

# NSS launches scholarship to promote research on secularism

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The National Secular Society has launched a scholarship to support students who conduct research relevant to secularism and the promotion of human rights.

The NSS is inviting requests for grants ranging from £500-£3,000. The annual scholarship is open to anyone publishing research in English.

Applicants will be expected to demonstrate why the NSS should fund their work and its relevance to the Society's [Secular Charter](#). Award recipients will write at least one opinion piece for the NSS to share details of their findings with the Society's members and wider audience.

NSS chief executive Stephen Evans said: "It's our great privilege to launch this scholarship. Secularism has always been intrinsically linked to the pursuit of knowledge.

"And this is a timely moment to invest in research. Religious fundamentalists of many different stripes are asserting themselves and demanding the 'right' to impose their beliefs and practices on others.

"Gaining access to a greater academic evidence base will allow us to gain a greater appreciation of the ways religion and belief issues impact on individuals and society."

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**Applications for the current round of scholarships will close on 1 May at 17.00.**

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