

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)