

THE DAVID BILLIS STUDENT FUND

Origin

The fund was established in 1997 by colleagues, former students and other friends to mark David Billis's retirement after nearly 20 years as Founder and Director of the Centre for Voluntary Organisation and its predecessor, the Programme of Research and Training in Voluntary Action. Since the Fund was established the name of the Centre had changed to the Centre for Civil Society (CCS). The CCS has now closed, however the fund continues for the foreseeable future.

Eligibility

Applications for assistance from the fund can be made by current full- and part-time students who are registered for:

MSc in NGOs and Development

MSc Social Policy & Development

Post graduate research students studying civil society issues, within the Department of Social Policy

Terms of Reference

Grants will normally be made either to assist students with the cost of undertaking fieldwork for dissertations or theses or as a contribution to the expenses involved in taking part in academic conferences.

Allocation of Funds

The maximum grant available for each application will be £500. There will be a maximum of 4 grants awarded per academic year.

Process

Applications must be made in writing using the form provided. This must be returned to Dianne Josephs, Administrator. (Room OLD 2.46) Applications will be considered by 2 members of the Social Policy teaching staff. The principal criterion they will use to select proposals for funding will be the extent to which the award will enable students to gain added value from their educational experience. The Financial support office (FSO) will be notified of the decisions, and they will write to all applicants with the outcome, and administer award funds accordingly.

Deadline for applications for 2015/16 academic year is: 13th May 2016.