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My TLRP 'Meeting of Minds' fellowship with Prof. Mary James at the IOE has proved very beneficial in terms of research proposal applications for funding.

I wish to research assessment in the Arts at KS3, and Mary was very helpful in framing the research to become:

- a) viable
- b) couched in terms that funding bodies would understand
- c) meshing with current research activity

I am now working on a number of research funding applications, and, although none have yet come to fruition, I feel that the help given strengthened my chances of so doing.

Also useful was gaining insights into the process of research funding application writing, and of the potential for having to undertake multiple applications before a successful outcome could ensue. Indeed, in many ways it was with the micro-management of the funding process that I felt I had obtained the greatest benefit. I was reasonably happy with the domain of my research, but it was then the process of making sure it fitted with the priorities and interests of research funders that was most helpful.