

## Funding for Mapping Projects 2020

### Funds in operated through the Department of Earth Sciences:

*Marr Memorial fund* - awards typically c. £30- £50, you must apply to be considered but most sound projects will be funded. Application details will be circulated towards end of Lent term.

*Class of 2005* - one or more prizes typically £50 -£250, funded & awarded by alumni of that year group, application details will be circulated during Easter term.

*Class 2008* - one or more prizes typically £100, funded & awarded by alumni of that year group, application details will be circulated during Easter term.

*Dave Thompson Award* - a fund of c. £500 for one mapping group to share, funded & awarded by alumni graduating in 2010, application details will be circulated in late Lent term, and there is a short application form to complete and submit before the end of Lent term. This is to be returned to Owen Weller ([ow212@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ow212@cam.ac.uk)).

*CASP Mapping fund* - donation from CASP. CASP will award £400 as a contribution towards the Part II Field Mapping Project for each student undertaking a mapping project who continues into Pt II. Paid by cheque at the end of Easter term after 1B exam results. [CASP website](#).

### Funds elsewhere in Cambridge:

Most college websites have a travel fund page which is worth checking out and there is a good chance that your own college operates funds which are only open to college members. e.g. Sidney has the Whittington Fund which focuses on supporting Earth Scientists. [Churchill's webpage](#) has some useful links.

There is a search tool for awards in Cambridge that you can apply to on the [Student Funding page](#).

A list and links to details used to be published each year by the University Reporter as special copy. The search tool above has replaced that but hunting through the list may throw up some ideas which are not shown by the search tool because the time frame for application has not yet opened. [University Reporter](#).

There are of many funds with special criteria. Some specifically exclude scientific projects but might help with travel costs if you intend to add something else on the end of the trip. Some which our students have been successful with in the past are listed below, they should all be included on the Student Funding page but a google search should locate details if the Student Funding search tool isn't delivering:

*Mary Euphrasia Mosley Fund* (Commonwealth)

*Worts Travelling Scholars Fund* (wide scope)

*Scott Polar Research Institute- Gino Watkins Memorial Fund* (for polar work)

*Gladstone Memorial Trust* - to travel abroad and extend their knowledge of foreign countries (Not for scientific or academic expeditions)

*Devon Cambridge Society*: (travel support for students living in Devon)

Centre of Latin American Studies operates a fund, open to undergraduate and postgraduate students at the University of Cambridge, providing financial support *for specific projects to be undertaken in Chile*. Funding for the initiative is generously provided by Antofagasta PLC. All details can be found on the [Latin American Studies website](#).

*The Donald Robertson Travel Fund* is open to undergraduates from any College. This Fund is intended to help you to take strenuous open-air holidays during the Long Vacation either in the UK or abroad, preferably among mountains - does do not fund academic trips but worth considering if your field area can be considered as mountainous and you are considering post-fieldwork activities (but you will need to submit a thorough risk assessment to the Department for fieldwork in such areas).

#### **Funds outside Cambridge:**

*Gilchrist Fieldwork Award*: this regularly makes awards of around £500 to groups carrying out field mapping projects, but they may provide more if the project is very original and challenging. Further details of this can be found on the [website](#) and the deadline to apply is 22 February.

Your project may fit the remit of other funds operated by the RGS.

*John Ray Trust Summer Science Research Grants*: Earth Sciences was definitely one of John Ray's interests! Awards grants up to c. £500. Details on the [John Ray Trust website](#).

The *Palaeontological Association* Undergraduate Research Bursaries may be worth a look if the project has a strong paleo focus. All information can be found on the [Palaeontological Association website](#).

*Geological Society* grants are mainly geared to postgraduate work but may be worth a look at the [Geological Society website](#) although the application closing dates are usually at the start of February each year.

There are of course funds with special criteria which you can probably find better than us, e.g: Students at university with Cumbrian connections: The *Angela Marchant Student Bursary Fund*, details of which can be found on the [Cumberland Geological society website](#).

The *Petroleum Exploration Society of Great Britain (PESGB)* Young Professionals offer a scheme for undergraduate mapping scholarships. More information on the scheme can be found on the [PESB website](#). There are two £100 scholarships with a year's free PESGB membership, available for Cambridge undergraduate students. Students will be selected and put forward by the Head of Department/Director of Teaching. Last year's deadline was at the end of May.

**After the event:**

*Wiltshire Prize* - awarded by Pt II examiners for best Part II Independent Mapping Project, typically £300-£500

*CASP Mapping Prize* - awarded by Pt II examiners for best Part II Independent Mapping Project Field notebook, typically £300-£500

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***Please let us know of any other funding sources you find !***