ARCADIA

About us
Arcadia, (formerly the Lisbet Rausing Charitable Fund), is a grant-making fund established in 2001. Lisbet Rausing and Peter Baldwin form the donor board. Since 2007, our funds have been administered by Charities Aid Foundation. Primarily, we support programmes that preserve treasures of culture or nature. We also promote education, research and human rights.

Our major theme is preserving and disseminating cultural and social knowledge. This includes near extinct languages, rare historical archives, museum quality artefacts, and scholarly resources, especially in or about the developing world. These are efforts we feel are vital and yet often neglected. We are also committed to environmental conservation, and we invest in research and training, land purchase, and rewarding conservationists.

To promote human rights, we support organisations that help refugee scholars, educate disadvantaged children in Africa, and conduct women’s rights advocacy. We are also profoundly interested in higher academic research and training. We support a range of beneficiaries, from female mathematics graduates in Africa, to think-tanks exploring issues of religion and democracy in Europe.

In changing our name to Arcadia, we have tried to capture the spirit of these activities. The name Arcadia carries many overtones: a state of wonder at the natural world, a sense of community and human aspiration, and warning. To us it also embodies an ideal of at once acknowledging ultimate transience, and yet attempting to protect our world's most fragile treasures of culture and nature.
Grant making policy
Grants are awarded at our discretion, on the basis of our own interests and experience, and informed expert advice. Our advising team consists of Anthea Case (Principal Adviser), Dr Roger Mitchell (Director, Environment Programme) and Dr Fay Bound Alberti (Policy Adviser, Cultural and Social Knowledge). We do not consider uninvited applications.

We try to support the best projects in the field. We look for organisations led by exceptional individuals, and which operate in a sustainable, cost-effective, scientifically sound and ethical manner. We like to build thoughtful relationships with grantees, and to build on past successes with repeat grants where appropriate. In these ways we strive for grant-making with maximum and lasting impact.

Grants before 2001
Prior to 2001, Lisbet Rausing supported similar causes through her predecessor trusts, making grants to cultural and academic institutions and environmental organisations. These included grants to: create a science professorship at Uppsala University; help the History of Science departments at Imperial College and Cambridge University; support the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies; and establish the Arcadia Fund at Fauna and Flora International.

Existing Grants
A full list of our grants can be found on our website: www.arcadiafund.org.uk

However, a flavour of our activities is provided overleaf:
Endangered Languages Programme at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), UK

In 2002, Arcadia created the Endangered Languages Programme at SOAS. It funds fieldwork, training and archiving to record near-extinct languages.

An international panel of linguists award funds on the basis of competitive applications from established scholars, postdoctoral researchers and graduate students. Chosen languages are highly endangered; not previously studied; and not closely related to other, well-documented languages. The programme also supports academic teaching and postdoctoral work in field linguistics at SOAS, as well as the creation and maintenance of an endangered languages archive.

Documentation grants are subject to strict ethical conditions. Researchers must secure the full, prior agreement of the language communities to their projects, and to the form in which its results will be disseminated, both in the local community and to scholars.

In August 2008, the programme had funded over 110 projects, documenting over 120 near-extinct languages. These
include Kayardild, a language spoken by only eight people in the Mornington and Bentinck islands of Australia; Watunhua and Daohua in Tibet; Apurina in the Brazilian Amazon; Betta Kurumba in southern India; Goemai in central Nigeria; Ös in Siberia; Rongga in Indonesia; Gújjóløy Eegima in Senegal; and Tujia in China. For further information, please refer to www.hrelp.org.

Endangered Archives Programme at the British Library, UK
We modelled the Endangered Archives Programme on the Endangered Languages Programme. With the British Library, and numerous partners in the developing world, we protect and disseminate historical records of pre-industrial societies. The programme is open as to theme and region, but normally preserves older records from non-western societies. As with the Endangered Languages Project, grant decisions are taken by a panel of international experts.

We follow strict ethical guidelines; before a grant is made, local
The Endangered Archives Programme: Yap children in Micronesia. Audio tapes of Yap culture are being preserved by the programme.

By August 2008, the programme had awarded 89 projects. These include grants to preserve Iranian photographs from c. 1900; audiovisual material on Andean culture in Peru; Telegu paintings in India; rare Buddhist artefacts and manuscripts that survived Soviet rule in Mongolia; Daoist and Confucian texts and musical scores in China; state papers in Liberia as well as Tuvalu and Yap (in the Pacific); a monastery library in Bhutan; and archives in Nigeria, Chile, Romania, Cameroon, Siberia, Egypt, East Timor and Brazil. For further information, please refer to: www.bl.uk/endangeredarchives

The Library Open Collections Programme at Harvard University, US
The Library Open Collections Programme at Harvard makes materials from all Harvard’s libraries, archives and museums freely available to everyone on the internet. The first collection to benefit has been ‘Women Working, 1870-1930’, which explores women’s roles in the US economy between the Civil War and the Great Depression. Also to benefit will be
resources on emigration and immigration to the US between 1789 and 1930, and a collection on contagious and infectious diseases.

**Wende Museum, US**

Our grant to the Wende Museum in 2004 supports its preservation of important artifacts from Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union during the Cold War (1945-1991). The Museum acquires, analyses, conserves and displays important artifacts and archives for the benefit of scholars and the public. It is one of the largest known private collections of its kind.

![Cold War artifacts and documents are safeguarded for the future in the Wende Museum’s vault in Los Angeles, California.](image)

**Aluka**

In 2007, we granted $2.5 million to Aluka to help develop its digital library of scholarly resources from and about Africa. Aluka gathers materials from the developing world that are physically scattered, rare or difficult to access, and makes them available to the global academic community online.

With our funds, Aluka hopes to become a premier resource for the study of Africa. It also aims to help African scholars contribute to and access scholarly materials.
Conservation Land Trust, Argentina and Chile
In 2007, Arcadia granted $2.0 million to the Conservation Land Trust in Argentina. The grant from Arcadia will help support three different projects taken up by the organisation.

The Conservation Land Trust is engaged in land conservation in Argentina and Chile. The overarching goals of the organisation are in the conservation of biodiversity and strategically important biota. The Conservation Land Trust furthermore emphasizes public access and information, in order to promote biologically sustainable economic activities and tourism. The Conservation Land Trust will use the grant awarded by Arcadia for three different projects. Firstly, the grant will be used to construct a Park Rangers Centre at Caleta Gonzalo in the 756,000 acre Pumalin Park in southern Chile. The park incorporates evergreen temperate rain forest and protects it and the rest of the land from possible exploitation. The second project is the construction of a visitor and information centre at the Patagonia National Park, the primary conservation priority for Chilean National Parks. Thirdly, Arcadia’s support has enabled the Conservation Land Trust to purchase grassland
property in the province of Corrientes, Argentina, as part of a recovery strategy for the Pampas Deer which are on the edge of extinction.

Marine Conservation Biology Institute, US
In July 2007, we granted $1.5 million to MCBI to fund core business costs and to aid the lobbying of US Congress against bottom trawling.

The Marine Conservation Biology Institute began in 1996 to encourage scientists who want to safeguard the oceans’ web of life. Their mission is to advance the science of marine conservation biology and secure protection for ocean ecosystems.

MCBI has an impressive list of accomplishments, not limited to having
• Made bottom trawling a global environmental issue.
• Hosted two symposia on marine conservation biology.
• Secured the listing of the white abalone as an endangered species.
• Played a key role in getting President Bush to establish the North-western Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument.
MCBI has also published the first national assessment on the status of deep-sea corals and the world’s first textbook on marine conservation biology.

European Climate Foundation, the Netherlands
In 2008, we granted $5.0 million to the European Climate Foundation (ECF) to support the organisation’s work in relation to climate change and protection of the environment.

The ECF works to impact immediate reduction in CO2 emissions and to engage in a long-term approach to promote alternative energy sources, which are more sustainable for the environment.

Our grant to the European Climate Foundation will help strengthen the newly started organisation and positively impact environmental policy making in the EU. The grant from Arcadia will furthermore help the organisations campaigns against coal as an energy source in the United Kingdom and in Germany.

Chair in Conservation Biology, Cambridge University, UK
In 2006, we gave $6.8 million to Cambridge University to promote research, teaching and the application of conservation biology. The bulk of the grant went to create the Miriam Rothschild chair in conservation biology. To foster holistic
perspectives on conservation, the post will link scientific research and conservation practice; conservation and other academic disciplines; and Cambridge University and the political, corporate and charity sectors. The grant will also support graduate scholarships and student travel bursaries in conservation.

School of Forestry and Environmental Studies at Yale University, US
We recently gave $4.8 million to the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies to create a field training programme for biodiversity conservation. The programme addresses the significant conservation challenges of tropical Asia and the Neotropics (an ecoregion that includes the Caribbean and North and South America). It will encourage local and national people and institutions to themselves take responsibility for the region’s nature conservation.

The programme, which is run jointly by Yale and the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, will provide training for fieldworkers from the developing world. These will be coordinated from offices in Panama and Singapore. Courses will balance socio-economic aspects of conservation with natural science. They will be aimed primarily at park rangers, but also at environmental policy makers, and senior park and resource managers. The programme also hopes to develop a network of regional practitioners.

The Arcadia Fund at Fauna and Flora International (FFI), UK
In 1998, together with FFI, we created the Arcadia Fund, which purchases or otherwise preserves fragile ecosystems under immediate threat of destruction. Land is only bought where it is no longer in traditional or community use. It is returned to appropriate indigenous groups, who are supported to manage it until it is sustainable.

Among other projects, the Arcadia Fund has helped transform 85,000 hectares of Patagonia into a nature reserve; created
wildlife corridors in Tanzania, northern Kenya, Ecuador and Uganda; saved areas of the Brazilian Amazon from deforestation; preserved tracts of forest on the southern coast of Belize; protected unique vegetation in South Africa’s Flower Valley, one of the world’s six botanical kingdoms; saved rare dry tropical forest on the South Pacific coast of Nicaragua; and established Mozambique’s first functioning national park.

The Arcadia fund has directly contributed to conserving over 5 million hectares, an area larger than Denmark and more than twice the size of Wales. Since receiving our grant of $5.0 million, the Arcadia Fund has raised over $44 million: for every dollar we donated, FFI has raised another nine.

**Oceana**

In April 2007, we awarded a grant of $5.3 million to Oceana to be used for core operating costs. Oceana’s head office is in Washington, USA, and Oceana also has offices in Europe and South America. Global in scope, Oceana works to reduce pollution of the world’s oceans and to prevent the irreversible collapse of fish population, marine mammals and other sea life. Arcadia’s grant, to be paid equally over three years, will cover nearly 15% of Oceana’s annual core operating costs.
Mvule Trust, Uganda
Our grant of $5.0 million to the Mvule Trust provides scholarships for poor Ugandan children to go to secondary school. The Mvule Trust gives 75 percent of scholarships to girls. In 2007, its second year of operation, the Mvule Trust had supported education of 1,868 children.

The Scholars at Risk Programme, Harvard University, US
We donated $1.0 million to support Harvard’s Scholars at Risk Programme. This programme is part of the wider Scholars at Risk network, which, since 2000, has helped persecuted scholars worldwide by arranging safe positions for them in universities in the US and elsewhere.

The Scholars at Risk Programme, Israeli Institute for Advanced Studies at the Hebrew University, Israel
We also gave $1.0 million to the Hebrew University to initiate a Scholars at Risk Programme in Israel. Part of the same Scholars at Risk network as Harvard, the programme will support scholars in any discipline and from any country who are at risk of persecution because of their work, or the exercise
of their basic rights.

**Human Rights Watch, US**
Our grant of $1.0 million to Human Rights Watch (HRW) supports women’s rights. HRW believes that violence and discrimination against women are global social epidemics, and rejects cultural relativist defences of them. Our funding will help HRW to continue its empirical research into the persecution of women, as well its more practical fight to end the dehumanisation of women through fact gathering, press releases, advocacy and lobbying.

In 2006, we committed a further $5.0 million to help expand the Women’s Rights Division. Among other things, this will fund more work in Africa and research on religious justifications for discrimination against women.

**The Council for Assisting Academic Refugees (CARA), UK**
In 2006, we granted $870,000 to CARA, which has been helping refugee scholars in the UK since 1933. Its small grant programme and advice service helps refugee scholars to re-establish their careers. Applicants vary, but tend to arrive from Africa and the Middle East.
African Institute for Mathematical Sciences, South Africa

AIMS is a partnership project between the universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Paris-Sud XI and the South African universities of Cape Town, Stellenbosch, and the Western Cape. It aims to cultivate a new generation of African scholars who will advance development on the continent. Our 2007 grants will support postgraduate bursaries for women, and the building which houses the research institute.

AIMS was established in Cape Town in 2003. Each year, it recruits bright graduates with strong mathematics backgrounds from across Africa for a unique nine month course. The course is taught by outstanding international lecturers and develops problem-solving skills in mathematics and computing, with special reference to applying mathematical sciences to practical development issues. In 2006, the programme accepted 49 students, 13 of whom are women, from 20 different African countries.

Arcadia’s grant of $1.0 million over three years funds bursaries for female graduates, supporting all student costs including travel to and from Cape Town, accommodation, medical insurance and a monthly stipend. Our grant also funds half-
bursaries for female students to pursue Masters and PhD programmes in South Africa after leaving the institute.

AIMS will also house an advanced research centre, and Arcadia has granted a further $314,000 to acquire and renovate a building for the centre.

Cambridge University Library, UK
Arcadia awarded a grant to the Cambridge University Library in August 2008 of the amount of $980,000. The grant will enable the library to create new programmes and services, particularly for undergraduates, and also improve the external environment of the library.

The Cambridge University Library is a renowned global research library. The large collections number more than seven million volumes in total and are kept in the main University Library and its four additional dependent libraries.

With our grant, the Cambridge University Library will create the Arcadia Fellowship Programme, undertaking new and special projects that will increase the library’s capability to
provide its student with information in an era of ever expanding technological resources.

**Weidenfeld Institute for Strategic Dialogue, UK**

In 2008, Arcadia granted $2.4 million to the Weidenfeld Leadership Programme and Scholarship Scheme at the Weidenfeld Institute for Strategic Dialogue. The Weidenfeld Institute is a London based think-thank working on international affairs within the scope of Europe.

In 2008-2009, the programme will provide scholarships and training in leadership to approximately 40 students primarily from Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Russia, the Middle East and North Africa. The institute enables a selected number of students to pursue their graduate studies at Oxford University. Long term, the Programme is aiming to provide support for 90 scholars in 2010-2011.

The support from Arcadia will enable five American Scholars annually to study at Oxford University through the Weidenfeld Leadership Programme and Scholarship Scheme. The inclusion
of US scholars to the existing programme fulfils the institute’s objective of fostering a transatlantic community of leaders.

UCLA Library, USA
In 2008, the Arcadia Fund awarded a $500,000 endowment grant to be paid over a period of five years to support the UCLA Library’s Center for Primary Research and Training.

Launched in 2004, The Center for Primary Research and Training connects UCLA graduate students with unprocessed or under-processed collections in their areas of interest, and trains them in archival methods. Engaging more than ten academic departments in over 100 projects, the centre serves a dual function of promoting scholarship within the University while making archival materials available to the scholarly community and the public at large.

Our grant to the UCLA Library project will provide ongoing support for the intellectual and financial needs of graduate students in the programme. The grant will furthermore enable the centre to process, translate and catalogue material for its permanent archive, one of the world’s premier special collections.
Imperial College London, UK
In 2008, Arcadia gave a grant of $1,970,000 to Imperial College London. The awarded grant establishes ‘The Hans Rausing Scholarships’, a scholarship programme that supports PhD students at Imperial College in all fields except business and medicine.

Imperial College is a science-based institution with a reputation for excellence in teaching and research. The London-based institution has been acknowledged as a top tier university in its field in rankings by the Times Higher Education Supplement and Newsweek. Imperial College aims to develop its range of academic activities to meet the changing needs of society, industry and healthcare.

The endowment grant from Arcadia will fund one PhD scholar annually, starting in the spring of 2008. The grant will furthermore provide the basis for the College Fund, an investment fund providing Imperial College with an endowment for the continuation of the Hans Rausing Scholarships.
Current Areas of Focus
2007 was a year of building on past successes, in combination with a focus on the environment, as well as the education and research programme. In our environmental programme, we awarded grants to Oceana, the Marine Conservation Biology Institute and the European Climate Foundation. In addition, 2007 and the beginning of 2008 marked for the expansion of grants made to educational institutions and research such as the UCLA Library, the Weidenfeld Scholarship at Oxford, the Cambridge University Library and the establishment of the Hans Rausing Scholarships for PhD students at Imperial College, London.

In 2008, we will expand our work protecting endangered cultural and natural treasures worldwide. However, we will continually seek new and interesting projects consistent with all of our themes.

Further Information
If you would like to learn more about the charity, please refer to our website: www.arcadiafund.org.uk

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Pampas Deer, Conservation Land Trust, Argentina