



Concorde Travel Fund

Information for Applicants

(Revised March 2017)

Background & Purpose:

The Concorde Travel Fund was established with the proceeds of the 1984/85 Youth & Sunday School Project and, while the capital is invested, the Fund's interest is available for distribution.

The Fund's purpose is to assist young people going on short term overseas mission trips with Congregational Teams and Christian agencies, which are in agreement with the ethos of PCI.

Application Criteria: Any young person applying ...

- a) Must be a member of a Presbyterian congregation;
- b) Must be aged 18-25 years old at time of travel;
- c) Must be travelling outside of the British Isles;
- d) Must not have previously received a grant from the fund; and
- e) Will be expected to produce a short report on their trip which should be submitted to the CCLW Office within 6 weeks of their return. This report, or parts thereof, may be used by PCI to promote short-term overseas mission &/or the Concorde Travel Fund.

Application Notes:

- a) There will be two rounds of funding each financial year which will consider applications submitted by 31 March and 30 September respectively.
- b) The fund is not available to help towards university electives, work experience placements or Bible College training.
- c) Eligible applicants will be interviewed prior to the awarding of a grant. Where a number of applicants from the same congregation are applying for the same team, they may be interviewed as a group or, if appropriate, they may appoint one or more of their number to represent them.

Awarding of Grants:

- a) While the maximum grant available may vary between funding rounds, the amount allocated to any one individual will not exceed either £500 or the overall cost of the trip.
- b) The proportion of the maximum grant awarded to an individual will be determined by:
 - The total funding available for distribution in any given year;
 - The number of applicants in any funding period;
 - Whether the proposed travel is within Europe or to 'the rest of the world'; and
 - The length of service (up to 1 month; 1 – 2 months; 2 months – 1 year)
- c) Where more than one young person from a congregation applies for funding the value of the cumulative 'congregational' grant awarded in that funding round will be capped in order to ensure that the maximum grant awarded in any funding round is optimised.
- d) Any grant awarded to a congregational team will be paid into a congregational account and must be used solely to defray the travel costs of all eligible applicants.
- e) PCI IGNITE Team members will automatically be allocated the appropriate grant based on their team's destination and period of service.