



The Society for Existential Analysis

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APPLICATION FORM – The SEA Fund in Honour of HANS W. COHN

HANS W. COHN FUND

The SEA Fund in honour of Hans W. Cohn is a continuation of the scholarship that was established by the SEA in 1996 on the occasion of Hans' 80th Birthday. Hans was committed to the practice of existential psychotherapy as a psychotherapist, author, tutor and supervisor. **In the spirit of his work applications will only be considered from students who show a strong commitment to existential psychotherapy and from those researching existential concepts with regard to their relevance for the existential practitioner.**

Recipients of the Fund will be expected to make a contribution to the Society by hosting a forum and/or giving a talk at the Society's AGM or annual conference about their research or a particular aspect of existential psychotherapy. We also ask the recipient to prepare a paper for publication in the SEA journal *Existential Analysis* during the time that they are receiving the scholarship.

AIMS

The aim of the Fund is to provide financial support for those studying or carrying out research at post-graduate level in the field of existential psychotherapy and who are in demonstrable financial need.

VALUE The amount awarded varies depending on the number of eligible candidates applying but will be divided between a total award pot of £12, 000. This will be distributed among the awardees at a maximum of £4, 000 per person. In some circumstances the award may be spread over 2 years.

PLEASE NOTE: the award will be paid directly to the training institute upon receipt of invoice.

The award is funded by the Society of Existential Analysis and has four main criteria:

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

An applicant must be a practicing psychotherapist (can also be working as an honorary psychotherapist/in placement), including students and PhD candidates, those taking a taught doctorate/Psych D., or studying existential therapy at a post-graduate level.

The applicant must also be a member of the SEA for a minimum of one year at the time of application.

They need to show a commitment to existential psychotherapy and to be a particularly talented and responsible student.

The applicant must be in financial need and having difficulties meeting the cost of their academic fees.

SELECTION PROCEDURE: Recipients will be selected by an SEA sub-committee. They will consider the student's financial need; their academic record; involvement in existential-phenomenology; personal statement and references. Once the selection is announced, there will be no appeal of the decision or further feedback or commentary from the sub-committee.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Applicants who are in training must produce evidence from their training institution. Applications from Ph D students can be made once the university has accepted their research proposal. **All applications must include: the application form; a personal statement; two letters of support – one from the Course Director and one from their clinical supervisor.**

PLEASE NOTE: once a candidate receives an award, they cannot apply again; an unsuccessful candidate may apply again in a subsequent year and must submit a new application.

Once the award is agreed, all information submitted by the candidates will be eliminated.

APPLICATION FORM

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

PERSONAL DETAILS

Full Name.....

Address.....

Mobile.....Email.....

Date of Birth.....

Dependents/children.....

ACADEMIC STUDIES – for which you are seeking funding

Place of study (training institute, university)
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Date of enrolment on your course
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Title of the Course Doctorate/Student year 3 or 4/other
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Length of your Course
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Fees per TERM

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Amount of Funding sought (**fees only**)

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EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT RECORD: Please attach your current CV

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Where will you live while

studying?

(e.g. with parents, own home, subsidised housing)

Monthly expenses while

studying.....

(include rent/mortgage payments, utilities, food, transport, child-care, other)

Monthly resources while studying

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(include earnings, partner's earnings, any benefits)

Other resources available to

you.....

(include bank savings, shares, other assets, scholarships, grants, bursaries)

Other financial

resources.....

(not included in the above)

PERSONAL STATEMENT: In approximately 1,000 words please describe your eligibility for this award. Include information as to why you chose to study existential psychotherapy; your commitment to psychotherapy and in particular existential thinking; your plans after graduating and your present need for financial assistance.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT: Please include two letters of support in relation to your application – one from your Course Director or Tutor and one from your Supervisor, (placement or college supervisor).

Guidelines for the letters of support

Please comment on the student's commitment to existential-phenomenological psychotherapy, their academic ability and their work as a psychotherapist and any other relevant details.

DECLARATION OF APPLICANT:

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INSTRUCTIONS AND DECLARE THAT:

- a) All information is true and complete
- b) I will immediately notify the SEA Committee in writing if I withdraw from my studies whilst receiving an award

Signature of Applicant.....Date.....

Have you included the following?	Application form
	Personal statement
	Curriculum Vitae
	Letter of Support – Course Director/tutor
	Letter of Support – Supervisor

Please return all documents **no later than midnight on 30th June 2026**

by email to bursaries@existentialanalysis.org.uk

The awards will be announced by **the final day of July 2026**