

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON THEOLOGICAL TRUST

King's College London Theological Trust was founded in 1980 with funds realized as a result of the transfer to the general purposes of the College of the former Theological Hostel. The Trust is empowered to provide financial assistance to students and former students of the Department of Theology and Religious Studies/Department of Education & Professional Studies under the following headings:

- (1) Furthering the education of students and of former students of the Department of Theology and Religious Studies in such ways as the Trustees think fit
- (2) Furthering the vocational training of such students and former students and in particular of those who intend to seek ordination in the Church of England
- (3) The advancement of the Christian religion, particularly in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England, among such students and former students.

The Trustees fulfil the terms of the Trust through the Overseas Scholarship and the Individual Small Grants. Details about the Individual Small Grants can be found below.

Individual Small Grants

The Trustees make grants to individual students accepted by the Department of Theology and Religious Studies¹ principally to assist with the cost of tuition fees for home students, although requests for grants for other purposes, such as thesis preparation and travel in connection with research can be considered. Grants are for one year but recipients may apply to the Trustees for the renewal of a grant for a second or subsequent year/s subject to evidence of continuing need and the receipt of a satisfactory report from the student's academic supervisor.

The maximum amount offered for the Individual Small Grant is normally £2,500, just above the home student part time tuition fee, but please note that it is unusual that this maximum amount will be awarded. The funds of the Trust are strictly limited, and the Trustees are able to meet only a proportion of the requests which they receive. Applicants for Individual Small Grants should be in a position to meet a significant part of their study costs from other sources. Please note, should a student decide to interrupt their studies they should be mindful their award maybe proportionately reduced. It is also the responsibility of the student to inform the Theological Trust in respect of this, failure to do so could result in their award being withdrawn.

How to apply

The application pack includes an application form and a reference form.

Application form

Please ensure that all sections of the application form are completed as incomplete applications may not be processed.

Demonstrable financial need is one of the core criteria used by the Trustees in assessing applications, although an excess of income over expenditure should not deter you from applying. In the event of any query, you may be asked to provide evidence for the figures you provide by the Trustees and any awards made will be subject to satisfactory evidence being received.

Covering letter

¹ **Please note:** applicants from the Department of Middle East and Mediterranean Studies must be able to demonstrate a clear link with Theology or Religious Studies in order to qualify for an award.

In addition to the details you are asked to supply in the application form, you are advised to supply a brief covering letter outlining your reasons for applying to the Theological Trust and highlighting any circumstances you wish the Trustees to take into account.

References

You are required to provide two references. Both referees need to be members of staff at King's College London, except in the following circumstances:

- if you have only just begun your studies, you may substitute **one** academic reference from another institution.
- if you are yet to start your studies then one reference from another institute can be provided.
- if you are an Ordinand in the Church of England, one of your referees **must** be an academic member of staff from your Theological College/training programme.
- if you are engaged in professional Christian ministry, you may substitute **one** reference from a senior colleague (e.g. Bishop, Archdeacon), Continuing Ministerial Education Officer or similar.

Please forward a copy of the reference form directly to your referees, **ensuring that you have asked their permission before you do so.**

Please note: it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application form and references are returned to the Clerk to the Trustees by the specified deadline as late documentation will not be processed.

Application packs for an Individual Small Grant may be downloaded from:

<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/artshums/depts/trs/study/funding/trust.aspx>

Application forms may also be obtained from the Clerk to the Trustees:

Email theoltrust@kcl.ac.uk

The closing date for applications for the spring meeting in the 2020-21 academic year is 12 noon on Friday 19 February 2021. Applications and references need to be returned to the Clerk to the Trustees by email (to theoltrust@kcl.ac.uk) by this deadline.