

School of Fine Art Undergraduate 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 BA (Hons) 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: £5,000 award towards tuition fees or living costs

Duration of the scholarship: 3 years

Number of scholarships available: 5

Eligibility criteria:

Subject eligibility: BA (Hons) Fine Art degree programmes

Level eligibility: this scholarship is designed to help students progressing directly into year 2 of a GSA Fine Art programme. The funding is to assist with 2nd, 3rd and 4th year of the programme.

Domicile eligibility: Students from England, Wales, Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland

Additional eligibility requirements:

Awarded based on financial need and artistic excellence, as demonstrated in your GSA undergraduate admissions application and portfolio submission. Recipients will be required to submit a report on their activities and achievements for the year to the Leverhulme Trust

George & Cordelia Oliver Undergraduate Drawing Scholarship

Cordelia and her husband, George, were both artists and studied at GSA. Cordelia studied Drawing & Painting from 1939-45 and during that time she won the Guthrie portrait prize and continued, after graduation, to teach evening classes here. She and George married in 1948; he was a photographer and travel writer. Cordelia developed her skills as an arts correspondent for a variety of publications, and they sometimes worked together covering major arts events. After George died in 1990 Cordelia continued to write and was still covering the arts in Artwork, Scotland's arts newspaper, up to the week before she died in 2009. This scholarship in George & Cordelia's name was offered for the first time in 2012.

Key information:

Value of the scholarship: £1,000 per year

Duration of the scholarship: Up to 4 years depending on the length of the course

Use: Maintenance

Number of scholarships available: 1

Eligibility criteria:

Subject eligibility: All BA(Hons) Fine Art degree programmes

Domicile eligibility: Open to all students

Additional eligibility requirements:

Applicants must demonstrate exceptional ability in drawing without the use of a computer by submitting a piece of work. The work must be a maximum of A5 size. One digital image of your piece of work must be emailed to scholarships@gsa.ac.uk to match up with your application form.

Governor's International Undergraduate Scholarship

The Governors of the GSA offer a reduction in tuition fees for talented students coming to the School from out with the UK. The GSA supports cultural diversity and a diverse student community as a positive influence on students' work.

Key information:

Value of the scholarship: £3,000 per year

Duration of the scholarship: Up to 4 years depending on the length of the course

Use: Tuition fee reduction

Number of scholarships available: 5

Eligibility criteria:

Subject eligibility: Open to all undergraduate degree programmes

Domicile eligibility: Open to all students paying full international tuition fees

Additional eligibility requirements:

Open to students who are studying in the UK for the first time.

Only open to students who are not already in receipt of a government sponsored grant from their home country or discounted tuition fees.

GSA RUK Welcome Undergraduate Scholarship

This is a scholarship to welcome new students from England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Details of how you can evidence your residency and household income can be found in the Frequently Asked Questions section.

Key information:

Value of the scholarship: £2,000 per year

Duration of the scholarship: Up to 4 years depending on the length of the course

Use: Maintenance

Number of scholarships available: 22

Eligibility criteria:

Subject eligibility: Open to all undergraduate degree programmes

Domicile eligibility: Open to students from England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland only who are paying the full RUK (Rest of the UK) tuition fee.

Additional eligibility requirements:

Applicants must demonstrate that their total household income is less than £55,000 (see further information in the Frequently Asked Questions section). Applicants must be paying the full RUK (Rest of the UK) £9,250 tuition fee. Applicants must provide evidence that they have been awarded the maximum student loan available to them from the appropriate student funding body.

John & Anna Laurie Bequest

John Laurie was a painter and taught at GSA in Fine Art in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. His wife, after John's death, made a bequest to the GSA, including art works which are held in GSA's Archive and Collections. The GSA received these gifts in 1982, and their generosity has provided scholarships for GSA students for over 30 years.

Key information:

Value of the scholarship: £1000

Duration of the scholarship: 1 year

Use: Maintenance

Number of scholarships available: 1

Eligibility criteria:

Subject eligibility: BA (Hons) Fine Art – Painting & Printmaking and BA (Hons) Design – Communication Design only

Domicile eligibility: Open to all students

The Balmungo Undergraduate Scholarship

The Balmungo Scholarship is funded by the Barns-Graham Charitable Trust. The artist Wilhelmina Barns-Graham received several scholarships during her time at Edinburgh College of Art and the Trust exists to preserve her artistic legacy, and to provide bursaries for students of art and art history. More information on the Trust, Wilhelmina Barns-Graham and examples of her artwork can be found at www.barns-grahamtrust.org.uk.

Key information:

Value of the scholarship: £1,000

Duration of the scholarship: 1 year

Use: Maintenance

Number of scholarships available: 1

Eligibility criteria:

Subject eligibility: Open to all undergraduate degree programmes

Domicile eligibility: Open to all students