



DARWIN COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

2025-26

Information: Darwin & St. John's Travel Fund, Finley/Keller Yakas/Abe Yoffe Bursaries, DarBar Travel Grants, Sustainable Travel Grants

ELIGIBILITY FOR TRAVEL GRANTS:

These are only available to current student members of the College. Priority will be given to those who are still **fee-paying** or who are off fees, but who have not previously received travel grants whilst paying fees. Applications from other non-fee-paying students will be considered depending upon the availability of funds. Students can only receive **one travel grant per academic year**.

Grants are not available for work/travel that is essential to a candidate's studies (**this should have been factored into the financial conditions for admission**). Other research-related travel may be supported. Two sources are available for the support of academic travel by Graduate members. Please indicate on the application form which category of awards you are applying for.

All applications must be accompanied by a **statement from your supervisor** indicating their support for the travel/event attendance. This statement can be emailed to deanery@darwin.cam.ac.uk. **Upon completion of their travel**, every awardee must **submit any relevant receipts and a brief report** (100-200 words) to the Deanery.

1. DARWIN COLLEGE TRAVEL FUND/ST JOHN'S FUND

All travel funds are allocated by competition once a term with three corresponding deadlines as detailed below. Applications are judged by the Deputy Dean.

There are no fixed criteria used for selecting successful candidates, but factors such as academic merit, active participation in any meetings or conferences attended and the likelihood of the candidate being able to meet the total cost will be considered. It is normally expected that the funding will be for travel undertaken during the current academic year. Each candidate may be awarded a grant of around £500.00 (or less), depending upon the total cost of travel. All awards will be paid directly into the candidate's bank account.

The deadline for completed applications is the final day of each full term:

Michaelmas Term – Friday 5 December 2025

Lent Term - Friday, 20 March 2026

Easter Term – Friday 19 June 2026

2. FINLEY, KELLER YAKAS & ABE YOFFE BURSARIES / DarBar TRAVEL GRANTS

The application deadline for these is **Friday, 13 March 2026**

In the second category, these grants are awarded annually by competition in the Lent term. Applications are again judged by the Deputy Dean. Six bursaries (3 Finley, 2 Keller Yakas and 1 Abe Yoffe) are usually awarded, offering support of up to £750 towards the cost of research related travel. There are also 3 DarBar Travel Grants of £200, again for research-related travel. Applications are judged on a wide range of criteria, although applicants from the Arts and Humanities, for whom alternative sources of funding are often limited, will be favoured. Unsuccessful applicants will be considered for a Darwin and St John's award instead.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO COMPLEMENT OTHER TRAVEL GRANTS: THE SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL GRANT

Recognising that reducing air travel is one of the most effective ways individuals can help minimise their contribution to climate change, applicants can apply for additional funding through the Sustainable Travel Grant to cover the cost difference between a flight and a more sustainable travel option.

Due to the often significantly higher costs associated with sustainable travel options, the College recognises that students may not always be able to choose these options if they are uncertain whether they will receive the Sustainable Travel Grant.

Therefore, **applications for the Sustainable Travel Grant will be reviewed on a rolling basis, with decisions communicated as soon as possible after submission.** Please note that, regardless of the outcome of a Sustainable Travel Grant application, applications for all other Darwin travel grants will be reviewed and decisions communicated once per term or annually, as stated above. As funds available to support sustainable travel are limited, students should not book sustainable travel options unless they have received confirmation from the Deanery that they have been awarded a grant.

The Sustainable Travel Grant is capped at a maximum of £250 per application, although individual grants might be smaller. This is because this amount covers the cost of an Interrail ticket (including Eurostar seat reservations), which should enable sustainable travel to most feasible destinations. Applicants should provide details of both the travel cost to their destination by air and by a more sustainable form of transport. The more sustainable form of transport specified in the application must be used in order to receive this additional funding. The Sustainable Travel Grant is funded by the proceeds from Darwin College's Project Second Life sale.