



Information on FfWG Foundation Grant Applications 2024-2025

Welcome to the FfWG Foundation Grant application information page. If you are eligible and wish to apply for a Foundation Grant, you will need to fully complete and submit the **online** Foundation Grant application form (**it cannot be saved and submitted later**). Please read this information page very carefully, as this will save you time and effort when completing the online application form. The **closing date for applications is 28 March 2024**, applications submitted outside this period or using other methods will **not** be considered. Each application submitted will automatically generate a unique Grant Application Number. The period for which the grants may be awarded is the **Academic year 2024-2025, starting from October 2024 or January 2025**.

1. Eligibility

For your application to be considered you must meet all the eligibility conditions which may be found on the Grants Bursaries and Fellowship page of the FfWG website. In brief, to be eligible you must be a woman resident in Great Britain and registered for study for a PhD/DPhil at an approved British higher education institution. You must be in your final fee-paying or writing-up year in the academic year 2024-2025, starting from October 2024 or January 2025. Applications may only be made for financial support with living costs (not for fees), where there is a genuine financial need to complete the course of study.

2. Information that you will need to provide.

To complete the application form you will need to provide among other things your personal and educational details, details of current and previous financial support and requirements, and contacts for references. Please see the tables below which show the information we require. This is NOT an application form – you **MUST** use the online form. If you do not provide the full and accurate information requested in the application form that you submit, or if your application does not meet the eligibility conditions, it is likely that your application will not be considered for a grant and your application fee will **not** be refunded.

3. Tips for applicants

- Give yourself plenty of time to complete and check your application before you submit it. You **cannot** save it to edit and submit it at another time.
- Use the table below to work on your answers before completing the online form. Take note of the mandatory questions and the number of characters allowed.
- Use the example budget in the table below to calculate your shortfall correctly.
- Obtain prior agreement from your referees to supply references. Their references must be submitted by 16 April 2024. **We do not** accept any late references.
- Ask your referees to include grants@ffwg.org.uk in their email contacts to avoid emails being blocked.
- Quote your Grant Application Number in all communications.

4. Our obligations and your obligations

You should note these carefully, as set out in the application form. Our obligations include compliance with data protection legislation. Your obligations as an applicant include providing appropriate consents and declarations. Successful applicants are required to provide a progress report to FfWG at the end of their study period. The administration fee (**non-refundable**) of £15 must be paid. Please pay via PayPal using the link that can be found on the Foundation Grant page of our website.

5. Grants are only available for living expenses and not a shortfall in fees.

6. Foundation Grants do not start to be paid until October 2024; therefore, they are not eligible for funds required before that time. No grant is likely to exceed £6,500.

7. **All grants are at the discretion of FfWG. FfWG reserves the right to revoke any grant offer if information supplied, later proves to be inaccurate.**

Information you will be asked to provide on the application form

Please prepare your answers to the questions below **before** paying the fee as you will not be able to save the application form to input information at a later date.

This is **NOT** an application form and will not be accepted as an application. You **MUST** apply using the online form. This is a guide to help you to prepare for the online form.

Mandatory fields are shown in red. Enter N/A if not applicable. Text in purple is not shown on the application form and is to help you complete the form correctly and ensure that your application is eligible.

Title	10 characters	Mobile No	40 characters
Forename/s	40 characters	Landline No	40 characters
Last/Family Name	40 characters	Main e-mail address (This will be used in all correspondence)	80 characters
Gender	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Secondary email address	80 characters
Your address and residency must be in Great Britain (England, Wales or Scotland)			
Street	Street	Nationality	40 characters
Area/Town	Area/Town	Marital Status	40 characters
City/County	City/County	Number of dependent children	40 characters
Postcode	Postcode	Ages of dependent children	40 characters

1. Current studies for which grant is sought

Qualification aimed at	PhD <input type="checkbox"/> D.Phil <input type="checkbox"/> D.Psvc <input type="checkbox"/>	Original registration Date this is the date that you started paying fees for the above course.	dd/mm/yyyy
Subject	40 characters	Expected date of Submission of thesis	dd/mm/yyyy
Research Field	<input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archaeology and the Built Environment Biology Biomedical Science Chemistry Clinical Medicine Computer Science & Media Economics, Politics, Business and Management Education Engineering & Materials Geography, Geology and Environmental Science Health Sciences History and Classics Languages Law Literature Performing and Visual arts Philosophy and Theology Physics Sociology (including Anthropology, and Social work) 		
State whether full-time or part-time	Full-time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time <input type="checkbox"/>	University deadline submission of thesis	dd/mm/yyyy
Does this final year include writing up time?	255 characters	Title of thesis (if applicable)	255 characters

2. Place of study

Is location of study in Great Britain	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Great Britain comprises England, Scotland and Wales	
University	255 characters	Have you been accepted for the academic year?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
College	255 characters	If acceptance is conditional, please explain (enter N/A if not applicable)?	5,000 characters
Department	20 characters		

3. Degrees and Qualifications (most recent first)

Award Date	Degree/diploma HE certificate	Subject	Class (if applicable)	Awarding Institution
dd/mm/yyyy	255 characters	255 characters	255 characters	255 characters
dd/mm/yyyy	255 characters	255 characters	255 characters	255 characters
dd/mm/yyyy	255 characters	255 characters	255 characters	255 characters
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4. Completed Research /Publications:- Date, title and full references if any

Date, title and full references if any	32,000 characters
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5. Employment Record (most recent first)

Date From	Date To	Position	Place of work
dd/mm/yyyy	dd/mm/yyyy	20 characters	20 characters
dd/mm/yyyy	dd/mm/yyyy	20 characters	20 characters
dd/mm/yyyy	dd/mm/yyyy	20 characters	20 characters
dd/mm/yyyy	dd/mm/yyyy	20 characters	20 characters
Other employment details	5,000 characters		

6. Why do you need a FfWG main grant?

<p>Why is grant needed?</p> <p>FfWG does not award grants for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fees Time after submitting a PhD. Fieldwork or studying outside of Great Britain Conferences, exhibitions, and seminars outside of Great Britain Travel Costs outside of Great Britain 	5,000 characters
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7. Previous Applications

Grant Type	Emergency Grant Foundation Main Grant <input type="checkbox"/>
Result (If successful amount of grant)	255 characters
Academic year	20 characters

8. How did you learn of FfWG?

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9. Are you a member of the BFWG?

<p>Are you a member of the British Federation of Women Graduates (BFWG) Or an Affiliate of the International Federation of University Women (IFUW)? You do not need to be a member to receive a FfWG Grant</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="button" value="v"/>
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10 How was previous year financed?

How was previous year financed (fees)	5,000 characters
How was previous year financed (living)	5,000 characters

11a Have you applied for an Academic Award from BFWG?

Have you applied for an Academic Award from BFWG?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="button" value="v"/>
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11b Other awarding institution

FfWG can only assist with living expenses and there is great competition for limited funds. We recommend that you apply to other fund awarding institutions. Please give details of other applications made for the academic year. Do not include funds for this academic year.

Funding Body	Telephone Number	Amount	Expected date of decision
255 characters	255 characters	£	dd/mm/yyyy
255 characters	255 characters	£	dd/mm/yyyy
255 characters	255 characters	£	dd/mm/yyyy

You must inform FfWG of the results of your other applications

In section 12 below we ask for information on how you propose to finance the coming academic year. Do not include funds needed prior to October (or January, if your final year starts in January)

12 Tuition Fees

If for a different period after October, please state.

From	dd/mm/yyyy	Will you have a grant/scholarship to cover these fees?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
To	dd/mm/yyyy	Granting body	255 characters
Total cost	£	If Yes Amount given £	£
		If NO explain how fees will be covered	5,000 characters

13 Income & Expenditure

Income	
Funds already available over and above the cost of fees. State all sources including state benefits, child allowance and any support per month from husband/partner/parents	
Source	Amount (monthly in £s)
255 characters	
255 characters	
255 characters	
255 characters	
255 characters	
Total Income per month	
Any other income details 5000 characters	
Expenditure	
Breakdown of expected costs for the current academic year. Give MONTHLY figures in sterling. If you share expenses only state YOUR share	
Source	Amount (monthly in £s)
Rent/Accommodation including gas, electricity, water	
Food and household items (normally not to exceed £350)	
Telephone	
Travel to and from university	
Other please state. 255 characters	
Other please state. 255 characters	
Other please state. 255 characters	
Total Expenditure per month	
Expenditure Comments 5000 characters	
Number of months remaining	
What is your shortfall for the academic year (monthly income less expenditure times number of months)	
How much are you requesting from the Foundation? (Maximum £6500)	

Example for guidance	
This is an example budget with fictitious amounts showing how to enter monthly expenditure and monthly income and to calculate the shortfall.	
(1) Under Source in the Income section enter the individual amounts received per month. If you receive a lump sum – divide it by the Number of months remaining (e.g., in the example below - if the PhD stipend was £600 then divide by 6 = £100 per month).	
(2) Enter monthly total in Total Income per month	
(1) Source	Amount (monthly in £s)
Part-time marking work	100
Maintenance	100
Carers Allowance	100
PhD stipend	100
Total Income per month	(2) 400
Any other income details	
(3) Under Source in the Expenditure section enter the individual amounts spent per month. If you receive a lump sum – divide it by the Number of months remaining (e.g., in the example below - if the laptop spend was £120 then divide by 6 = £20 per month).	
(4) Enter monthly total in Total Expenditure per month	
(5) Enter months this budget refers to in Number of months remaining	
To calculate the (6) shortfall: Multiply the (5) Number of months remaining by your (4) Total expenditure per month = Total Expenditure Multiply the (5) Number of months remaining by your (2) Total income per month = Total Income Total Income less Total Expenditure = Shortfall In sample: (6 months x £810 per month expenditure) less (6 months x £400 per month income) = £4860 - £2400 = £2460 (6)	
(3) Source	Amount (monthly in £s)
Rent/Accommodation including gas, electricity, water	£500
Food and household items (normally not to exceed £350)	£100
Telephone	£100
Travel to and from university	£80
Prescriptions	£10
Laptop	£20
Other please state.	
Total Expenditure per month	(4) £810
Expenditure Comments	
Number of months remaining	(5) 6
What is your shortfall for the academic year (monthly income less expenditure times number of months)	(6) £2460
How much are you requesting from the Foundation? (Maximum £2500)	£2460

14 Terms of Grants

If a grant is awarded by the FfWG towards the cost of the Grantee's Living Expenses as described in their application it will be made under the following conditions

A That the applicant has given appropriate evidence of expenditure where requested

B That the applicant has informed FfWG of the outcome of any other applications made.

C That the Grantee will use the grant for the above purpose only

D That if awarded a grant the grantee will submit a progress report at the end of her year's work

Please tick to confirm your acceptance

Place an abstract of your thesis in this area	1,400 characters
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15 References – Academic or Professional

Both references must be from people who know you in an academic or professional capacity

The first must be from your current department, preferably from your tutor or supervisor.

We prefer that you do not ask friends or colleagues to be referees.

Please ask for your referees' permission to act as your referee and ensure they can provide a reference before the closing date.

Referee One	40 characters	Referee Two	40 characters
Address	255 characters	Address	255 characters
Telephone Number	40 characters	Telephone number	40 characters
Email Address	80 characters	E-mail address ref 2	80 characters
Relationship to candidate	40 characters	Relationship to candidate	40 characters

16 Data Protection Legislation

• If appropriate, I consent to FfWG using details about personal health issues relevant to the grant assessment and decision-making process	Yes No	<input type="checkbox"/>
• I consent to FfWG passing my name and email address to the British Federation of Women Graduates so they can contact me about the work of the Federation	Yes No	<input type="checkbox"/>