

Cambridge Aero Club's

Pilot Fund Mentoring Scheme



Here at Cambridge Aero Club we are made up of pilots and aviation enthusiasts from many walks of life. This means we understand only too well how tough it can be, particularly for some aspiring pilots with the passion but not the financial means to undertake their pilot training.

Good news! There is funding out there for keen students!

..and with a combination of both the right candidate and a well thought out application, this funding can be achieved, making that PPL or further training far more attainable.

This is why we run our 'Pilot Fund Mentoring Scheme', harnessing

the specialist know how of aviation industry experts, headed by **Group Captain Terry Holloway** (who also happens to be our Managing Director!).

There are plenty of scholarships and bursaries out there and whilst your application may take a bit of work, the financial and longer-term benefits are well worth the effort! What's more we can help by providing this (by no means exhaustive!) list of funding options and by booking you in for a mentoring meeting with one of our industry experts.

Just ask at reception for more info!

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Funding:

The Honourable Company of Air Pilots:

Air BP - funding for one PPL (fixed-wing) scholarship - '**The Air BP Sterling Scholarship**'

Past Master Mike Grayburn - funding for one PPL (fixed-wing) scholarship - '**The Grayburn Scholarship**'

Cadogan Charitable Trust - funding for one PPL (fixed-wing) scholarship - '**The Cadogan Scholarship**'

Liveryman Alan Jackson - funding for one PPL (fixed-wing) scholarship - '**The Jackson Scholarship**'

TAG Farnborough Airport - funding for one PPL (fixed-wing) scholarship - '**The TAG Flying Scholarship**'

Air Pilots Benevolent Fund - funding for three PPL (fixed-wing) scholarships

Foyle Charitable Trust - funding for one FI(R) (fixed-wing) scholarship - '**The Foyle Scholarship**'

Air Pilots Trust - funding for one FI(R) (fixed wing) scholarship - '**The Norman Motley Scholarship**'

Adrian Swire Charitable Trust - funding for one FI(R) (fixed-wing) scholarship - '**The Swire Scholarship**'

Also see website for funding towards Instructor ratings:

<https://www.airpilots.org/career-matters/scholarships/>

THE RAF ASSOCIATION

The RAF Association has been running its Flying Scholarship programme for the last ten years, with their scholarship open to young people from the Air Cadet Organisation and Girls Venture Corps Air Cadets. For more information, visit:

www.rafa.org.uk/scholarships.asp



Funding:

Air League Bursaries:

The flying bursary programme:

3-5 hours of advanced flying training to PPL holders. The bursaries again are funded by industry and by private individuals.

Open to members of The Air League.

Applications open: December / Closing date: Feb

No age limits but most bursaries go to applicants under 40.

BWPA

The British Women's Pilots Association awards a scholarship annually to a young woman between the ages of 17 and 26. This scholarship is **administered by The Air League**, and details can be found at:

www.airleague.co.uk

AEROBILITY

Aerobility is a registered charity with the aim of offering disabled people, without exception, the opportunity to fly an aeroplane. Flying Scholarships for Disabled People offers 35 hours flying tuition, relevant ground school and supporting exams. To learn more, visit:

www.fsfdp.org.uk

FLYABILITY

Flyability is an organisation with the intention of encouraging more people with disabilities to take up flying and offers to contribute up to £375 towards student pilot training and up to £75 towards club pilot training costs. For details and to apply, visit:

www.flyability.org.uk



Funding:

Royal Aero Club Trust

The RaeCT offers two categories of bursaries. It awards flying bursaries/grants for those wishing to advance from one recognised level of air sport to the next level and wish to upgrade their existing qualifications. 50 bursaries were offered in 2016 and include The President's Award (two bursaries each worth up to £750), a further bursary worth up to £1,000 (The Peter Cruddas Foundation Scholarship), the Breitling Bursary also worth up to £750, the MacRobert Trust Bursaries (two bursaries each worth up to £500, and the Bramson Bursary also worth up to £500, as well as a number of additional bursaries worth up to £500 each to suitable candidates. No applications were received in 2016 from balloon flyers who are encouraged to apply for future bursaries. It also awards FlightSim bursaries/grants for Computer Flight Simulation enthusiasts wishing to gain practical experience of flying or an air sport. More information and application details can be found at:

www.royalaeroclubtrust.org/bursaries

GAPAN

The Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators offer several flying scholarships and bursaries which provide a unique opportunity for people who would like to become pilots or further their qualifications as pilots. Among the awards offered are the Past Master Mike Grayburn Award and The Cadogarn Charitable Trust, which both award funding for one PPL, as well as the Sir Adrian Swire Award and the Weetabix Charitable Trust which both sponsor type ratings. GAPAN also offer gliding scholarships. For more details and application forms, visit:

www.gapan.org/career-matters/scholarships



This list is correct at time of printing and is by no means exhaustive so please feel free to use this as a starting point to your funding research.

- Cambridge Aero Club team