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Crowther Fund and Beevers Fund Application Form 2027/28

Closing date midday on 24 February 2027

Before making an application, please ensure you have read the full Terms and Conditions available at https://www.open.ac.uk/postgraduate/fees-and-funding/open-university-bursaries. Applications must be informative and concise and not extend beyond this form. Do not send additional evidence unless asked to do so.

1. Personal details

Open University Personal Identifier

Title | Forename | Surname

Address | Postcode

Email | Daytime telephone

2. Financial details

2.1 What is your current employment status? Please tick

Employed Full-time ☐ Self-employed Full-time ☐ Unemployed ☐

Employed Part-time ☐ Self-employed Part-time ☐

2.2 If currently working please give:

Job title | Organisation

2.3 Are you in the process of changing your career? Yes ☐ No ☐

2.4 Expected gross income in the tax year 2027/28 Yourself £ | Your partner £

2.5 Please give details of any children or any adult who is financially dependent and currently living with you.

Name | Age | Relationship to you

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2. Financial details (continued)

2.6 Please give details of how you intend to fund the rest of your studies.

2.7 Please give details of any financial support you are receiving from another source: **Amount £**

Employer ☐ Charity ☐ Research Council ☐ Family ☐ Other – Please specify

3. Your OU degree

3.1 Classification of your OU degree:

First ☐ **2.1** ☐ **2.2** ☐ **Third** ☐ **Pass** ☐

3.2 Title of Honours Degree (e.g. BA Hons, History) Year awarded

3.3 How many credits from study at another institution did you transfer onto your OU degree?

3.4 Do you hold any other Higher Education qualification in addition to your OU degree? If yes, please provide details.

4. Your study, research or activity

4.1 Please give brief details of what you want to study, or the research or activity you wish to undertake to build upon the work of your OU degree (please don't exceed the space given):

4.2 Is the course:

Full-time ☐ Part-time ☐

Course start date (month/year): Intended course end date (month/year):

4.3 If you are undertaking formal study, give the name of the institution or examining body:

4.4 What is the full title of the qualification you are studying?

4.5 At what stage in your studies are you?

Thinking of applying ☐ Applied ☐ Received offer ☐ Registered ☐ Studying ☐

4. Your study, research or activity (continued)

4.6 If your study is not with the Open University please explain why:

5. Your proposal/explanation of study

Please provide us with further detail to help assess your application. Include how you are going about your study, research or activity, why you want to do it and what benefits you hope it will bring. If you are in the process of changing your career and this award would support this please provide details here. (Limit your answer to the space provided)

5. Your proposal/explanation of study (continued)

5.1 Have you previously received an award from the Crowther Fund or Beevers Fund? If yes please give:

Year(s) _____ **Amount(s) £** _____

5.2 Is this application for continuing finance for a qualification for which you have already had a Crowther Fund or Beevers Fund award? If so, please include an end of year report from your tutor.



Yes ☐ **No** ☐

5.3 Indicate below your anticipated expenses and (if different) the contribution for which you are applying to the Crowther Fund or Beevers Fund. (Please note maximum award is £1000)

	Anticipated costs in 2027/28 £	**Cost applied for £**
Tuition Fees		
Travel (please give breakdown)		
Other (please give breakdown)		
Total		

6. Declaration

Read the declaration below carefully before signing it.

- **The information given on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.**
- **I have read the Terms and Conditions and I understand the conditions of receiving a Crowther or Beevers Fund grant.**
- **I will inform The Open University immediately of any change in my circumstances that might affect my entitlement to a Crowther or Beevers Fund grant.**
- **If selected to receive an award, I am prepared to submit a report on the conduct of my work if asked by the Crowther Fund Awards Advisory Board.**

(If completing electronically, typed signatures are accepted)

Signed _____ **Print name** _____ **Date** _____

Data Protection Legislation

The following statement describes who will use the information provided on this form and what they will use it for.

We will use the information you give on this form to process your Open University Crowther Fund and Beevers Fund application.

The Open University needs the information you give on this form to work out whether you are eligible for support, and is the data controller for that information. The Open University will keep personal information about you so that we can audit the assessment of the Crowther Fund and Beevers Fund.

The data provided on this form will be retained by The Open University for a period of time based on the duration of your qualification.

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If you wish to raise a complaint on how we have handled your personal data, you can contact our Data Protection Officer who will investigate the matter. Our Data Protection Officer can be contacted on the details below.

If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are processing your personal data in a way that is not in accordance with the law you can complain to the UK Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). See www.ico.org.uk.

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Please email a copy of your completed application and supporting evidence to OU-Crowther-Fund@open.ac.uk or you can post your completed application with supporting evidence to:

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