



# Funding Eligibility Criteria

## Hardship Fund

The College recognises that each financial hardship case is unique, however, hardship applications will only be considered eligible if you are experiencing **unforeseen financial hardship** that could not have been accounted for at the start of your studies. Awards from the Hardship Fund are typically up to the amount of **£500** and, in exceptional circumstances, up to **£1,000**. In some cases, applicants may be offered an interest-free **loan** in place of a grant.

Please note that scholarship holders in receipt of a stipend should prioritize the use of their funding for costs related to their studies. Scholars who are using their stipend to **support family members** (aside from dependent children) will typically **not be considered eligible** for hardship funding. Students with **personal savings** equal to or exceeding the amount requested are not eligible for the Hardship Fund. This fund is intended to provide support to students facing genuine and **unforeseen financial difficulties**. By submitting an application, you confirm that you do not have such resources available to you.

Students applying to the Hardship Fund should consider whether they require further support around their circumstances:

### Welfare Support

If you feel your financial situation is affecting your wellbeing, you can arrange a confidential chat with your **Welfare Lead**, Melissa Cross: [welf@linacre.ox.ac.uk](mailto:welf@linacre.ox.ac.uk). You can access a range of welfare support via the central University [here](#).

### Academic Support

If your financial situation has affected your ability to complete some of your course milestones, you should discuss your options with our **Academic Registrar**, Alison Franklin: [academic.office@linacre.ox.ac.uk](mailto:academic.office@linacre.ox.ac.uk). More information on extensions, mitigating circumstances, and suspensions can be found [here](#).

### Tuition Fee Payment

It is not within the remit of the Hardship Fund to support the payment of tuition fees. If you are experiencing difficulties making payments towards your fees, you should contact the **Bursary team** as soon as possible: [fees@linacre.ox.ac.uk](mailto:fees@linacre.ox.ac.uk).

### Money Management

For guidance on how to manage your money during your studies, you can find a range of helpful resources on the University's [website](#).



## Academic Activities Award

**Eligibility:** for any student presenting their research at an academic event, e.g. an academic conference.

**Use of Funds:** expenses related to attendance at academic events such as conferences at which you have been invited to present, including registration fees and travel costs.

**Awards:** single awards can be up to **£300** for overseas events or up to **£120** for UK events. Please note, you are only eligible for a maximum of £300 over the course of a DPhil or £120 over the course of a taught degree.

**Required Evidence:** your invite to present at the academic event should be emailed to the Academic Office.

## Extracurricular Activities Award

**Eligibility:** any student.

**Use of Funds:** to reimburse University-level extracurricular activities.

**Awards:** single awards can be up to **£50** per academic year.

**Required Evidence:** evidence of your costs e.g., a receipt.

## Modern Language Fast-Track Fund

**Eligibility:** any student undertaking a University -level fast-track language course.

**Use of Funds:** to help with costs of the course. Please note this will be retrospectively reimbursed upon completion of your course.

**Awards:** up to **50%** of the course fees.

**Required Evidence:** certificate of course completion.