Report on the use of Donald Atkinson Fund award, 2019

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The generous support from the Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies contributed to travel and accommodation costs of speakers, especially those in either junior academic positions or those involved in commercial archaeology with little or no access to travel funds. Specifically, they covered the cost of speakers traveling from Canada, the United States, Germany, Scotland, and Italy for a sum of £2120.30, and the other speakers were able to cover their own travel expenses from their institutional research allowances. All Souls College was able to cover the cost of accommodation for five speakers at £750.00, while the other eleven stayed in Jesus College, for a total of £1,939.45. The remaining £879.70 of the Donald Atkinson Fund contributed to this accommodation cost, and an award from the Augustus Foundation covered the remaining balance. The additional costs of conference
dinner, coffee, lunches, and tea were covered by funds from the Oxford Faculty of Classics and All Souls College.

The organisers, speakers, and attendees were immensely grateful for the support of the Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies. As a final note, I am particularly grateful for the patience and humanity of the Society for allowing me to reschedule the conference to 2019 to accommodate the birth of my son in November 2018.

Financial summary:

**Expenses:**
- Speaker travel: 2120.30
- All Souls rooms: 750.00
- Jesus rooms: 1939.45
  - Total: £4809.75

**Funds:**
- Donald Atkinson Fund: 3000.00
- All Souls College: 750.00
- Augustus Foundation: 1059.75
  - Total: £4809.75