Graduate students at King’s may apply for grants from the Graduate Student Fund (GSF) to help with direct research expenses which cannot be covered from any other source. If the proposed expenditure concerns travel abroad, e.g. to attend a conference, please refer to the notes in the document ‘Travel Grants for Graduates’. A letter of support from your supervisor must accompany the request.

For students on a one-year postgraduate course: Up to £350 is available from the GSF, provided that the request is not to fund travel abroad (see above). Note that £350 is the total funding available from the GSF and from Travel Funds. If you are offered £350 from the GSF, you will be ineligible to apply for a Travel Grant, and vice versa.

For PhD students: Up to £400 is available from the GSF taken over the entire duration of the course. An additional £1000 is available in the form of Travel Grant(s), again over the entire duration of the course (please see ‘Travel Grants for Graduates’ for further information). In the first year, only under exceptional circumstances will more than £350 be awarded in total from the GSF and Travel Funds.

Applications for research expenses should be submitted and authorised before they are incurred; post hoc applications are not normally considered. Please furnish fully itemised details of your anticipated expenses on the application form.

In addition, King’s will normally reimburse 50% of the cost of language courses run by the University of Cambridge Language Centre. Only one such language course per year will be funded in this way. A fifteen-week course currently costs £230. King’s would therefore typically cover £115 upon provision of a receipt. The College will expect you to complete the course. You will be required to provide a copy of the certificate on successful completion of the course, otherwise the grant will need to be returned.

Final-year PhD students may also be eligible, upon production of relevant receipts, for an additional grant up to a maximum of £150 to cover the cost of printing and binding their doctoral thesis.

GSF applications should be sent to Maria Bossley, the Financial Tutor’s Secretary, in F1, Tutorial Office.

Dr Tim Flack
Financial Tutor