

Finding funding Fact Sheet

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Introduction

This fact sheet lists some suggestions for identifying possible sources of financial assistance for people in need. It includes books, websites and telephone helplines which can be used to compile a list of possible funding sources. There is a separate section at the end on identifying possible sources of financial help for students/education.

How Pharmacist Support can help

We can provide financial assistance to pharmacists and their families. For further information see our website

www.pharmacistsupport.org or contact us:

Tel: 0808 168 2233

Email: info@pharmacistsupport.org

Written enquiries: 3rd Floor, The Pinnacle, 73-79 King Street, Manchester M2 4NG

We also have a number of reference sources in the Pharmacist Support office including access to subscription databases and some of the guides mentioned below. We can consult these to locate additional or alternative possibilities for financial help – please contact us if you would like help with this.

Books

The following books contain information on charities that make grants to individuals. They may be available for consultation in your local library or the library should be able to arrange for you to access a copy.

A guide to grants for individuals in need 2009/10

Authors: Catriona Chronnell and Sarah Johnston

Publisher: Directory of Social Change

ISBN: 978 1 906294 30 4

Price: £50

Lists around 2,300 trusts and gives details about eligibility, type of grant given, annual grant total and how to apply.



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The Directory of Social Change (DSC)

The DSC also publishes a range of smaller guides to grant making trusts, for example, regional guides and guides for raising money for particular activities or groups such as sports or young people:

Guide to Local Trusts in Greater London
2008/09

Guide to Local Trusts in the Midlands
2008/09

Guide to Local Trusts in the North
2008/09

Guide to Local Trusts in the South
2008/09

Welsh Funding Guide

Guide to Scottish Trusts 06/07

Websites

Turn2us

www.turn2us.org.uk

Turn2us provides a free search of hundreds of grant giving charities. There is an A-Z listing of charities as well as a facility to enable you to select criteria, for example, charities that support people with a particular illness or from a particular profession or a particular group, for example, customers of energy or water companies.

Funderfinder

www.funderfinder.org.uk

This is a subscription only online resource listing about 4,000 charitable trusts and foundations that fund individuals in the UK. Please note we have a subscription to this at Pharmacist Support and can search the database for you.

The Funderfinder website has an A-Z list of all the charities on its database, with links to the individual websites. This can be accessed free of charge.

Grants for individuals

www.grantsforindividuals.org.uk

This is a subscription only website, produced by the Directory of Social Change, listing over 3,500 charities which give at least £500 a year to individuals, though many give far more.

Self-help groups

Self-help groups, such as charities supporting people with a particular medical condition can, in addition to providing information and advice on living with that condition, also provide information about any particular organisations that make grants to people with that condition.

Students/education

Educational grants directory 2009/10

Authors: Jessica Carver and Alan Frence

Publisher: Directory of Social Change

ISBN: 978 1 906294 31 1

Price: £50

Lists about 1,500 sources of financial help for schoolchildren and students in need and gives details about eligibility, type of grant given, annual grant total and how to apply.

Directgov

www.direct.gov.uk

The education pages of Directgov give general information and links to other sources of help on funding for further education, higher education or adult learning.

Educational grants advisory service (EGAS)

<http://www.family-action.org.uk/section.aspx?id=1037>

Run by the family charity Family Action, the Educational Grants Advisory Service provides information on sources of funding for those in post-16 education in England. This includes online guides, a database of charitable trusts and an online grants search. EGAS sometimes also offers grants itself.

Family Action Central Office

501-505 Kingsland Road

London E8 4AU

Tel: 020 7254 6251

Family Action Northern Office

184 Lightbowne Road

Moston

Manchester M40 5EE

Tel: 0161 684 2180

Student Cashpoint

www.studentcashpoint.co.uk

This is a website providing information on student grants, loans, scholarships, bursaries and awards. There is some general information accessible to all users of the site but other areas, for example, the funding search, require registration.

Pharmacy Practice Research Trust

www.pprt.org.uk

Pharmacy Practice Research Trust (PPRT) is an independent charity that supports and promotes the professional practice and development of pharmacists. Some funding is available for research - both commissioned research as well as small scale research projects that may not be eligible for funding from other bodies.

British Council

www.britishcouncil.org/learning-funding-your-studies.htm

The British Council website gives information on funding for study for both home and international students. Its Education UK website has a search facility to find scholarships and funding for study in the UK.

Scholarship Search UK

www.scholarship-search.org.uk

This is a website offering information and an online search facility for scholarships, bursaries and awards available to students - pre-university, undergraduate and postgraduate.

RDinfo

www.rdinfo.org.uk

RDinfo is part of the National Institute for Health research Educational Trusts Forum. The website lists organisations that fund health related research.

Individual educational institutions' hardship funds

Check whether your educational institution offers hardship funds to its students. You could also speak to the student welfare office/NUS office.