**St Edmund Hall MCR 50th Anniversary Grant – Principles**

1. **Introduction**

The MCR notes that its students often lack access to additional academic funding to further their skills and training beyond the ‘core’ of their PhD.

The MCR 50thAnniversary Grant, currently funded through termly battling of £5 per student (with an option to opt out), aims to support additional academic expenses that may arise during a student’s time at St. Edmund Hall.

1. **Remit**

Expenses that it is envisaged we will fund include, but are not limited to:

* Additional courses, skills training, or language classes.
* Books
* Travel expenses (conferences, priority given to those presenting).

The scholarship aims to fund the same kinds of additional expenses funded by the College Grant system. Retrospective applications are allowed in the term immediately following the expenditure. Please note that we will not normally fund fieldwork or activities ‘essential’ to your project, which ought be covered by your funding source.

**The size of the grant pot is limited and each year it is vastly oversubscribed. You should ensure that you have exhausted all other potential funding avenues before applying. If you do not provide evidence of having done this, your application may be rejected.**

1. **Eligibility**
* Any Ordinary Member of the MCR who did not opt out on their battels from contributing to the funds for the Grant are eligible to apply. Continuing students who are exempt from MCR fees must have made the decision to opt-in before the call for applications is made.
* Only those who have exhausted their College Grants will be allowed to apply to this scholarship. This either means: all £350 has been claimed OR, if purchasing books, the £50 available for books has been claimed.
* As with the College Grants, a signature from a supervisor is required. Applications for funding can be retrospective or prospective; this will not impact the chance of receiving funding.
* **4. Application**

Those who wish to apply to the fund should send a completed application form electronically to the MCR Academic Representative (**tereza.pusca@seh.ox.ac.uk)** by Saturday of week 6 (24 February 2018) at 23:59. Decisions will be publicised early in 9th week at the latest.

Successful applicants will be required to produce a 500-word report (including photographs) on the use of their award. This will be published.

**5. Awarding of grants**

The awarding committee alone decide which applications deserve funding, either in whole or in part. They may seek additional information from applicants before accepting or rejecting a bid, and have full and final discretion.

The MCR Treasurer will pay successful applicants their funds via electronic transfer only. Surplus funds will roll over to following terms.