



The Managers of the Smuts Memorial Fund consider applications for grants in support of study or research contributing to the advancement of Commonwealth studies in the University. All applications should be completed electronically using the forms available on the Smuts webpage.

Alongside the online form you should ensure that you submit

- two references
- a detailed budget of the total amount required for proposed research or fieldwork, giving details of estimated expenditure broken down into separate elements
- any other supporting document that you deem necessary to support your application (such as quotes for items mentioned)

Please note the eligibility criteria below:

1. Only PhD students and MPhil by research students are eligible to apply for funding. Financial assistance will not be considered for taught MPhil students and undergraduates
2. If you are a PhD student, the Smuts Managers will not consider more than two applications for fieldwork during the course of your PhD.
3. Students are required to provide quotes (internet quotes are acceptable) for items such as flights, vaccinations or car hire. Applications made without quotes will not be considered.
4. Applications for grants to cover insurance costs, both personal and belongings, will not be considered. Please visit the following University website for information on how to apply for insurance. <https://www.insurance.admin.cam.ac.uk/insurance-guidance/travel-insurance>
5. Students holding Research Council Awards (such as AHRC and ESRC) are required to apply to the Research Council for the maximum amount available; any research grant award will be an underwriting of a Research Council award and the award will not be made until the result of the Research Council application has been made.
6. Students eligible to apply for the University Travel Fund should also apply to this fund: <https://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/funding/travel-awards>

Applications are considered termly at the Smuts Managers Meeting. The deadlines applications are the 15th October, 15th January, 15th March.

Even if a study or research is to be carried out in a Commonwealth country, a grant will not be awarded unless there is a clear case made that it advances the study of the Commonwealth. For instance, veterinary or medical study which is not specific to Commonwealth countries, even though it may be carried out in a Commonwealth country is not eligible.

When considering an application, the Managers will take into account the value for money of the estimated expenditure so as much information as possible about the costs should be included. If it is essential to use a more expensive option, please provide justification. The Managers may decide to award you a lesser sum, or not make an award, if the budget is considered excessive.

Grants may not be deferred from one year to the next, a fresh application should be made.