

TO ALL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

BALLIOL COLLEGE



Through the generosity of various benefactors the College has funds to support worthwhile projects, including travel; most awards are for academically related projects. The Awards Committee administers these funds, and if you wish to apply for a grant for one of these purposes you may obtain a form from the Academic Administrator, or from ‘academic project grants’ at the [Balliol Website](#). Please return your completed forms to the Academic Administrator by **Monday 6 February 2012 (Week 4)**.

Academic Project Grants

Certain subjects have earmarked funds for academic projects and travel undertaken by undergraduates reading the Schools in question. These funds are administered by the subject tutors in consultation with the Senior Tutor. Please talk to your subject tutor in the first instance if you are applying for funding.

The Committee usually has between £100 and £500 available to finance a well-defined academic project (which may or may not involve travel, and which must be academic-related but not necessarily in the same area as your degree subject).

If you apply for a grant, the Awards Committee’s decision will be made on the basis of its judgment of the merit of your proposal. We will invite the comments of your tutors on your proposal, and if appropriate the Awards Committee may seek further advice on the value of your project.

Successful applicants will be required to make a brief written report to the Senior Tutor after the project has been completed. You are not normally eligible for more than one project grant from the Awards Committee during your undergraduate career. Preference will be given to undergraduates who are not in the final year of their course. We do not consider project grant applications for projects that take place after Finals.

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UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION FORM

N.B. You may apply for one project grant per academic year. You may not apply for funding for projects that take place after Finals or receipt of leave to supplicate.

Closing date for applications: Monday 6 February 2012 (Week 4)

Complete **Part A** and return to the Academic Administrator, Balliol College
(glynis.price@balliol.ox.ac.uk)

Part A

- 1.Surname: Forenames:
2.Subject: Year of Study:

Name of Subject OR Personal Tutor:

3. Please summarise your project and its academic worth:
[If appropriate you may attach a separate sheet with more detail]
4. Amount requested: £
5. Justify your application (including itemisation of cost):
6. Any previous project (or similar) grants from the College, University or elsewhere:
7. Have you applied for funding for this project from any other source, either from your department or from other College funds?
8. Would you have to abandon the project if this application is unsuccessful?

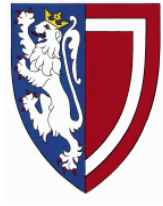
PART B

TUTORS' COMMENTS:

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Brassey Italian Scholarships

Through the generosity of the late Earl Brassey of Bulkeley the College has funds to award up to 4 Brassey Scholarships each of a value of at least £125 to enable students to travel to Italy and reside there for academic purposes. Preference will be given to students whose knowledge of Italian is good, but applications are welcomed from others provided that they can give evidence of sufficient competence in the language to follow lectures, undertake research, or carry out any other project that they are planning.

Applicants should write to the Academic Administrator explaining their project and offering evidence of their proficiency in Italian. Applications, clearly labeled, to arrive by **Wednesday 8 February 2012 (Week 4)**.

Gertrude Hartley Prize for a Poem in English

Through the generosity of Sir Harold Hartley, the College offers a prize for the best English poem written by a student, undergraduate or graduate. Submissions should be addressed to Mr Perry and left at the lodge. The closing date of the competition is **Friday 9 March 2012 (Week 8)**, and decisions will be announced at the beginning of Trinity Term. The prize will be £100.

Maharaja Singh Essay Prize

A Prize of £100 is offered for an essay by an undergraduate member of the College on any object (manuscript, photograph, work of art, etc.) owned by an institution of Oxford University (museum, library, college, etc.) that is of Indian origin or of direct relevance to India. The essay should be between 1,500 and 5,000 words in length and must be handed in to the Academic Administrator, clearly labeled, by noon on **Friday 16 March 2012 (Week 9)**.

Powell Essay Prize

Submissions are invited from Balliol undergraduates for the Powell Essay Prize. A prize of £200 is offered for the best essay written in English on several topics to be advised. It is expected that more than one prize will be awarded. The essay should not exceed 3,000 words in length and should be word-processed or typewritten. The closing date is **Friday 23 March 2012 (Week 10)**. Three copies of each essay should be submitted (hard copy only, please) to the Academic Administrator by the closing date. Full details below.

Record Bursary

Full details below.

Les Woods Memorial Fund

This fund has been established in memory of Professor Les Woods, Fellow of Balliol. Various academic initiatives may be financed to students in Applied Mathematics and related subjects. Applications should be sent to the Academic Administrator, clearly labeled, by **Wednesday 8 February 2012 (Week 4)**.

TeachFirst Bursary

The College will pay a Bursary of £1000 to Balliol Teach First participants (current or former undergraduate or graduate students) who enrol at the Teach First Summer Institute. Funds for this bursary are drawn from the Wilson-Wilson Trust (1929), which has as its object the education of those from disadvantaged backgrounds. Students should apply to the Academic Administrator in the first instance.

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Memorial Scholarship in Honour of Andrew Mason (2004)

The College has been offered an annual gift in memory of Andy Mason, JCR President, Theobald Scholar and student of Physics and Philosophy, who died in Hilary Term 2007.

The gift – known as the Andrew Mason Memorial Scholarship – makes a grant each year to an undergraduate student at Balliol of any nationality, for a Summer Vacation research project in the sciences (including engineering, maths and economics). The award is to enable a student to undertake an academic project of special interest which may be related to, but does not form a direct part of, an Oxford degree programme. The project may last up to eight weeks. Students intending to pursue postgraduate work in a discipline other than that embraced by their undergraduate degree are especially warmly encouraged to apply.

The award will normally be in the region of £2000, and applications are due at the end of **Wednesday 8 February 2012 (Week 4)**. Submissions, clearly labeled, and addressed to the Academic Administrator, should include a completed application form and, where necessary, indications of institutional or departmental support, from Oxford or elsewhere.

The Senior Tutor, in consultation with the Financial Aid Officer, will look at applications and announce the successful candidate at the start of Trinity Term. The criteria for selection will be, first, academic merit and, second, financial need. In due course, the College would look at any vacation residence requests made by the successful holder of the award, if the research project is to be undertaken in Oxford. At the end of the Summer Vacation for which the award is made, recipients will be expected to submit a report which will be circulated to Fellows and could be sent to the benefactors and to the parents of Andy Mason.

Where the financial need is less or resources permit, it might be possible for the College to make two scholarship awards in any one year (for example, where the research projects each lasted much less than eight weeks).

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BALLIOL COLLEGE
ANDREW MASON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Summer Vacation Research Project in the Sciences
(including Engineering, Maths and Economics)

APPLICATION FORM

Complete **Part A** and return to the Academic Administrator, Balliol College
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Part A

Surname:	Forenames:
Subject:	Year of study (ie year 2 of 4):
Personal Tutor:	
Faculty/Dept:	
Value of any past or existing Maintenance Awards, Bursaries, Scholarships, etc:	
Please summarise your project and its academic worth (if appropriate you may attach a separate sheet with more detail):	
Please indicate institutional or departmental support, where necessary, from Oxford or elsewhere, for this project:	
How many weeks do you plan to spend on this project (maximum 8 weeks)?	
Amount requested: £	
Justify your application (including itemisation of cost):	
Any previous project (or similar) grants from the College, University or elsewhere:	
Have you applied for funding for this project from any other source, either from your department or from other College funds?	
Would you have to abandon the project if this application is unsuccessful?	
Signed:	Date:

PART B

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Vaughan Memorial Travelling Scholarship

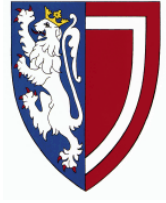
The College intends to award a Vaughan Memorial Travelling Scholarship, as established by the will of the late Mrs DJ Vaughan, if a suitable candidate applies. It is a stipulation of the bequest that candidates must be current undergraduates of limited means who have had at least part of their previous education at Eton College. Preference will be given to members of Balliol College.

The award, of up to £4000, will be conditional on the attainment of a II.1 degree or better. It must be used towards the cost of attending a foreign university for a post-graduate year, and following an approved course of study there which includes at least in part “a study of the social conditions of the common people”.

Applications with one reference and with outline proposals for the year’s study should be made to Academic Administrator, Wednesday 8 February 2012 (Week 4 of Hilary Term).

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Record Bursary

This bursary has been established through the generosity of Record PLC, a Stock Exchange listed company founded by Old Member, Neil Record.

The Neil Record Bursary is open to all undergraduate Freshers at Balliol who have an interest in public sector careers or in working for not-for-profit organisations. It offers £350 per month (i.e. £4,400 per year) throughout the second and third years of the undergraduate degree (and will be extended to the fourth year, if the student's course is of this length), plus the possibility of a further one or two years' funding (up to a maximum of four), should the successful candidate wish to pursue postgraduate study either at Balliol or elsewhere.

The successful applicant will be chosen on the basis of (a) financial need, (b) recommendations from tutors, and (c) a personal statement. The statement, of no more than two sides of A4, should indicate why you expect to work in the not-for-profit sector and what contribution to the wider society you anticipate that this work might produce.

Submissions, including a completed application form, should be addressed, clearly labeled, to the Academic Administrator no later than **Wednesday 8 February (Week 4)** of Hilary Term. The outcome of the competition will be announced at the start of Trinity Term. At the end of each year for which the award is made, recipients will be expected to submit a report which will be circulated to Fellows and could be sent to the benefactor.

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RECORD BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

Open to Undergraduate Freshers only

Complete **Part A** and return to the Academic Administrator, Balliol College
(glynis.baleham@balliol.ox.ac.uk) by **Wednesday 8 February 2012 (Week 4)**.

Please attach a Personal Statement on no more than two sides of A4, to indicate why you expect to work in the not-for-profit sector and what contribution to the wider society you anticipate that this work might produce.

Part A

Surname:	Forenames:
Subject:	3 or 4 year course?:
Personal Tutor:	
Faculty/Dept:	
Value of any Maintenance Awards, Bursaries, Scholarships, etc:	
Personal Statement: On no more than two sides of A4, please indicate why you expect to work in the not-for-profit sector (this includes public services, e.g. the health service or teaching, etc., and public sector work, e.g. national or local government work, etc.) and what contribution to the wider society you anticipate that this work might produce.	
Signed:	Date:

PART B

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Powell Essay Prize 2012

Submissions are invited from Balliol undergraduates for the Powell Essay Prize. A prize of £200 is offered for the best essay written in English on several topics to be advised. The essay should not exceed 3,000 words in length and should be word-processed or typewritten. *Essays from any disciplinary area are welcomed.* The closing date is **Friday 23 March 2012** (9th Week of Hilary Term). Three copies of each essay should be submitted (hard copy only, please) to the Academic Administrator by the closing date. Full details below:

1. Wither carboniferous capitalism. Discuss.
2. “Sorry the land that has no heroes! No - sorry the land that needs heroes” (Brecht’s Life of Galileo). Discuss.
3. We need heroes not celebrities. Discuss.
4. “History, said Stephen, is a nightmare from which I am trying to awake” (James Joyce, Ulysses). Discuss.
5. “David Cameron has isolated us in Europe and diminished us in Washington’s eyes” (Paddy Ashdown). Are we ‘very well, alone’?

The judges shall be the Senior Tutor, Dr Perry, and Dr Field.

Dr Nicola Trott,
Senior Tutor
December 2011