Blackfriars Hall is offering two awards of £2,500 for students who are starting postgraduate courses in the humanities and social sciences in October 2022.

These scholarships are named in honour of the Belgian Dominican friar who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1958 for his work with refugees in post-World War II Europe. They have been created through generous donations to the campaign that commemorates the 800th anniversary of the first foundation of Blackfriars in Oxford.

The scholarships will be awarded on academic merit, and on the potential contribution that the applicant can make to the academic life of the Hall.

Successful candidates will have already received an offer to start a postgraduate course at the University of Oxford in October 2022. The scholarships are only tenable at Blackfriars Hall. All eligible applicants will be considered for these scholarships, regardless of which college (if any) they listed as preference on the graduate application form: however, successful applicants must transfer to Blackfriars Hall to take up the scholarship.

The successful candidates will be eligible for such conference and travel grants as are open to other postgraduate students at Blackfriars Hall. They will be subject to such procedures and assessments as are prescribed in their Faculty’s regulations, and the awards will be terminated if student status is suspended for any reason.

Applications must include:

- a full CV
- a supporting statement of approximately 500 words describing their intended research project
- a short description of how their research falls within, and will contribute to, the research focus of the Hall, particularly either of the Hall’s two Research centres:

  https://www.bfriars.ox.ac.uk/study/research/the-aquinas-institute/

  https://www.bfriars.ox.ac.uk/study/research/las-casas-institute-for-social-justice/

Applications should be sent to the Academic Registrar barbara.brecht@bfriars.ox.ac.uk by Friday 17th June 2022.

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.