

Student Enhancement Fund

£3000 available for student enhancement activities

This scheme is currently funded by contributions from our alumni and by the School of Government and Society. It allows students to take greater control of their own personal development, encouraging creative thinking about enhancement opportunities and providing tailored experiences for individuals or groups of students with specific interests and career ambitions.

If you are involved in (or looking to get involved in) activities that are broadly related to your study at the University, you can now apply for funding (up to £100 per person or up to £500 for group activities) to support enhancement activities and experiences.

Applications considered monthly, ending 01 March 2015.

Further information

Download a [Student Enhancement Fund Application Form \(Word Doc\)](http://www.download.bham.ac.uk/govsoc/student-enhancement/student-enhancement-fund-application-form-students.doc) (<http://www.download.bham.ac.uk/govsoc/student-enhancement/student-enhancement-fund-application-form-students.doc>).

Contact Dr Emma Foster (e.a.foster@bham.ac.uk (<mailto:e.a.foster@bham.ac.uk>)) to apply or for further information.

Latest student enhancement reports

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[Michaela Butorova, Research of Co-working Spaces in Birmingham and London \(2014\)](/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/michaela-butorova-se-report.aspx)

Thanks to the Student Enhancement Fund I had an opportunity to conduct a research of co-working spaces in Birmingham and London. I visited 3 amazing co-working spaces, all of them operating on a different business model, and having different experiences with running such places.



[Jennifer Brown, Trust, Diplomacy and Conflict Transformation 5 day conference with ICCS \(2014\)](/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/jennifer-brown-se-report.aspx)

I attended the ICCS Easter school training course in 'Trust, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution'. This course was intensive and extremely interesting.



[Melissa Dumont, The European International Model United Nations, TEIMUN \(2014\)](/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/melissa-dumont-se-report.aspx)

TEIMUN takes place at The Hague every year. I had the great opportunity to represent Sweden in the European Council. It has been a long week in which we managed to successfully pass two resolutions and a crisis decision.



[Esther Naylor, Trust, Diplomacy and Conflict Transformation 5 day conference with ICCS \(2014\)](/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/esther-naylor-se-report.aspx)

During Easter 2014 the ICCS (Institute for Conflict, Cooperation and Conflict Transformation) organised a 5 day conference at the University of Birmingham to help educate and train students and professionals about the different types of transforming international, national and community levels of conflict.



[Brian Lee, 5th Model Arab League Crisis Conference \(2014\)](/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/brian-lee-se-report.aspx)

The 5th Model Arab League Crisis Conference organized by the University of Birmingham United Nation Society was held between the 31st January and 2nd February at the University of Birmingham.



[Pattarapol Kamosilp, Olympia Summer Academy \(2014\)](/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/postgraduate/polsis/2013-14/pattarapol-kamosilp-se-report.aspx)

From 12th July to 23rd July 2014, I had one of the most memorable trips. I went to attend the summer program at Olympia Summer Academy. The institution was located in Olympia, Greece.



Megan Kohut, SRHE Conference 'Interrogating the Higher Education Research/ Policy Interface' (2014) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/postgraduate/polsis/2013-14/megan-kohut-se-report.aspx)

I travelled to London Metropolitan University to attend a conference put on by the SRHE Higher Education Policy Network entitled 'Interrogating the Higher Education Research/ Policy Interface.'



Tomislav Korman, SIPRI International Development Conference, Stockholm (March 2014) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/postgraduate/idd/2013-14/tomislav-korman-se-report.aspx)

Tomislav Korman, a Masters student in Public Administration in the International Development Department of the School of Government and Society, attended the 2014 Stockholm Forum on Security and Development, organized by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and the Swedish Minister for International Development Cooperation.

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Anna Goodman, The Civitatis International Global Thinking Summer School (2013) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2012-13/anna-goodman-report.aspx)

This summer I was accepted on to a five day programme with the global policy think tank- Civitatis. The Global Thinking Summer School was aimed at future leaders, and was design to help prepare and equip us for a career in policy and politics. There were no more than 10 students per summer school and it was based in the centre of the City of London with one day on the 37th floor of One Canada Square in Canary Wharf (incredible views).



Charlie Winch, Internship at the Westminster based think-tank the Institute of Economic Affairs (2013) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2012-13/charlie-winch-report.aspx)

The IEA is the UK's original free-market thinktank and its mission statement is "to improve understanding of the fundamental institutions of a free society by analysing and expounding the role of markets in solving economic and social problems". Andrew Marr credited the institute with being "...undoubtedly the most influential think tank in modern British history".



Paula Stoleru, Internship at Birmingham City Council (2013) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2012-13/paula-stoleru-report.aspx)

The project I was assigned during this internship focused on mapping the Third Sector organisations that are active in four different wards of Birmingham. This involved liaising with the managers of organisations, and other people involved in voluntary activities as well as local authorities such as councilors, police officers and policy advisors in order to gain as much information as possible regarding the level of cooperation between the 'public' and the 'third sector'.



Sajidah Ali, Level 1 Ibn Jabal Arabic course (2013) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2012-13/sajidah-ali-report.aspx)

Over the summer, I undertook a three week Level 1 Ibn Jabal Arabic course, with the financial help of POLSIS. In a nutshell, the course redefined for me the meaning of the word intense.



Nipa Ghosh, Summer School in Prague on the subject of Crime, Law and Psychology, Prague, (July 2013) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/postgraduate/crees/2012-13/ghosh-nipa-report.aspx)

I recently took part in a Summer School in Prague on the subject of Crime, Law and Psychology. The location of Prague; a historic mediaeval city with a socialist past which had undergone a 'velvet revolution' for me proved an interesting polemic.



Eleanor Johnston, Internship at the Guide Consultancy (2013) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2012-13/eleanor-johnston-report.aspx)

This summer, having just finished my Second year in Political Science, I had the fantastic opportunity to intern at GUIDE, a public affairs/ Government relations company in London. I was lucky enough to arrange the internship having been mentored on the university's mentor scheme.



Sam Mountney, Report on Westminster 2013 (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2012-13/sam-mountney-westminster.aspx)

Sam Mountney, a 2nd year student in POLSIS shares his experiences from a recent visit to Westminster.



[Ana Alecsandru, UNA Youth Conference - New Nuclear Realities \(February 2013\) \(/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/postgraduate/polsis/2012-13/ana-alecsandru-una-youth-conference.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/postgraduate/polsis/2012-13/ana-alecsandru-una-youth-conference.aspx)

Ana Alecsandru, an MA International Relations (Security) student in POLSIS recently took part in the UNA Youth Conference - New Nuclear Realities in February 2013.



[Georgiana Chiriac, Harvard Model United Nations \(2013\) \(/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/postgraduate/idd/2012-13/georgiana-chiriac-havard-mun.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/postgraduate/idd/2012-13/georgiana-chiriac-havard-mun.aspx)

Georgiana Chiriac, an MSc International Development (Poverty, Inequality and Development) student in IDD reports on the activities undertaken as part of the delegation from the University of Birmingham to the Harvard National Model United Nations (HNMUN), Boston US, 2013.



[A. Ahuja, ASAP \(March 2013\) \(/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2012-13/ahuja.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2012-13/ahuja.aspx)

The ASAP event held on the 20th of March was attended by around 15 students, from varying departments such as those of Literature and Political Science. The two speakers addressing the event were Bijaylaxmi Nanda (University of Delhi, via Skype) and Xinran from Mother's Bridge of Love, London.



[Arthur Botto, London International Model United Nations \(LIMUN\) 2013 \(/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2012-13/arthur-botto-limun.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2012-13/arthur-botto-limun.aspx)

Arthur Botto, 3rd year student in POLSIS took part in the London International Model United Nations (LIMUN) 2013.



[Dobromir Uzunov, Hamburg MUN \(December 2012\) \(/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2012-13/dobromir-uzunov-hamburg-mun.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2012-13/dobromir-uzunov-hamburg-mun.aspx)

Dobromir Uzunov, an International Relations with Economics, 2nd year student in POLSIS writes about his experiences during the Hamburg MUN in December 2012.



[Mathew Clarke, Hamburg MUN \(December 2012\) \(/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/postgraduate/polsis/2012-13/mathew-clarke-hamburg-mun.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/postgraduate/polsis/2012-13/mathew-clarke-hamburg-mun.aspx)

Mathew Clarke, an MA International Relations (International Political Economy) Student in POLSIS took part in the Hamburg MUN (December 2012).



[James Bowker, WUDC Berlin 2013 \(/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2012-13/james-bowker-wudc.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2012-13/james-bowker-wudc.aspx)

James Bowker, an International Relations BA 2nd year student took part in the 33rd World Universities Debating Championship (WUDC) hosted by the Berlin Debating Union (BDU), Berlin, Germany 2013.

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