

Council for At-Risk Academics

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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



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 the Aga Khan Foundation or AK Education Board/Service offices in each country from the 1st of January each year.

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

DAAD Hilde Domin Programme

The Students at Risk Hilde Domin Programme supports students and doctoral candidates across the globe to begin or complete a degree at a higher education institute in Germany. Recipients should be at-risk for being denied education rights in their country of origin. In order to apply, students must be nominated by an institution legally domiciled in Germany.

https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/hilde-domin-programm/

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.

https://www.gold.ac.uk/fees-funding/scholarships/?filter%5Bfeestatus%5D=International

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation

The Foundation offers various 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, with the exception of the Harry Frank Guggenheim African Fellows which is restricted to doctoral-candidate researchers from the African continent.



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

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

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 open to undergraduates.

https://leathersellers.co.uk/foundation/

Queen's University Belfast and Ulster University - Undergraduate

The Civica Scholarship Programme is open annually to 1st or second year undergraduates at Queen's University Belfast or Ulster University who require a 3rd year placement. The scheme will give several successful students a scholarship package worth up to £25,000.

https://www.civica.com/en-gb/about-us/careers/scholarships/

University of West London International Ambassador Scholarships

Provides 100 scholarships per year of up to £5,000 to outstanding students who wish to act as ambassadors for the University of West London. Students are eligible to apply for the scholarship if they have been offered a place to study on a full-time undergraduate or postgraduate course at the University of West London.

www.uwl.ac.uk/international/fees-and-scholarships/international-ambassador-scholarships



REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

Asylum Support Appeals Project

Focuses on protecting asylum seekers' and refused asylum seekers' legal rights to food and shelter via free legal representation for appeals to the Asylum Support Tribunal.

https://www.asaproject.org/guides

Bail for Immigration Detainees

Provide help for those detained under immigration powers in a prison or removal centre.

https://www.biduk.org/pages/information-and-advice

BMA Charities

Provides grants to refugee and asylum-seeking doctors in financial hardship to help with the costs of the GMC retention fee and professional indemnity insurance.

https://bmacharities.org.uk/get-help/grants-available/

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/

British Red Cross

Provides a variety of support services for refugees and asylum seekers in the UK.

https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/get-help-as-a-refugee

Fund for Human Need

Emergency relief payments usually to a maximum of £120. Priority is given to those who are destitute or have no income or benefits; who are particularly vulnerable; where amounts up to £120 will make a major difference. Grants are not made to cover debt or to pay scholarships, university, or college fees. Asylum seekers receiving an asylum allowance MUST apply through a recognised organisation which is able to receive the payment and organise any purchases on behalf of the applicant. Direct payments made to asylum-seekers may result in deductions being made from their relief payments and affect any claim they make.



Hibiscus Initiative

Assists marginalized women trapped in the immigration and criminal justice systems with rebuilding their lives.

https://hibiscusinitiatives.org.uk/get-involved/refer/

Inderpal Rahal Memorial Trust

Provides awards of £2000 to assist in the costs of undertaking or pursuing legal qualification, training, or research in the UK or abroad for women from an immigrant or refugee background.

https://www.gardencourtchambers.co.uk/about#inderpal-rahal-memorial-trust

InPower Project

Funds community interpreting qualifications to enable refugees to enter the UK workforce once they have the right to work.

https://clearvoice.org.uk/inpower-project/?gclid=Cj0KCQiAsdKbBhDHARIsANJ6-jfMwdh2p3Uxgtxo0NYNx4RYaEKugrVyK2CHvrGDzMPS0H4D7JBRvcMaAj4WEALw_wcB

Institute of International Education (IIE) Peer

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

https://iiepeer.org/

The Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants

Has support services and resources to assist with all areas of asylum and immigration law.

https://www.jcwi.org.uk/Pages/Category/toolkit-and-guides

LSE Access to Education Graduate Scholarships

Scholarships specifically for asylum seekers and refugees. Priority is given to those applying for their first Master's degree, as well as recent graduates who were eligible for needs-based support during their undergraduate studies. Scholarships will cover tuition fees and up to £14,000 in maintenance costs.

https://www.lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/Graduate/fees-and-funding/access-to-education



Medical Justice

Provides support for people in immigration detention who have experienced torture or extreme trauma or have health problems and are not receiving the necessary treatment.

https://medicaljustice.org.uk/make-a-referral/

Migrant Help

Provides independent advice and guidance for those going through the asylum process. Can be contacted through their free helpline, regional services, or webchat.

https://www.migranthelpuk.org/Listing/Category/asylum-resources

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/

Rainbow Migration

Dedicated to supporting LGBTQI+ people through the immigration and asylum system, through practical and emotional support, specialist legal advice, and assistance with access to housing and health services.

https://www.rainbowmigration.org.uk/

Refugee Action

Have collected the contact details for the variety of organisations assisting refugees and asylum seekers in the UK.

https://www.refugee-action.org.uk/help-support-advice-services/

The Refugee Council

An employment service aiming 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/

Refugee Legal Support

Provide frontline legal support to asylum seekers. Specialise in asylum claims in Greece, family reunions in the UK and EU, and helping those fleeing Afghanistan with safe passage to the UK.

https://www.refugeelegalsupport.org/our-projects

Restart Refugee Support

Provide interest-free loans to skilled refugees. Funds should be used for professional re-qualification or accreditation, or as capital for business start-ups and development. Applicants must have been granted refugee status, have permission to work, have professional skills and a realistic business or professional development plan.

https://www.restartrefugeesupport.org/for-applicants

Right to Remain Toolkit

A guide to the UK immigration and asylum system containing information from qualified experts.

https://righttoremain.org.uk/toolkit/

Said Foundation DAFI Scholarships

Offers students with recognised refugee status, or refugees recently returned to their home country, a scholarship to support undergraduate studies either in their country of asylum or their home country. Applicants must be 28 years or younger, have completed sufficient secondary education, and have no other financial means of supporting their studies.

https://www.unhcr.org/dafi-scholarships.html

Science4refugees

A network of opportunities, resources, and partner organisations dedicated to helping refugee researchers.

https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/science4refugees

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 Master's 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.

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

University of East London Directory of Services and Organisations

A directory of services and organisations for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in the UK and beyond, including regional charities and support groups.

https://www.uel.ac.uk/sites/default/files/11246.pdf

United Westminster Almshouses Foundation

The charity awards education grants to projects benefiting underprivileged children and young people whose families are on low incomes and living in Westminster. Priority is given to projects that target



those with special needs, students at risk of being excluded, students struggling academically and high achieving students. Also awards small hardship grants.

www.westminsteralmshouses.com

Walcot Foundation

Funding includes costs for a first degree or a first vocational (work related) qualification, helping those out of work take a further education or vocational training course that has a strong likelihood of leading to work, and expenses associated with gaining work experience. Must have been living in Lambeth for at least one year, on low income and (usually) under the age of 30. Refugees, asylum seekers and others are eligible with additional specified criteria. Grants of up to £1,500 for non-childcare costs and up to £4,000 for childcare costs.

https://www.walcotfoundation.org.uk/individuals.html

Workeer.de

A job board dedicated to job-seeking refugees in Germany.

https://workeer.de/en/fuer-gefluechtete

University of Birmingham Sanctuary Scholarship

Five sanctuary scholarships are available for UK asylum seekers to pursue undergraduate and postgraduate studies. Sanctuary Scholars receive a full tuition-fee waiver and a £5,000 living costs assistance grant, in addition to fully funded university accommodation. Applicants must currently hold an offer for a full-time course at the university to be considered.

https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/funding/undergraduate/sanctuary-scholarship.aspx

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 Sanctuary Scholarships

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/sanctuaryscholarships/

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

University of Essex 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



WOMEN

British Federation of Women Graduates

For all scholarships, applicants must be doing research towards a doctoral degree (PhD, DPhil, DMus etc.), and must be registered for their doctorate at a UK university.

https://bfwg.org.uk/bfwg2/how-to-apply-for-a-bfwg-academic-award/

Funds for Women Graduates

Foundation Grants for postgraduate doctoral level e.g., PhD or DPhil to help women graduates with their living expenses (not fees) while registered for study or research at an approved institution or higher education in the UK. A grant will only be given for the final year of a PhD or DPhil. One-off emergency grants are also available. Women graduates from UK and overseas are eligible.

www.ffwg.org.uk/home.html

Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights

Provide grants and other resources for women human rights defenders around the world. Grants fall under two categories; the protection and security of women's human rights defenders; and advocacy by women's rights movements during time-bound opportunities.

https://urgentactionfund.org/apply-for-a-grant/

International Women's Media Foundation Fund for Women Journalists

Funding is available for either reporting projects or professional development opportunities for women journalists of any nationality. Projects should usually have a one-year timeline or less and preferably be attached to a commitment from a news outlet. The average grant size is 6000 USD, however there is some limited availability for larger requested budgets. The FWJ will not cover tuition or living expenses for undergraduate or graduate degrees. Applicants must have at least one year of professional journalism experience.

https://www.iwmf.org/programs/fund-for-women-journalists/

American Association of University Women

Offers grants and scholarships for women pursuing academic work or leading community projects. International Fellowships and Project grants support non-US citizens who pursue education in the US and return to their home countries afterwards.

https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/current-opportunities/

Graduate Women International

Provide a range of fellowships and grants to support study, research, and training, for women and girls.



Schlumberger Foundation Faculty for the Future

Awards fellowships to women from developing and emerging economies to pursue a PhD or post-doctoral research in STEM at globally recognised universities. Candidates who have applied to or been admitted to a university abroad from their home country, and who are planning to return to their home country after their studies, are eligible to apply.

https://www.facultyforthefuture.net/

Zonta International

Provides scholarships for women in studying STEM, business, and doctoral study in aerospace engineering and space sciences. Also issues an award for young women in public affairs. Applications must be submitted to a district/regional Zonta club, or for areas where Zonta is not in operation via Zonta e-club or directly to the district.

https://zonta.org/Web/Our_Programs/Education/Web/Programs/Education_Home.aspx?hkey=ba5aaa 93-9106-436b-8f2a-dc1acff389dd

Rights of Women

Provide a variety of legal support services to vulnerable women in England and Wales, including free telephone advice lines focused on specific areas of law, and guides and handbooks with key legal information.

https://rightsofwomen.org.uk/get-advice/



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.

https://biochemistry.org/grants-and-awards/grants-and-bursaries/

The British Academy

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

www.britac.ac.uk/funding

The Daphne Jackson Trust

Part-time, paid fellowships awarded to science, engineering, technology or mathematics graduates and post-graduates who have taken a career break of two or more years for family, caring or health reasons. To be eligible you must have at least 3 years in research prior to career break and/or a PhD qualification is required and must be resident in the UK with the right to remain indefinitely and a good command of English.

https://daphnejackson.org/about-fellowships/

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/



Funds 15 scholarships for students from around the world undertaking graduate study in the humanities at the University of Oxford. Students must be applying to start a new course of study.

https://www.ertegun.ox.ac.uk/scholarships

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

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

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/

Rotary Peace Fellowships

The Peace Fellowships are awarded for Master's degrees in peace and development at six selected partner institutions around the world. Candidates must have completed their most recent academic degree at least three years ago, have relevant experience and cannot be citizens of the UK, USA, Sweden, Japan, or Australia.

https://my.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowship-application



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

royalsociety.org/grants/

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.

www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/fees-funding-and-scholarship-search/weidenfeld-hoffmann-scholarships-and-leadership-programme/oxford-weidenfeld-and-hoffmann-scholarships-and-leadership-programme



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.

https://www.aerosociety.com/careers-education/scholarships-bursaries/

Artists

Afghan Artists at Risk

A specific form for Afghan art practitioners of all forms to apply to Artists At Risk.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1M-q77901-PQb_rVssNYjDzevmWGaXOdDR8A4dKD_pTE/viewform?edit_requested=true

Artists at Risk Connection

Assists persecuted artists of all disciplines as well as cultural professionals. Artists can submit an application for assistance directly to the organisation, or can use the directory of resources to find external opportunities. Recently ARC has also launched specific funds for emergency assistance and resilience assistance for Ukrainian visual artists. The terms of the two funds are detailed on the webpage.

https://artistsatriskconnection.org/story/emergency-and-resilience-funds-for-ukrainian-visual-artists https://artistsatriskconnection.org/

The Power of International Education Artist Protection Fund

Provides support to artists of all disciplines facing threats and risks. Preference is given to artists who can demonstrate accomplishment and promise in their artistic practice and will benefit their home countries or communities. Applicants cannot be seeking to use funds for the continuation of academic studies, and should not have been displaced or in exile for more than two years.

https://www.iie.org/en/Programs/Artist-Protection-Fund/Eligibility-and-Application

Artists at Risk

Supports persecuted art practitioners from around the world. Recently have opened specific enquiry lines for Ukrainian and Afghan artists and cultural workers.



https://artistsatrisk.org/apply/?lang=en

Martin Roth Initiative

Supports temporary placements and scholarships for artists and cultural actors. Recipients may be hosted in Germany with the assistance of a host cultural institution, or temporarily relocated to safe locations in their home region. The initiative's Afghanistan Scholarships provide specific support for Afghan artists and cultural actors at risk who have been issued with a German residence permit.

https://www.martin-roth-initiative.de/en/application

Safe Muse

Provides Safe Residencies for artists at risk in Oslo, Norway, with a focus on artistic development and cooperation.

https://safemuse.org/safe-residencies/

Al Qasami Foundation

Provides funding for artists to undertake residencies and cultural exchange in the Al Qasami Foundation's Studio and Gallery for six to twelve months. Prospective applicants must have a degree or established experience in studio or fine arts, have demonstrable experience teaching or collaborating with others to explore different artistic media, proficiency in English, and evidence for how the exchange would inspire personal creativity and artistic expression.

https://www.alqasimifoundation.com/artist-residency

Artistic Freedom Initiative

Assists at-risk artists of all disciplines with temporary and permanent residence in the United States. Also accepts applicants from artists already in the US and currently seeking asylum. Applicants must show that they are at-risk of persecution because of their artistic expression.

https://artisticfreedominitiative.org/apply-for-assistance/

Dentists/ Dentistry Students

Restart Dental Pathway

Lends funds to help refugees who have the right to remain in the UK and possess dental qualifications and experience to requalify and practice in the UK. Candidates must be able to prove sufficient proficiency in English.



Engineering

Institute of Engineering and Technology

Offers Diamond, Undergraduate and Postgraduate engineering scholarships. IET scholarships are available to UK residents fulfilling certain criteria. Also offers several awards to MSc, PhD and mature students, and engineers at the early stage of their careers, for 'notable academic achievement.'

https://www.theiet.org/impact-society/awards-scholarships/

Panasonic Trust

Provides support for part-time awards for Master's degree and full-time Master's degree Fellowships in a range of engineering subjects. Part-time awards available to EU citizens or those who have UK permanent residence status. Full-time Fellowships for UK citizens.

https://raeng.org.uk/education-and-skills/schools/welsh-valleys-engineering-project/panasonic-trust-higher-education-bursary-scheme

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.

https://raeng.org.uk/programmes-and-prizes/programmes/uk-grants-and-prizes/support-for-education

Environmental Sciences

John Spedan Lewis Foundation

The Foundation funds one PhD studentship over consecutive 3-4 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. N.B. Applications have closed for the 2022 cycle, please see the webpage for updates about the next 3-4 year cycle.

https://johnspedanlewisfoundation.org/phd-funding/



Journalists/Writers/Media workers

Journalists in Distress Network

A network of media freedom organisations able to assistance journalists and media workers through their individual member organisations.

https://www.journalistsindistress.org/

PEN International

Provides small emergency grants, supports asylum requests, assists with temporary relocation, and aids access to legal recourse for writers at risk. Through the Foundation PEN Emergency Fund, offers one-off grants of up to €1250 for certain emergency assistance measures.

https://pen-international.org/protecting-writers-at-risk/our-protection-work

International Media Support Safety Fund

Provides help in cases where a journalist has been killed or render other incapacitated, in need or immediate protection as a result of a direct threat, or in need of urgent legal or medical assistance. Support is given for a period of no longer than six months.

https://www.mediasupport.org/what-we-do/safety-for-journalists/#safety-fund

Free Press Unlimited

The Reporters Respond fund provides direct assistance, legal support, and safety advice to journalists and media outlets in need to enable them to resume their work. This includes subsistence costs for journalists who are not able to work or need to flee an unsafe situation, and temporary support for family members of journalists who are unable to work, imprisoned, or deceased. Freelance or staff journalists are eligible if their emergency situation is a direct result of their work in journalism.

https://www.freepressunlimited.org/en/projects/reporters-respond-emergency-and-legal-support

Reporters Without Borders

Will provide a variety of support for individual journalists and media workers, including financial support and travel medical insurance for journalists working outside of their home country.

https://rsf.org/en/assistance-journalists-and-media#financial-support-1411



Works to defend and support writers whose freedom of expression is under attack.

https://www.englishpen.org/campaigns/writers-at-risk/

Committee to Protect Journalists

The Committee's Emergency Response team supports frontline journalists and media support workers to ensure that they are prepared for safety and security issues when entering a conflict zone. This includes the Gene Roberts Emergency Fund Journalist Assistance program, which offers emergency grants to journalists in distress worldwide.

https://cpj.org/emergency-response/what-we-do/

Media Defence

Provides emergency defence to financially support journalists facing costly and complex litigation in an attempt to silence them. Can provide funding for legal defence, help in the search for a lawyer, and provide technical legal support to legal counsel. Can also help in the bringing of legal action to compel the state the protect rights.

https://www.mediadefence.org/apply-for-case-support/

Canadian Journalists for Free Expression: Journalists in Distress Program

Provides assistance to journalists around the world whose lives and well-being are threatened because of their work. Applicants must be verified by an IFEX member or an organisation that provides emergency assistance. Funds available range between 500 to 1500 Canadian dollars and can be used for legal fees, medical expenses, transportation costs to flee a dangerous situation, financial support for the families of journalists, and resettlement costs for the first year in a safe destination.

https://www.cjfe.org/journalists_in_distress_fund

International Federation of Journalists Safety Fund

The Fund offers financial assistance for journalists facing emergency situations such as threats, violence, prosecution, exile, and illness.

https://www.ifj.org/safety-fund.html

Hannah Arendt Initiative

A network of civil society organisations which supports endangered journalists from Afghanistan, Ukraine, Russia, and Belarus.



https://hannah-arendt-initiative.de/

Rory Peck Trust

Has a variety of funds available to support freelance journalists. Applicants must be professional freelance journalists who have been actively working for at least 12 months, have journalism as their only source of income, and lack access to other financial support or any contractual benefits.

https://rorypecktrust.org/freelance-assistance/assistance-grants-2/

Alfred Friendly Press Partners General Fellowship

A six-month fellowship for early-career professional journalists from developing countries. Applicants must be 25-35 years old and have at least three years of experience as a journalist.

https://presspartners.org/fellowship-applications/

International Centre for Journalists Knight Fellowships

Accepts open proposals for potential fellowships. Proposals should consist of multiple, complementary projects to achieve measurable results for newsrooms, journalists, and society. Candidates may be from any country but must have the journalistic experience and skills to carry out their proposed projects, as well as fluency in English and the language of their chosen target region. Recipients of fellowships will receive an allowance for expenses related to their fellowship.

https://www.icfj.org/our-work/knight/icfj-knight-fellowships-apply-now

Lawyers/ Law students

Inderpal Rahal Memorial Trust

Provides awards of £2000 to assist in the costs of undertaking or pursuing legal qualification, training, or research in the UK or abroad for women from an immigrant or refugee background.

https://www.gardencourtchambers.co.uk/about#inderpal-rahal-memorial-trust

The International Observatory for Lawyers in Danger

Paris-based initiative which upholds the rights of lawyers worldwide to practice freely and independently. Support can take the form of emergency assistance mechanisms for those facing imminent threats, which can cover legal support for lawyers subject to criminal proceedings, and emergency funding to lawyers and their dependent whose financial situation is being impacted by threats.

https://protect-lawyers.org/en/the-observatory/



Lawyers for Lawyers Toolkit for Lawyers at Risk

A collection of resources and information for those seeking to protect lawyers at risk.

https://lawyersforlawyers.org/en/toolkit-for-lawyers-at-risk/

Medical students/Doctors and Medical Research/Health

BMA Charities Trust Fund

Grants to medical doctors, medical students, 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://bmacharities.org.uk/get-help/grants-available/https://www.bma.org.uk/advice-and-support/international-doctors#how-the-bma-can-help-you

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

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

Religious Studies



The Spalding Memorial Educational Trust

Funds grants to encourage the study of a recognised religious tradition other than the applicant's own.

https://www.spaldingtrust.org.uk/application

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/

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.

https://barakat.org/grants/

Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies Scholarships

Scholarships for students studying full-time postgraduate courses at Oxford in a field derived from or of



relevance to the Islamic tradition, or of relevance and benefit to the Muslim world. Potential recipients can be either UK citizens or citizens and residents of a variety of overseas countries.

https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/fees-funding-and-scholarship-search/oxford-centre-islamic-studies-ocis-scholarships

Computer Science

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

Offers Master's Scholarships in High Performance Computing and High Performance Computing with Data Science—one year, half of tuition.

https://www.epcc.ed.ac.uk/education-and-training/masters-programmes



GENERAL

Afghan Challenge Fund Civil Society Fellowships

Offers fellowships for Afghans newly arrived in the US or UK whose work has placed them in critical danger. Applicants must be paired with a host institution. Recipients' fields of work can include artists, journalists, NGOs, and cultural institutions.

https://opensocietyuniversitynetwork.org/opportunities/afghan-challenge-fund-call-for-proposals

University and College Hardship Funds- Gov.uk

Provides assistance to undergraduate and postgraduate students in financial difficulty, aiming to relieve financial hardship that might impact on a student's participation in higher education. Contact the student services department at your university or college.

www.gov.uk/extra-money-pay-university/university-and-college-hardship-funds

Campden Charities

Grants to obtain employment, with funds for course fees, travel, childcare and equipment and support for students at university. Applicant needs to have lived continuously in Kensington for at least two years, be a British or European citizen or have indefinite leave to remain, be living in rented accommodation and be in receipt of benefits or in low paid work.

www.campdencharities.org.uk

Future Leader Fellowships

These fellowships provide individuals with funding over four years to tackle complex research or for career development. Work must fall under an area eligible for research and innovation support by UK Research and Innovation. In some cases funding may be extended by a further three years. Applicants must be based at and supported by an eligible academic or non-academic organisation.

https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/future-leaders-fellowships-round-7/

Gilchrist Educational Trust

Students who have made proper provision to fund a degree or higher education course but find themselves facing unexpected financial difficulties, normally in the last year of the course or required to spend a short period of time abroad, either studying or on a placement. Full-time students at a British University are eligible.

www.gilchristgrants.org.uk



Humanitarian Trust

British citizens and overseas students under 30 years old on a recognised course of study in the UK and who hold a basic grant for the course. Small grants and top-up fees are available to graduates and postgraduates and are awarded for 'academic subjects only'.

http://www.humanitariantrust.co.uk/

My World of Work (Skills Development Scotland)

The Individual Training Account (ITA) Scotland provides funding for training sessions. Applicants must be ordinarily resident in Scotland, be a UK citizen or EEA national who has utilised their "right of residence" or have "settled within the UK". Grants of up to £200 provided. Not eligible if person is in Scotland on a temporary student or work visa.

https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/learn-and-train/sds-individual-training-accounts-ita

National Zakat Foundation

Helps with essential/basic needs, training and development activities, legal fees, and debt relief. Average grant of £750 per person. You must be Muslim, live in the UK and be able to demonstrate your need.

www.nzf.org.uk/Apply

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

Professionals Aid Guild (PAG)

Provides small grants to those with degree level or equivalent qualification. Applicants must be over 18 years old; be a resident in the UK; have applied to their own occupational fund for assistance in the first instance (if applicable); have less than £6,000 in savings if they are under pension credit age and less than £10,000 if over pension credit age; and have claimed, or are in the process of claiming, all benefits to which they are entitled.

www.pcac.org.uk



Ruth Hayman Trust

Small grants awarded to support the education and training of adults who have settled in the UK and whose English is not their first language and face severe financial or social hardship. Funds not available for post-graduate higher education unless it leads directly to employment (e.g., PGCE, and never for PhDs).

www.ruthhaymantrust.org.uk

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

Sir Richard Stapley Education Trust

Offers grants to those pursuing degrees in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary studies as a second degree, and postgraduate degree students from all fields of study. Does not fund beyond third year of study for full time PhDs. Open to students from all countries residing in the UK at time of application and during the course of study and aged over 24 on 1St October of proposed year of study.

www.stapleytrust.org

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

Sir Halley Stewart Trust

Trust supports innovative and pioneering projects, with a focus on the Trust's current priority areas. It offers both main grants and small grants. The Trust does not fund individuals directly as grants are only paid to or through registered UK charities.

http://www.sirhalleystewart.org.uk/what-we-do/what-we-fund/



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/atwell/individuals/

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

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.

https://thedrapers.co.uk/philanthropy/#Grant_Giving



HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

Civil Rights Defenders - The Emergency Fund

Provides rapid assistance to human rights defenders who are in danger. Can cover legal fees after arrests, help with security training or psychosocial support, and temporary relocations of human rights defenders and their families.

https://crd.org/emergency-fund/

OMCT World Organisation Against Torture

Now providing material assistance and emergency support for human rights defenders and organisations at risk. Applicants must be human rights defenders or organisations working in accordance with the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights Defenders, facing risks because of their human rights work, and in need of emergency support.

https://www.omct.org/en/resources/news/emergency-material-support-to-human-rights-defenders-at-risk

Frontline Defenders

Offers a variety of resources for Human Rights Defenders, including protection grants up to the value of €7500, rest and respite fellowships, risk analysis and protection training, enhanced digital security, and digital handbooks.

https://www.frontlinedefenders.org/en/tools-hrds

ProtectDefenders.EU - The European Union Human Rights Defenders Mechanism

Have a variety of support measures for human rights defenders, both individuals and organisations, including grants for urgent protection measures, temporary relocation support, and a 24/7 helpdesk. Also have a directory for resources for defenders from their network of partners and allied organisations.

https://protectdefenders.eu/ https://protectdefenders.eu/news-and-resources/#alternative

Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders

Provides grants for individuals, groups, and entities, committed to improve the protection of rights as prescribed in International Human Rights Conventions, who are at risk or facing difficulties.

https://emhrf.org/category/grants/



The Federation maintains and manages a support fund to strengthen the work of human rights defenders' organisations, as well as providing emergency material support to at risk human rights defenders working in difficult circumstances. Any human rights defender facing a risk because of their human rights work may apply for an emergency grant, while the support fund is restricted to human rights organisations working in accordance with the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders.

https://www.fidh.org/en/issues/human-rights-defenders/financial-support/

Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights

Have compiled a roundup of resources available for emergency funds to support human rights defenders and journalists.

https://rfkhumanrights.org/press/emergency-funding-support-for-human-rights-defenders-and-journalists

Freedom House

Runs a program for Emergency Assistance to Frontline Activists, designed to offer short-term support to human rights defenders, civil society organisations and survivors of severe religious persecution. Funds can be used for a variety of purposes depending on the specific needs of the individual or organisation. Enquiries about submitting an application for assistance should be submitted by email:

info@csolifeline.org

https://freedomhouse.org/programs/emergency-assistance-and-thematic-programs

University of York – Protective Fellowships for Human Rights Defenders

Offered by the Centre for Applied Human Rights, these three to six month fellowships consist of an invitation of benefiting human rights defenders to come to York, to both enhance their skills and take time to recuperate before returning to their work. Defenders must be nominated by recognised civil society organisations and inter-governmental organisations working in human rights or human rights defenders.

https://www.york.ac.uk/cahr/human-rights-defenders/protective-fellowship/

Agir Ensemble Pour Les Drois Humains

Through their Emergency Fund, provide financial support to human rights defenders in danger because of their commitments to human rights defence. Support may be categorised as one or more of security in the form of temporary relocation, basic subsistence aid, medical aid, and legal or judicial aid.

https://agir-ensemble-droits-humains.org/fr/notre-fonds-durgence/



Digital Defenders Incident Emergency Fund

A rapid response fund specifically for human rights defenders, journalists, activists and organisations under digital threat. Funds must be used for activities aimed at reducing the risk or impact of the digital attacks or threats. Applicants' work must be supported by two human rights organisations or networks. Funds are available up to €10,000 and cover activities for a maximum of four months.

https://www.digitaldefenders.org/incident-emergency-fund/

Shelter City

Provides human rights defenders at risk a three-month placement in a safe location. Recipients will receive support tailored to their needs, in order to help them re-energise and develop their skills.

https://sheltercity.org/apply/

Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund

The organisation's funding window for Women Human Rights Defenders provides rapid, flexible funding for those working in areas affected by conflict and crisis. Funding can take the form of either Advocacy Support, covering logistical expenses associated with meeting or decision-making events which contribute towards advancing human rights and peace, or Safety Net, covering urgent costs up to the value of 10,000 USD such as short-term livelihood or protection expenses, including relocation.

https://wphfund.org/whrds/

Institut fur Auslandsbeziehungen Elisabeth-Selbert Initiative

Provides threatened human rights defenders with a safe place to rest and recuperate, as well as develop their professional skills and connections. Funding can cover different programme lines to provide temporary relocation either abroad, within an applicants' home region, or on-site, whilst the Special Module Afghanistan provides support for human rights defenders already issued with a German residence permit. In order to be eligible for a protective stay in Germany, human rights defenders must have the intention to return to their country of origin at the end of the temporary placement.

https://www.ifa.de/en/funding/elisabeth-selbert-initiative/

Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights

Provide grants and other resources for women human rights defenders around the world. Grants fall under two categories; the protection and security of women's human rights defenders; and advocacy by women's rights movements during time-bond opportunities.

https://urgentactionfund.org/apply-for-a-grant/