Preston Travel and Research Fund

The Preston Travel and Research Fund is designed to support undergraduates through the provision of small scale grants to enable them to undertake projects with a demonstrable connection to their academic experience while at Hertford College. The Fund is not a substitute for ‘hardship’ support, nor is it designed to provide any kind of long-term financial support. It exists to enable students to undertake specific academic-related projects or activities that they might otherwise be prevented from undertaking because of financial constraints. It has been made possible through the generosity of a History alumnus, Graeme Preston.

Eligibility Criteria and Process:

(i) The fund is open to all undergraduates currently studying for a degree at Hertford College and to tutors applying on behalf of a group of current Hertford undergraduates (with their consent).

(ii) Grants cannot be awarded retrospectively but must be sought in advance of the activity being undertaken.

(iii) The fund cannot be used to provide standard support for field trip expenses, where such activities are a required component of a degree programme, nor is it a substitute for the existing ‘Summer Research Studentship’ scheme.

(iv) The applicant must submit a written application explaining briefly the nature of the proposed activity and its relationship to her, his or (in the case of a tutor) the students’ academic experience, and the level of financial support needed.

(v) Except where the application is made by a tutor, the applicant must arrange for a college tutor to write a short supporting reference indicating the applicant’s academic performance and the extent to which the proposed activity has a worthwhile academic dimension.

(vi) Unless there are exceptional reasons, the maximum award available under the Fund will be £600.

(vii) Applications will be considered by the Senior Tutor.

(viii) Successful applicants are required to submit a short report to the Senior Tutor (via the Academic Office) giving an account of the activity undertaken as a result of the award. This will be passed on to the donor, Mr Graeme Preston.

(ix) Applicants should ensure that the information detailed in (iv) and, where required, (v) is submitted by Friday of 4th week of each term to the Bursar’s PA, Sue Geddes (sue.geddes@hertford.ox.ac.uk)

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