



## Otto Harpner Awards

The Anglo-Austrian Society administers a fund known as the Otto Harpner Fund. Created in memory of the first Secretary of the Society, who died in 1959, the Fund commemorates Otto Harpner's work in establishing the Society and promoting its aims.

Since the Anglo-Austrian Society was founded in 1946, the activities of many members and friends have also contributed to the growth of Anglo-Austrian understanding. Visits between the two countries have been central to this. By encouraging cultural exchange between the UK and Austria, the Society aims to promote friendship and understanding and to increase interest in the work of the Anglo Austrian Society, especially in schools and universities.

These aims are reflected in the purposes to which the Otto Harpner Fund is applied.

Awards are made from the Otto Harpner Fund to **contribute to the costs of a short visit to Austria** (or for Austrian applicants, to the UK) for any of the following purposes:

- to undertake an intensive language course (in German or English)
- to undertake research, or specific cultural or economic activities
- to undertake specific study (for example, in music, art or architecture)

While priority is normally given to applications in these areas, the above list is not seen as exhaustive. Applicants seeking support for projects which they believe reflect the purposes of the Fund and the aims of the Society are welcome to apply.

Awards, may be made for 50% of the costs of a visit or more, and are generally in the region of £500. They may, at the discretion of the Society, be made to a maximum of £1000.

Assistance may also be provided for elderly or disabled people wishing to travel to Austria where their visit is intended to enhance Anglo-Austrian understanding.

## **Conditions of Awards**

1. Applicants must be 18 years or older and resident either in the UK or in Austria.
2. Applicants do not need to be members of the Society at the time of application.
3. An award will normally cover not more than 50% of the total projected cost of the visit. The amount of an award is at the discretion of the Society.
4. The amount of an award is determined on the basis of need. An applicant is normally required to provide a statement of income and evidence of need.
5. Each application must be supported by a referee who is a current member of the Anglo- Austrian Society. However, potential applicants who do not know any members of the Anglo-Austrian Society should write to the Secretary who may ask a member to review the application.
6. Awards are decided on the merits of the applications.
7. In any submission period, an applicant may apply for only one project.
8. The cost of any travel insurance is the responsibility of the applicant.
9. An award is made as a lump sum, agreed and paid to the successful applicant by cheque prior to travel. The Society will not take responsibility for any additional unforeseen expenses. Travel advice if provided by any member of the Society is without warranty. Applicants are advised to consult relevant professional organizations.
10. Each award holder is required to write a brief report on their visit. The report must be submitted to the Secretary of the Society within one calendar month of the completion of the visit. At the Society's discretion a report may be published (whole or in part) in the Society's journal or on the website.
11. A list of current Otto Harpner award holders is normally published in the Society's magazine and on the website.
12. Successful applicants may make further applications to the fund, but will not normally receive funding for more than one visit.

## **How to apply**

Applications are normally considered twice a year. The application form can be downloaded from the Society's website. Applications should be submitted to reach the Secretary by **15 March** or **15 October**. Electronic submission is preferred.

Applicants will normally be notified of the outcome of their application by the Secretary within a month of the closing date.

Any applicant who wishes to have confirmation that their application has been received must send a stamped addressed postcard to the Secretary.

# ANGLO-AUSTRIAN SOCIETY

## OTTO HARPNER AWARD

### APPLICATION FORM

#### PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME

Address

Phone number (home)

(mobile)

Date of birth

Marital status

#### STUDY OR EMPLOYMENT

*If you are a student, please complete the following section*

Name of institution where you are enrolled

Name of course

Year of enrolment

*If you are in employment, please give the title of your job and, if appropriate, the organization/s for which you currently work.*

#### THE PROPOSED VISIT

What is the purpose of your proposed visit?

Dates of proposed visit, and/or duration of stay

Where do you want to go?

What do you want to do?

What have you already done, in preparation for the activities that you wish to undertake?

## **COSTS**

What is the estimated total cost of your visit?

*Please list the items making up this total (e.g. travel, accommodation and, if appropriate, course or teaching fees).*

What amount are you applying for?

How do you intend to fund the remainder of the cost?

Do you have any other sources of financial assistance for the proposed visit? Please list these.

Please briefly describe your financial circumstances (supporting documentation may be requested).

**Anglo-Austrian Society referee**

*If a member of the Anglo-Austrian Society has already agreed to endorse your application, please give the name, address, telephone number and email for this member.*

Date

Signed . . . . .