



## Grants and Funding Opportunities available to Emerging Professionals - May 2020

Finding funding opportunities to help with things like project costs, attending conferences and CPD courses, or supporting internships can seem like a daunting activity, so we have compiled a list of 20 current opportunities available to conservators and students based in the UK. The links below have been organised into four groups: opportunities that are conservation specific, travel grants, funding to help towards the cost of full-time conservation training, and opportunities that are offered by more general funding bodies such as those focused on culture and the arts. All opportunities have specific criteria that determine an individual's eligibility. We have outlined the key points below, but please visit the relevant website for full, up to date information.

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### Conservation Specific Opportunities

#### 1. Plowden/Clothworkers' Foundation

Continuing Professional Development Grants available to practicing conservators to help with the costs of attending CPD activities. £1,000 or 50% of activity costs (whichever is smaller) is offered. The grant is only available to practising conservators, students and interns are NOT eligible.

Application deadline: June 8<sup>th</sup> and Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 2020

Website: <https://www.annaplowdentrust.org.uk/apply/cpd-grants>

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#### 2. Icon Tru Vue Grants

Available to mid-career conservators from around the world. Between £300 and £1,000 is offered to cover costs of attending CPD activities.

Application deadline: Currently closed for 2020 applications (April 30<sup>th</sup>)

Website: <https://icon.org.uk/training/grants/icon-grants>



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### 3. June Baker Trust Grants

Available to conservators at all stages. Up to £300 is offered to help with the costs of attending CPD activities. Conservators MUST demonstrate a connection to Scotland through work, birth, living, education or other means to be eligible.

Application deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> May each year

Website: <https://icon.org.uk/groups/scotland/june-baker-trust>

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### 4. Gabo Trust Continued Professional Development Grant

Awards available to qualified conservators/scientists working in the field of contemporary sculpture and post-graduate students. Applicants should provide initial outline information, including a statement about the nature of the application to the Gabo Trust to assess eligibility.

Application deadline: Applications accepted year round

Website: <http://www.gabotrust.org/grants-and-applications/cpd>

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### 5. Robert Shepard CPD Memorial Grant

Annual grant offered to a paintings conservator based in the UK to help with the costs of attending CPD activities. £1,000 or 50% of activity costs (whichever is smaller) is offered. The grant is currently being administered by The Anna Plowden Trust.

Application deadline: June 8<sup>th</sup> and Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 2020

Website: <https://www.annaplowdentrust.org.uk/apply/cpd-grants>

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### 6. Nigel Williams Prize

Bi-annual award for an outstanding professional project focusing on the conservation/restoration of ceramic, glass or a directly related material. £1,000 is offered



for 1<sup>st</sup> prize, £400 for 2<sup>nd</sup> prize and £250 for Student Prize (applicant/s must be in full-time or further education). Submissions are welcome from individuals or collaborations. Applicants MUST be a member of Icon and/or ICC.

Website: <https://icon.org.uk/groups/ceramics-glass/nigel-williams-prize-0>

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## 7. York Foundation for Conservation and Craftsmanship

Annual bursary of up to £1500 awarded to existing craftsperson or conservator to develop their skills or knowledge. Bursaries are restricted to individuals whether from the UK or overseas, who are committed to practising their skills within the UK. One award is reserved for those born, resident or working in the City of York and environs.

Application deadline: End of March (annually)

Website: [https://www.conservationyork.org.uk/bursaries/?fbclid=IwAR24l8ORqyB-TiXGlrxcaj7WPgneEVra5Jdmf83UyM3\\_mhFhi1gMQsmbmk](https://www.conservationyork.org.uk/bursaries/?fbclid=IwAR24l8ORqyB-TiXGlrxcaj7WPgneEVra5Jdmf83UyM3_mhFhi1gMQsmbmk)

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## Travel Grants

### 1. Churches Conservation Foundation Travel Grant

Awarded to young craftspeople with an interest in religious heritage conservation wanting to travel to increase their expertise and knowledge, ultimately benefitting heritage skills in the UK. £500 - £1,000 is offered to successful applicants who are currently studying or has recently graduated from a relevant craft or building skills course. Applicant MUST be under the age of 30 on April 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of application.

Application deadline: Currently closed for 2020 applications (Jan 24<sup>th</sup>)

Website: <http://www.churchesconservation.org/travel-award/>

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### 2. Zibby Garnett Travel Fellowship Grants

Awarded to students and apprentices for travel outside of the UK in order to broaden their knowledge of conservation in areas including historic building; historic landscapes and gardens; allied trades, techniques and crafts; and artefacts and decorative arts. Between £300 - £2,000 is offered and preference is given to practical hands-on projects. Applicants should be, or recently graduated from full-time study or be completing an apprentice. Eligible applicants MUST be residents of the UK.

Application deadline: Mid-March every year

Website: <http://www.zibbygarnett.org/grants/>

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### 3. Gabo Trust Travel Grants

Awards available to qualified conservators/scientists working in the field of contemporary sculpture. Applicants should provide initial outline information to the Gabo Trust to assess eligibility.

Application deadline: Applications accepted year round

Website: <http://www.gabotrust.org/grants-and-applications/travelgrantsandresearchgrants>



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#### 4. STEP Beyond Travel Grants

Provided by the European Cultural Foundation (ECF), grants of \$250 - \$700 are available to cover travel expenses to participate in projects associated with culture and the arts. Preference is given to applicants under 35 years old and/or who have been working in the cultural sector for less than 10 years.

Application deadline: Currently not supporting any travel grants due to the ongoing pandemic.

Website: <https://ecflabs.org/step-travel-grants>

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## Funding Opportunities to help towards the costs of Full-time Conservation Training

### 1. Plowden Scholarships

Grants towards the fees for attending full-time conservation training courses in the UK. Applications are considered from those wishing to embark on a career in conservation or from existing conservators who wish to broaden their training by attending a full-time course for at least one year. Priority will be given to applicants who intend on pursuing their career in the UK.

Application deadline: June 8th

Website: <https://www.annaplowdentrust.org.uk/apply/plowden-scholarships>

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### 2. Robert Shepard Memorial Scholarship

£3,000 annual scholarship awarded to a paintings conservation student in the UK to help with full-time course fees. The grant is currently being administered by The Anna Plowden Trust.

Application deadline: June 8th

Website: <https://www.annaplowdentrust.org.uk/apply/plowden-scholarships>

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### 3. UCL ISH Ecclesiastical Insurance Bursary

Annual bursary of £20,000 available to heritage professionals to study for the MSc in Sustainable Heritage. The bursary is available to a home applicant (as defined by UCL) to cover course fees and stipend. Eligible applicants should have the offer of a place for either full or part-time study on the course.

Website: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/bartlett/heritage/news/2019/mar/ecclesiastical-insurance-funds-student-scholarships-ish>



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## General Funding Opportunities

### 1. British Association of Friends of Museums (BAFM) Travel Award Bursary

Biennial travel grant of up to £2000 available to committed volunteers or young professionals to fund travel within the UK or abroad to complete training internships and build contacts.

Website: <http://www.bafm.co.uk/awards/bafm-travel-award-bursary/>

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### 2. The Robert Logan Award

Established in memory of the former chairman of the British Association of Friends of Museums (BAFM). £500 prize money is awarded every two years to candidates under the age of 30 working in the heritage sector, for projects that have made an outstanding contribution to a museum or institution.

Application deadline: May 1<sup>st</sup> 2021

Website: <http://www.bafm.co.uk/awards/the-robert-logan-award/>

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### 3. Winston Churchill Memorial Trust's Churchill Fellowships

150 overseas research grants offered yearly to outstanding UK adult citizens who wish to carry out original research abroad for 4-8 weeks. This research will solve a need/issue at home, not previously or currently being studied. The trust covers 8 universal themes, including arts and culture.

Application deadline: 2021 applications have not been opened due to the ongoing pandemic.

Website: <https://www.wcmt.org.uk/apply/why-apply>



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#### 4. Nehru Trust

Annual awards programmes including both the Nehru Fund Award and the Jain Fund Award. Both awards are offered to individual scholars and museum professionals from the UK and India to carry out study, research or undertake training in both countries. See website for specific grants/awards and deadlines.

Website: [http://www.nehrustrustvam.org/award\\_page](http://www.nehrustrustvam.org/award_page)

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#### 5. Daiwa Foundation Small Grants

Grants of £2,000 - £7,000 are available to individuals/projects that promote collaboration between UK and Japan. See website for project eligibility.

Application deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> March and 30<sup>th</sup> September each year

Website: <http://dajf.org.uk/grants-awards-prizes/daiwa-foundation-small-grants>

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#### 6. Iranian Heritage Foundation

Annual grants awarded by two committees of between £500 - £3,000 for academic research and activities, and projects connected with contemporary Iranian art.

Application deadline: Applications will open in September 2020 (for grant year 2021)

Website: <https://www.iranheritage.org/grants.html>

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