

School of Innovation and Technology Postgraduate Scholarships 2025/26

Austin Merrills Postgraduate Scholarship

Austin Merrills was Vice Chair of the Board of Governors at GSA until 1997; shortly before his death. Austin was also the Chairman of Ireland Alloys which, after his death, made a donation to GSA. Austin was interested in digital media/virtual reality and the scholarship has been designated a School of Innovation and Technology specialist award.

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 MSc Heritage Visualisation, MDes Sound for the Moving Image Visualisation and MSc Serious Games and Virtual Reality only.

Domicile eligibility: Open to all students

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 plus £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 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 Master's 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.