

\$4,000 Travel Bursary 2020

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Newnham US Committee

This year, the Newnham US Alumnae Committee is pleased to offer a travel bursary of **\$4,000** to a Newnham undergraduate or graduate student for travel to and within the USA in the summer. Your project (if you are an undergraduate or are graduating this summer) may be academic or non-academic (charitable, community-related, artistic, personal development, educational [though not Tripos-related] etc). Graduate projects are normally expected to be academic-related.



Last year's recipient, Constanza Toro-Valdivieso (PhD student), writes:

I want to express my deepest gratitude to the Newnham US Committee and US alumnae for the opportunity given to me to go to the United States. This award supported my attendance to the "Genomics of Diseases in Wildlife Workshop" at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, at the base of the Rocky Mountain Foothill. The five-day work shop was a deep dive into the vast ocean of genomics. This course gave me much more confidence, different tools to help me look at my data, and it broadened my scientific mind and enriched my brain with fresh and new ideas. There were social activities every night, allowing fluent networking.

My research involves the ocean, fur seals and faeces. Thanks to the US bursary award, I was also able to go to California to pick up fish samples collected from the south pacific. These fish are an important part of the fur seals diet. Therefore, these samples will contribute to looking at the fur seal diets and its contribution to pollution exposure.



The plastic that Constanza found on the beach in California



The fish samples that Constanza collected made it back to Cambridge

Applicant information

For more details on how to apply, download the application form via the links below:

Undergraduates go to the section 'Student travel grants and the US Travel Bursary' via the link:

<https://www.newn.cam.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduates/bursaries-grants/>

Graduates go to the section 'US Travel Bursary' via the link:

<https://www.newn.cam.ac.uk/admissions/graduates/funding-financial-support/grants/>

You will need to write a proposal letter for your project and see your Director of Studies or College Mentor (if the project is academic), or your Tutor (if the project is non-academic) **by 7 February 2020.**

The final deadline to send your application form and proposal letter to the Tutorial Office, and to send your informal reference from your DoS/College Mentor/Tutor to the Financial Tutor is **14 February 2020.**

If you win the US Travel Bursary, you will be required to write a letter after your visit, with photos, describing your travels and thanking the US Alumnae. This letter will be posted on the Newnham website.