

PILKINGTON TRAVEL AWARD: SUMMER 2022

For many years, an annual Travel Award has been made available from The Roger & Miriam Pilkington Charitable Trust to help Homerton students who are contemplating ambitious or out of the ordinary journeys during the summer vacation. Normally up to £500 is awarded as a contribution by the College from the Pilkington Travel Fund towards the cost of the journey. Subject to travel restriction being relaxed by the UK Public Health & the University of Cambridge guidance, successful students will be expected to fund the balance of the expenditure themselves and to indicate how they intend to raise the balance, for example, by any other awards they are applying for, work they intend to undertake or from savings and contribution from family.

Any undergraduate or a PGCE student who is interested should apply in writing, ideally on one side of A4, including a full estimate of costs by:

Thursday 12th May 2022

All applications should be sent to both Andrew Drain
(Ad741@cam.ac.uk) in the Tutorial Office and Dhiru Karia, the Finance
Tutor (dk211@homerton.cam.ac.uk)

Before applying, students should be reasonably certain that the travel will take place (although provisional plans are acceptable), and applications should include a brief outline of the proposed journey and a summary of the costs in £ sterling under the headings 'Travel', 'Accommodation & Meals', 'Equipment' and 'Other'; this should include any vaccinations and visas that may be required.

A small committee is appointed to administer the award and decisions will be based on the following criteria:

- applicants must normally be aged 25 years or under
- The purpose of the travel should be **challenging** and **mind broadening** and must also **confer a benefit on others**. For example, working with a charity is eligible. Travel that is designed as a fundraising expedition, or is for research, internship, or is coursework-related is **not** eligible
- the travel should be for a significant period of time i.e. at least 1 month
- support can only be offered to a student once
- the Committee cannot support travel to areas where there is the possibility of conflict

Dr Roger Pilkington, a former Trustee of Homerton College, was instrumental in securing annual travel awards to the College from the Trust. The Trust has since ceased to exist but College will continue to make grants for further 2 years.

Students who are awarded a Pilkington Travel Award are required to furnish a brief report of their experiences on their return. We request that the report is written with care and attention and provides sufficient information to external sponsors with whom we may share it on the usefulness of your travel and how it benefited you personally.

Failure to provide a report before the end of October 2022 will result in the student unable to claim £50 balance held back from their award and the College may recoup the funds received.