



# **ORIEL COLLEGE OXFORD**

## **THE JOHN COLLINS SOCIETY**

### **SOCIAL ACTION BURSARIES**

The John Collins Society is about creative social engagement with the world. The Revd Canon John Collins (1905-82) was College Chaplain from 1937-48. In 1946, after his return from wartime service, he founded the organisation Christian Action to work for reconciliation with Germany. With his encouragement, Christian Action later became instrumental in drawing British attention to the evils of the apartheid system in South Africa. In 1948, Collins left Oriel to become a Canon at St Paul's Cathedral, where he remained for 33 years. He and his wife Diana were known as passionate campaigners for peace and social justice; he co-founded the charity War on Want in 1951 and the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament in 1958. The John Collins Society was founded from a generous bequest by the late Michael Graham-Jones (Oriel 1939) in his honour.

#### **John Collins Social Action Bursaries**

The purpose of this bursary scheme is to encourage Oriel students to engage in some form of project or activity promoting social betterment and public service. The bursaries are open to all current students, undergraduate and postgraduate, without reference to religious background.

The Society proposes to offer two bursaries annually for the sum of no more than £500 each. Priority will be given to those applications that display an innovative or creative approach to questions of social change. While applicants are free to combine a Collins Bursary with other forms of funding (eg. a College travel grant), priority will also be given to those whose proposal is unlikely to secure funding elsewhere. Only applications for future projects will be considered (i.e., no retrospective bursaries will be awarded for completed projects). If the screening committee does not consider any applications submitted to be suitable, then no funds will be dispersed.

All applicants must complete the attached form and provide a statement of purpose of no more than 500 words. Two references are required. The first should be from someone who knows the applicant well and is qualified to assess the applicant's suitability for and commitment to the work proposed. The second should be from the applicant's organising tutor or academic supervisor and must verify the proposed project will not interfere with academic progress.

Finally, all Collins Bursary recipients will be required to provide a brief written report to the organising committee once their project or activity is completed. Recipients will also be expected to make a public presentation about their work to the larger College community.

Applications must be emailed or submitted by **Friday, 23 February 2018**.

Notifications will be made by **Friday, 9 March 2018**.

It is required that Collins Bursary funds are used within one calendar year from the time of award. Conditions for the disbursement of funds will be outlined in the award letter.

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**APPLICATION FORM**

Please complete the following application form and submit with it a 500-word, typed statement of purpose, outlining the nature and value of the proposed project or activity. Applicants should explain why support for their proposal cannot be secured from other sources.

References should arrive under separate cover and state clearly to which application they belong.

All materials must be submitted electronically to [chaplain@oriel.ox.ac.uk](mailto:chaplain@oriel.ox.ac.uk) or posted to:

*The Chaplain, Oriel College, Oxford OX1 4EW* by **Friday, 23 February 2018.**

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1. Full name:

2. Term-time address (if not Oriel College):

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3. Tel and Email: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Student status (degree/year):

5. Short title or explanation of proposed project/activity:

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7. Use to which you propose to put these funds (costs associated with project, personal living expenses, travel, etc.). Please supply details overleaf as necessary.

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8. Referees: names and contact details (address, email, phone). The first reference should be from someone who knows you well and is qualified to assess your suitability for and commitment to the work proposed. The second should be from the applicant's organising tutor or academic supervisor and must verify the proposed project will not interfere with academic progress.

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9. Certification. By signing this form, the applicant certifies:

- (a) that the information supplied in this application is truthful and accurate.
- (b) that he/she will supply a written report assessing the project or activities undertaken (500 words) to be submitted to the Chaplain of Oriel College within a calendar year from the time of award.
- (c) that he/she will make a public presentation before the College community explaining the project within a calendar year from the time of award.

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(Signature)

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(Date)

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST:**

1. Completed application form
2. 500-word, typed statement of purpose
3. Two references, one of which is from organising tutor or supervisor.