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**Education grants to individuals, and Grants for the Arts**

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# 1 Grants for the Arts

Grants for the Arts (GFTA) is our Lottery-funded grant programme for individuals, arts organisations and other people who use the arts in their work. Grants are available for activities carried out over a set period and which engage people in England in arts activities and help artists and arts organisations in England carry out their work.

Activities we support must be clearly related to the arts and must be project-based, up to a maximum of three years in length. Grants normally range from £1,000 to £100,000 and we can fund up to 90 per cent of the cost of an activity.

All applicants must also read the ‘[How to apply guidance](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/grants-arts/2016/how-to-apply)’. Download it from our website or contact us for a copy.

# 2 Education grants to individuals, and GFTA

Grants for the Arts cannot fund statutory further or higher education.

Schools, universities, students and arts individuals can apply to Grants for the Arts, but they must be able to demonstrate that their project is extracurricular.

# 3 Financial help for higher education students

If you are a student looking for a grant you should contact your Local Education Authority.

There is financial help available for students who live in the UK who want to study on a Higher Education course. The help is different depending on what part of the UK you usually live in.

England

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/education>

**Scotland**

[www.saas.gov.uk](http://www.saas.gov.uk)

**Wales**

[www.studentfinancewales.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk) or [www.cyllidmyfyrwyrcymru.co.uk](http://www.cyllidmyfyrwyrcymru.co.uk)

**Northern Ireland**

[www.studentfinanceni.co.uk](BLOCKED::http://www.studentfinanceni.co.uk)

European Union

<http://www.sfengland.slc.co.uk/full-time-study/eu-students.aspx>

# 4 Further information

## 4.1 Other sources of funding

**Association of Commonwealth Universities**

For information and basic questions on international study opportunities (at undergraduate and postgraduate level) in Commonwealth countries.

[www.acu.ac.uk](http://www.acu.ac.uk)

**Council for Dance Education and Training**

[www.cdet.org.uk](http://www.cdet.org.uk)

**The Educational Grants Advisory Service – (Family Welfare Association)**

A membership organisation that advises students about non-statutory sources of financial help, specialising in advice about educational trust funds. They have a database of trusts and charities.

[www.egas-online.org.uk](http://www.egas-online.org.uk)

**National Council for Drama Training**

[info@ncdt.co.uk](mailto:info@ncdt.co.uk)

**National Union of Students**

[nusuk@nus.org.uk](mailto:nusuk@nus.org.uk)

**The Careers Group**

[www.careers.lon.ac.uk/library](http://www.careers.lon.ac.uk/library)

**Career Development Loans**

<https://www.gov.uk/career-development-loans>

## 4.2 Useful publications

Most publications are available from public reference libraries, or you can buy them at a bookshop.

**Directory of Social Change**

[www.dsc.org.uk](http://www.dsc.org.uk)

‘A Guide to the Major Trusts’ - Regarded as the fundraiser’s bible, these essential reference works provide the only source of independent critical analysis of what trusts do in practice

‘The Educational Grants Directory’ - Lists educational charities that support children and students in need

‘A Guide to Grants for Individuals in Need’

**Grants Register**

Published twice yearly, it lists government agencies and international, national and private organisations that offer support to students at or above graduate level for anyone that needs professional or advanced vocational training.

020 7881 8027 (order hotline)

**Study Abroad**

This publication, available from UNESCO, contains information on international scholarships, including scholarships to British universities.

[www.unesco.org.uk](http://www.unesco.org.uk)

**Working Out**

This report, available from Metier, contains information about the current support available to graduates working or freelancing in the arts and entertainment sector.

Phone 01422 381618

**Rhinegold Guide to Music Education**

Contains sections on scholarships and grants for study and research in the UK and abroad.

[www.rhinegold.co.uk](http://www.rhinegold.co.uk)

**Handbook of Music Awards and Scholarships**

Gives details of where to get funding for children, undergraduate and postgraduate students.

[www.mbf.org.uk](http://www.mbf.org.uk) then click on The Funding Wizard

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