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Reading University Students' Union
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Senior Common Room (Committee 2017–2018)
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University of Reading Women’s Club
President: Louise Bell
Established in 1948, membership is open to all women who have a connection with the University. The aim of the Club is to provide opportunities for social interaction across the whole university. Joining the Club is an excellent way for new members of staff to become familiar with the University and for the recently retired, or those about to retire, to keep in touch with it. Each year, as well as social events, a series of talks is arranged. Usually the talks are given by a member of the University on a wide variety of topics that reflect the research and interests of the University. Members are very welcome to bring guests regardless of gender.

In addition, the club has a number of special interest groups, including Book Discussion, French Conversation, Walking and Newcomers’ Groups. The role of the Newcomers’ Group is to welcome and support the wives and children of overseas students, especially postgraduates. The latter is concerned with the welcome and welfare of wives and children of overseas students, especially postgraduates.

Each year the Club identifies a local or university charity to support through occasional appeals to its members. The most recent ones have been ‘Voices of Reading’, The Ridgeline Trust and The Utilivu Women’s group.

Membership fee is £10 a year.

For further information contact the Chair Jackie Hoskins wclub@reading.ac.uk
MEMORIAL FUNDS AND TRAVEL FUNDS

John Sherborne Foundation
In 1954 the late Mr John Sherborne, a Life Member of the University Court, endowed a Foundation to be known as the John Sherborne Foundation, for the purpose of encouraging the study of ‘international co-operation and the substitution of the rule of law for the rule of force in international relationships’.

The income from the Endowment is available to provide lectures from time to time on international affairs, with particular reference to the United Nations, by distinguished speakers of international reputation; to provide travel grants to members of the University to enable them to visit the headquarters of the various international organisations for purposes of study; and also to provide grants to members of the University for any purpose associated with the promotion of the study of international affairs at the University.

Applications for grants should be submitted to the Vice-Chancellor by 30 May in each year. The applications should give a full account of the purpose for which the grant is required, and the names of two persons in the University to whom reference may be made.

The Durbidge Memorial Fund
This award was established under the will of Miss W.A. Durbidge in memory of her sister Jessie Mary Durbidge, BA (1923–1926). The award is open to students within the Faculty of Arts and Humanities to fund undergraduate vacation projects or exceptional research cost for postgraduates who have no other source of funding.

E. A. Guggenheim Memorial Fund
The E. A. Guggenheim Memorial Fund was established in 1972 by friends and colleagues in memory of Professor E. A. Guggenheim, Professor of Chemistry from 1946 to 1966, and subsequently Emeritus Professor in the University. The income from the fund is used (a) to award an annual prize and (b) to provide a biennial or triennial memorial lecture on some topic of chemistry or physics appropriate to the interests of Professor Guggenheim.

The Margaret Armstead Ward Memorial Fund
This fund was established through a legacy from Miss Margaret Armstead Ward, a former student, and is open to all members of the University. It is intended to finance new or continuing initiatives which are unable to proceed through want of funding. Preference will be given to projects which show promise of bringing the greatest benefit to the University as a whole.

Applications to the fund should be made to the Vice-Chancellor in October of each academic year.
**The Paul Holt Memorial Fund**
Established by friends and colleagues in memory of Professor Paul Holt, who was a Lecturer, Reader and Professor of Organic Chemistry from 1947 until his retirement in 1975. The income from the fund is used to provide a biennial or triennial lecture on a topic of chemistry appropriate to the interests of Professor Holt and to provide a bursary for a meritorious final-year student.

**The Wallace and Muriel Hirst Fund**
This Fund was established in 1995 by Emeritus Professor W. Hirst, who was Professor of Tribology from 1970 to 1980, and his wife, to assist students from developing countries to read for a suitable degree or qualification in Agriculture or Engineering at undergraduate or postgraduate level. Awards from this Fund are made by the Vice-Chancellor on the nomination of the Head of Agriculture or of Engineering.

**Travel Awards**
The Travel Awards Fund is used to assist students in funding for travel in furtherance of their education or research. This would include conference fees and associated travel. This award is available to all students of the University of Reading.

*Following approval from the Charity Commission the travel awards listed below have been combined to establish the Travel Awards Fund.*

- Barbinder Trust Travel Award
- The John Prue Memorial Fund
- The Beverly Halstead Travel Award
- RU/IAMAP Travel Fund
- The E. Morley Bursary
- The J. W. Bee Travel Fund
- The Linnean Travel Award
- Tom Harris Travel Fund

**The Alexei Likhtman Memorial Fund**
To be used for Conference Poster Prizes relating to polymer physics or as small bursaries to support Mathematical Physics students. There is also an option to expand and encompass Maths or Chemistry students if this original purpose is not possible. Please note that the maximum spend is £510 for current year.

**The Alan Rugman Memorial Fund – (Henley Business School)**
This fund is designed to support travel and accommodation costs of Business Masterclass Studentships for PhD students from Americas, Asia, and Europe and recent post-docs as well as facilitating FOC courses affiliated to the Henley Business School. An annual award is also available to scholars whose work is explicitly linked to those topics associated with the late Professor Alan Rugman. Maximum spend £7950/yr but number of studentships can vary.