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
  Completed

- 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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  Unforeseen general hardship needs, e.g. help with living costs as a result of COVID19?

- Yes
  Medical costs?

- No
  Childcare costs?

- Yes
  Unforeseen costs and you are ineligible or have exhausted all other Hardship Funds?

- No
  Thesis binding/thesis storage costs?

- Yes
  Intermission costs/ Year Abroad costs?

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  Are your financial needs a result of:

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    Financial Support website.

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      Are your financial needs a result of:

- Do you and your Tutor agree that you are eligible to apply?

- Yes
  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.

**Financial hardship is defined as finding yourself in exceptional and/or unexpected financial difficulty, which cannot be covered by personal resources available to you.

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.