpose: Dissertation research, travel or other projects, internships

Eligibility: Students studying HSPS and History and Politics

Deadline: 31st March

Supporting Statement From: DoS and Tutor

The College has recently received a gift from an Alumnus to support students reading HSPS and History and Politics to promote excellence in their subjects. These funds are primarily intended to support academically related travel, dissertation research or vacation internship opportunities. They may also be used for other purposes but priority will be given to those whose application relates to a specific project rather than general need.

Support is available for subject-related activities during the current academic year, the long vacation or into next academic year for purchases or activities that involve students in out of pocket expenditure and that are not fully supported from Departmental sources. It may be possible to make larger grants than are given in the general travel grants competition. The level of support will depend on the proposed expenses. However, to facilitate ambitious projects funding in excess of £1,000 (or occasionally more) may be awarded. The total amount available in any year may be up to £4,000, to be allocated across the various applicants. Eligibility is restricted to undergraduates who are returning to continue their studies in the next year. Some support may also be available for postgraduate students whose studies will extend beyond the present academic year. In some circumstances grants may be made to undergraduates from other Triposes whose projects are aligned to HSPS, such as History and Politics.

Awards from the fund will usually be made towards such things as:

* third year dissertation projects in HSPS and History and Politics;
* course-related travel of benefit to a student’s second or third year studies but which is not strictly connected to a particular project;
* books and other course related expenditure not covered by the department;
* ad hoc financial assistance for undergraduates studying HSPS.

[To apply, please complete the application form](http://www.sel.cam.ac.uk/grant-application/). The application must include a statement of your likely expenditure (itemised as appropriate e.g. travel, books and computing resources, other equipment, source materials or other subject-related expenses) and an account of no more than 500 words of the project, travel or need for equipment. It should also state how you would benefit from receiving funds. You should not have already received full funding for any items you include.

In planning any travel associated with your application, please follow the College’s [Sustainable Travel Policy](https://www.sel.cam.ac.uk/sites/default/files/assets/about/Policy%20approval%20by%20CC%20-%20Sustainable%20Travel%20Policy%20(002).pdf).

The deadline for applications is the end of the Lent Term. Please ensure that your application is submitted by March 31st. A decision on awards will then be taken by the Senior Tutor, in consultation with the Master and the Directors of Studies in HSPS and History and Politics as appropriate. If funds remain unspent after this first round of applications, later applications may be considered.