

School of Fine Art Postgraduate Scholarships 2025/26

You may select up to two scholarships from this list to apply to providing you meet all the scholarship(s) criteria.

Leverhulme Master of Fine Art Bursary

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The Leverhulme Trust was formed on the death of Lord Leverhulme who made his fortune through Lever Brothers. This company later became Unilever which still operates today, making a variety of basic consumer goods. From the earliest days, Lord Leverhulme was also a philanthropist, supporting a variety of educational, religious, civic, community, and medical causes. His achievements were recognised in 1922 when the title Lord Leverhulme of the Western Isles was conferred upon him. Today, the Trust makes awards for the support of research and education, and one area of interest is fine and performing arts. They have been supporting GSA in various ways since 2005.

Key information:

Value of the scholarship: £10,000 award towards tuition fees or living costs

Duration of the scholarship: 2 years

Number of scholarships available: 6

Eligibility criteria:

Subject eligibility: Master of Fine Art (MFA) students only

Domicile eligibility: Open to all fee paying students

Additional eligibility requirements:

Awarded based on artistic/academic excellence and financial need. Recipients will be required to submit a report on their activities and achievements for the year to the Leverhulme Trust.

Mackendrick Postgraduate Scholarship

James Mackendrick was an artist from Ayrshire who attended the GSA from 1938 to 1942 studying Fine Art. Over fifty years after graduating, he decided to bequest his entire estate to the GSA for annual student awards as a result of the GSA's contribution to his personal and professional life. The first Mackendrick scholarship was offered in 2000.

Key information:

Value of the scholarship: £5,000

Duration of the scholarship: 1 or 2 years depending on length of course. Recipients on a two-year programme will receive £2,500 per year. For the scholarship to continue to year 2, students must have satisfactorily completed year 1.

Use: Maintenance

Number of scholarships available: 1

Eligibility criteria:

Subject eligibility: Open to Postgraduate painting students (including MFA where the applicant specialises in painting)
Domicile eligibility: Open to all students

Additional eligibility requirements:

Applicants must submit one digital image of a A5 sized painting based on the theme “The City of Glasgow”. One digital image of your piece of work must be emailed to scholarships@gsa.ac.uk to match up with your application form.

The Baird Bursary

The Baird Educational Trust is a Charitable Trust set up by James (Jim) W Baird in 2002. Jim was originally from Glasgow where, as a boy, he attended piano lessons at the junior school of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music & Drama (now the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland). After leaving school, he studied law at Glasgow University and went on to qualify as a solicitor, latterly working in Hong Kong. Sadly, Jim died in 2020 but the work of the Trust continues under the stewardship of the current Trustees. The purpose of The Baird Educational Trust is to provide financial assistance and support to any person undertaking a course of tuition, education or training in any branch of the performing, visual or literary art.

Key information:

Value of the scholarship: £2,000 per year
Duration of the scholarship: 2 years. For the scholarship to continue to year 2, students must have satisfactorily completed year 1.
Use: Fees or Maintenance
Number of scholarships available: 1

Eligibility criteria:

Subject eligibility: Master of Fine Art (MFA) students only
Domicile eligibility: Open to all students

Additional eligibility requirements:

Awarded on the basis of financial need.

The Niamh Forbes Postgraduate Fine Art Scholarship

Niamh Forbes was an artist from Dublin who graduated from the GSA MLitt Fine Art Practice programme (Sculpture Pathway) with Distinction in 2017. She greatly enjoyed and benefitted from her time at GSA, developing her critical thinking and artistic practice and making many friends among the students and staff. Following her untimely passing in 2018, Niamh’s family have made this scholarship available to assist other students wishing to undertake Fine Art studies at postgraduate level at GSA.

Key information:

Value of the scholarship: £3,000
Duration of the scholarship: 1 year
Use: Maintenance
Number of scholarships available: 1

Eligibility criteria:

Subject eligibility: Open to postgraduate students in the School of Fine Art. Those undertaking their Masters over two years are eligible in their first year.
Domicile eligibility: Open to all students

Additional eligibility requirements:

Awarded based on academic excellence and financial need.

International Masters Scholarship

This award is to offer one fully funded taught Master Scholarship for an international student from a developing country.

Key information:

Value of the scholarship: International Tuition Fee Waiver and £12,190 stipend

Duration of the scholarship: 1 year only

Number of scholarships available: 1

Eligibility criteria:

Subject eligibility: Open to all 1 year, 180 credit taught Masters programme students, excluding MSc Medical Visualisation and Human Anatomy.

Domicile eligibility: The recipients of the awards are to be usually resident in Developing Countries in line with the definition from the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development.

Full list of countries from OECD: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/countries-defined-as-developing-by-the-oecd/countries-defined-as-developing-by-the-oecd>

Additional eligibility requirements:

The student must be based on a GSA campus in Scotland for the duration of their studies. Award based on financial need, ideally from a low-income household. Recipients will be required to submit a report on their activities and achievements for the year.

Governor's International 24 month Postgraduate Scholarships

Every year the Board of Governors of the Glasgow School of Art selects international 2-year postgraduate applicants to receive a £3,000 tuition fee discount per year. The GSA welcomes individuals from all over the world to the School enabling all students to learn from diverse cultures, perspectives and experiences.

Key information:

Value of the scholarship: £3,000 per year

Duration of the scholarship: 2 years

Use: Tuition fee reduction

Number of scholarships available: 2

Eligibility criteria:

Subject eligibility: Open to all 2 year, 120 credit taught Masters' programme or Diploma in Architecture students

Domicile eligibility: Open to International full tuition fee paying students only

Additional eligibility requirements:

Available for exceptional students undertaking a two-year Masters' programme or Diploma in Architecture.

Governor's International 12 month Postgraduate Scholarships

Every year the Board of Governors of the Glasgow School of Art selects international Masters applicants to receive a £5,000 tuition fee discount. The GSA welcomes individuals from all over the world to the School enabling all students to learn from diverse cultures, perspectives and experiences.

Key information:

Value of the scholarship: £5,000 per year

Duration of the scholarship: 1 year only

Use: Tuition fee reduction

Number of scholarships available: 8

Eligibility criteria:

Subject eligibility: Open to all 1 year, 180 credit taught Master's programme students

Domicile eligibility: Open to International full tuition fee paying students only

Additional eligibility requirements:

Available for exceptional students undertaking one year Masters' programmes.

GSA Postgraduate Welcome Scholarship

Every year the Board of Governors of The Glasgow School of Art selects postgraduate applicants who require financial support and awards them a £2,000 tuition fees discount.

Key information:

Value of the scholarship: £2,000

Duration of the scholarship: 1 year

Use: Tuition fee reduction

Number of scholarships available: 8

Eligibility criteria:

Subject eligibility: Open to all Masters' programme students

Domicile eligibility: Open to students with Home / RUK tuition fee status only

Additional eligibility requirements:

You must provide evidence that you have been offered a place as a Home/ RUK tuition fee payer.

Applicants must show evidence of financial need.

Tetsuya Mukai Postgraduate Scholarship

In April 1998 GSA loaned forty works of art from its Archives and Collections to the Hida Takayama Museum of Art in Takayama, Japan for a Charles Rennie Mackintosh exhibition. Mr Mukai, Director of the museum provided GSA with an endowment to establish this scholarship, to assist Japanese students to undertake study at GSA and to further mutual understanding and cultural development between the two countries.

Key information:

Value of the scholarship: £1,500

Duration of the scholarship: 1 year

Use: Tuition fee reduction

Number of scholarships available: 1

Eligibility criteria:

Subject eligibility: Open to all Master's programmes

Domicile eligibility: Open to Japanese residents (i.e. those paying full international fees) to undertake taught or research postgraduate study at the GSA.

Sir Harry Barnes Postgraduate Scholarship

Sir Harry Barnes started his career at GSA in 1944 as Assistant Master in Painting & Drawing. He became Deputy Director and Registrar in 1946 and was appointed Director of the School in 1964. Major achievements included setting up the Mackintosh School of Architecture in 1965 in collaboration with Sir Charles Wilson at the University of Glasgow, overseeing the building of the Foulis building and Newbery Tower (both now demolished to make way for the Reid building) and laying the foundations of the Bourdon building. He retired in 1980, and a scholarship fund was established in his name. Donations made to this fund have enabled this scholarship to be offered annually since the early 1980s. Sadly, Sir Harry Barnes died in 1982 and his wife, Lady Barnes died in 2010.

Key information:

Value of the scholarship: £700

Duration of the scholarship: 1 year

Use: Maintenance

Number of scholarships available: 1

Eligibility criteria:

Subject eligibility: Open to all students

Domicile eligibility: Open to all students

GSA-TSH Changemaker Scholarship

This award is to offer one Home/UK Tuition Fee Waiver for a 1 year taught Master Scholarship plus accommodation provided by [The Social Hub](#) for 10 months (September 2025 – June 2026).

The **TSH Talent Foundation** supports socially driven individuals who face barriers, through educational and development programs. By offering scholarships and tailored learning opportunities, the Foundation empowers students and aspiring changemakers from diverse backgrounds to address social, economic, and environmental challenges. It fosters a new generation of leaders committed to creating positive societal impact.

Key information:

Value of the scholarship: UK/Home Tuition Fee Waiver and 10 months accommodation in [The Social Hub Glasgow](#)

Duration of the scholarship: 1 year only

Number of scholarships available: 2

Eligibility criteria:

Subject eligibility: Open to all 1 year, 180 credit taught Masters programme students, excluding MSc Medical Visualisation and Human Anatomy.

Domicile eligibility: Open to students with Home / RUK tuition fee status only

Additional eligibility requirements:

The recipient of this award should have the *changemaker's vision* - scholars with a clear intent to contribute meaningfully to society, backed by broad plan or aspiration to achieve this goal.

Additionally, the student should come from one or more of the following backgrounds:

- No alternative financial means to accept the offered academic programme.
- Limited access to social resources, education, and healthcare.
- Refugee/newcomer status.
- Belonging to an ethnic, religious, or otherwise marginalised group.
- Physical or mental disabilities.
- First-generation student.
- Part of the LGBTQI+ community, accompanied by personal safety risks.