A quick guide to hardship fund applications

Are you a current* student in financial hardship**?

- Yes
  - 1. Ask your College Tutor for advice
  - 2. Look at the University webpages
  - 3. Explore Dept/College/External Funding and (if applicable) approach your Funder

- No
  - PhD students who have submitted their softbound thesis on or since 15 March 2020 and have lost an offer of income are eligible to apply to the Special Hardship Fund. Estranged and Careleaver BA graduates are eligible to apply to Bell, Abbott and Barnes for up to 10 weeks from Graduation – speak to your College Tutor if you fall into one of these categories and need financial support.

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- Yes
  - A one-off, short-term cost as a result of the COVID19 pandemic, e.g. a flight home?
  - Yes
    - Apply to the Special Hardship Fund – ask your Tutor how to apply.
    - Financial Support website.
  - No
    - Financial hardship is defined as finding yourself in exceptional and/or unexpected financial difficulty, which cannot be covered by personal resources available to you.
    - Unforeseen general hardship needs, e.g. help with living costs as a result of COVID19?
    - Yes
      - For undergraduates, apply to the Bell, Abbott, and Barnes Fund.
    - No
      - For postgraduates, apply to the Postgraduate Hardship Fund.

Are your financial needs a result of…

- Medical costs?
  - Yes
    - Apply to the Crane’s Charity via your Tutor.
    - Crane’s Charity website.
  - No
    - Apply to the University Childcare Office.
    - Childcare Office website.

- Childcare costs?
  - Yes
    - Apply to the Special Hardship Fund – ask your Tutor how to apply.
    - Financial Support website.
  - No
    - Unforeseen costs and you are ineligible or have exhausted all other Hardship Funds?
      - Yes
        - Apply to the Special Hardship Fund – ask your Tutor how to apply.
        - Financial Support website.
      - No
        - Intermission costs/ Year Abroad costs?
          - Yes
            - Apply to the Special Hardship Fund – ask your Tutor how to apply.
            - Financial Support website.
          - No
            - Thesis binding/thesis storage costs?
              - Yes
                - All PhD students need to apply to the Postgraduate Hardship Fund.
              - No
                - Do you and your Tutor agree that you are eligible to apply?

Identify the correct fund to apply to…

*Current student refers to anyone currently enrolled on a course. This includes PhD students who are currently working on corrections up to the point they have submitted the hard bound copy of their thesis.

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Applying to multiple funds for the same reason is not permissible. You must approach the Funds in the order outlined above. All funds require supporting statements and data is shared between funds.