



The Ruth Deech Award for Further Legal Study

The Ruth Deech Award for Further Legal Study seeks to provide financial assistance to promising students who wish to undertake further academic or vocational legal study. Students must intend to commence these studies in the year 2022. This award is available for students who have completed or will be completing their legal studies (FHS/BCL/MJur/MLF/DPhil/MPhil) at St Anne's College in 2021/2022.

The types of study that are likely to be supported are:

- study for the BTC or LPC
- other professional legal qualifications
- graduate studies in law

Costs that will be covered:

- course fees for the studies listed above

Costs that generally will not be covered:

- living expenses
- accommodation costs

Selection Criteria and Expectations:

- The fundamental criteria for selection, and for the amount of the award, is *financial need*.
- Eligible students must:
 - a) have completed studying the FHS/BCL/MJur/MLF/DPhil/MPhil at St Anne's college in 2021 or be due to complete their studies in 2022; AND
 - b) will be starting the BTC, other professional legal qualifications or graduate studies in law in 2022.
- 'Further legal study' includes academic study (e.g., masters, integrated masters and doctoral studies related to law) and vocational training (e.g., BTC). Additional legal experiences, such as internships or work experience in another country may count as further legal study where the experience will contribute significantly towards the student's legal development or future career, although this is at the discretion of the awarding committee.
- Students who are uncertain if their study is related to Law or will be counted as further legal study are welcome to apply, although it is at the discretion of the committee to determine which endeavours will satisfy the further legal study requirements.
- If awarded the scholarship, students will be expected to provide evidence of their further legal study. This may be an offer letter from a vocational programme, academic institution, or in certain circumstances from a firm or charity.

Please note:

- The committee has discretion to decide to whom an award will be made and how the available funds will be split between successful applicants.
- Applicants who intend to commence their studies later than 2022 are encouraged to discuss their situation with the committee, who reserve the right to make a discretionary decision on eligibility.

How to apply:

A short application letter should be sent to Christine Robertson (internships@st-annes.ox.ac.uk), by 6pm on Wednesday 6th April 2022, at the latest. Applications will then be distributed to the Panel for decisions to be made. Applicants will be made aware of the outcome of their application by the fourth week of Trinity Term (16th May 2022).

Application letter:

A short application letter should:

- a) describe which further legal study you intend to undertake,
- b) explain how this will improve your understanding of the law and benefit your future legal career, and
- c) outline why you need financial assistance to undertake this further study (including details of other sources of funding to which you may have access).

Applications should clearly state the cost of study (fees and necessary textbooks for the BTC/other vocational course) towards which you seek a contribution.