

Fees & Funding

COST OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL

The Summer School is run on a non-profit basis and sets the fees to cover the costs, including payments to the teaching staff, and the accommodation of teachers not based in the Birmingham area.

- In 2014 the basic fee for participation in the Summer School will be **470 GBP** for each two-week course; the fee for attending both Level-1 and Level-2 is **940 GBP**.
- The fees for each course include up to 14 nights self-catering accommodation in a student hall of residence.
- For those living in or near Birmingham, and others who prefer to make their own arrangements for accommodation in Birmingham, the fees without accommodation will be **250 GBP** for each two week course.
- There are no reductions for staying 1-3 nights less than 14 (or 28) nights, since the weekly rate that we are charged is considerably lower than 7 x the daily rate
- Those staying for more than 14 or 28 nights will have to pay an additional charge of 20.00 GBP for each extra night.
- Fees also include all course materials, and tea, coffee and biscuits etc. in the morning and afternoon breaks, and food and refreshments at receptions and parties. The only additional charges (all optional) are for those excursions which require the hire of transport, and for extra nights' accommodation (as above).
- For those who opt for the course fees with accommodation, a **non-returnable deposit of 40.00 GBP** will be required on acceptance, payable online. This deposit will be deducted from the Invoice you will receive during the first week of your course. Payment of the balance may then be made by sterling cheque, in cash, online, by bank transfer or with certain credit and debit cards. We regret that we had to introduce this deposit in 2013, but we have to pay for accommodation in advance and we cannot cancel room bookings beyond a specific date in June. In 2012 (and again in 2013) the Summer School lost money as the result of a number of applicants withdrawing in July.

Sources of Funding

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The Byzantine Greek Summer School normally receives grants from the Classical Association and the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies to provide bursaries for a small number of participants. Profits from the sale of the publication series Belfast Byzantine Texts and Translations may provide further bursaries. The Classical Association prefers to fund students from Eastern Europe, Asia or Africa, while the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies prefers to fund students from UK Universities. Funds from these sources for the 2014 Summer School are not yet confirmed.

Application for any of the above sources of funding is via the [Byzantine Greek Summer School Application Form](#) (Questions 15-17), and the Summer School organizers are responsible for the allocation of bursaries.

Many students at UK Universities have in the past been successful in obtaining funding from their own universities to cover all or part of the fees of the Summer School, and in some cases their travel expenses too. Similar possibilities exist in universities in the United States, Canada and some other countries, including non-state universities in Hungary and Turkey. University students must provide evidence that they have explored sources of funding from within their own universities before applying to the Byzantine Greek Summer School for one of the bursaries provided by the Classical Association, or the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies. We will be happy to write letters in support of your application for university or other funding.

As in previous years, in allocating bursary funding priority will be given to applicants for Level-1 and then Level-2. Please also bear in mind that the greater the bursary sum you apply for the less your chances of receiving it. (We regret that we have to apply this criterion, but the financial viability of the Summer School depends on using our bursary funds to maximize the number of participants.) The application form asks you to state the **minimum** sum that would make it possible for you to attend the Summer School. No bursary awarded will be greater than the fee for a single two week course less the deposit (maximum 430 GBP with accommodation, 210 GBP without accommodation).

Please do not apply for funding unless your attendance is absolutely dependent on it. Numbers may have to be limited this year, and if you apply to the Summer School for funding your acceptance will only be provisional until funding offers are made and accepted, and this may not be until late May, by when places on some courses may no longer be available.

Bursaries for University of Birmingham Students

in memory of Peter Jancar

A number of bursaries are available to University of Birmingham students to cover their tuition fees at the Byzantine Greek Summer School. The bursaries have been established in memory of a PhD student at the Centre for Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies, Peter Jancar (1977-2011), who studied at the university from 2006-2011, first as a MPhil student and then PhD. Peter was born in Ljubljana, Slovenia where he was educated. His interest in Byzantium began in his early teens. He graduated from the University of Ljubljana in History, with a thesis entitled 'Identity and Historical Perception in Byzantium: 4th-15th centuries'. At Birmingham he was working on the middle Byzantine aristocracy when his life and work were cut short by Hodgkin disease which he fought all the years of his studies at Birmingham with great courage, all the while continuing his studies on Byzantium.