

THE GLASGOW SCHOOL OF ART

School of Innovation & Technology – BE-ST Accelerate to Zero Postgraduate Scholarships

For academic year 2025-26, SIT has 5 BE-ST Scholarships for the Master of Research (MRes.) programme (starting in January 2026).

Students on a BE-ST scholarship will be expected to address the BE-ST research themes in their research projects (full year project on MRes.).

Deadline for applications: 28/11/25

Who are BE-ST?

Built Environment – Smarter Transformation (BE-ST) is Scotland's national innovation centre for construction and the built environment. We are on a mission to accelerate the built environment's just transition to net zero carbon. We do this by providing the connections and infrastructure the sector needs to solve its most pressing challenges. BE-ST creates a culture where collaboration and innovation are championed to create a built environment that delivers inclusive and sustainable economic, social and environmental impact.

We're connected to over 50,000 businesses, organisations and individuals in the built environment ecosystem. We work with them to:

- Develop new products, business models and services
- Access funding streams
- Explore advanced equipment at our Innovation Campus
- Create scalable solutions to industry challenges
- Enhance knowledge and skills
- Make new strategic collaborations to solve common challenges

Alongside these programs of work we also have a long history of supporting students and upskilling across various modes of study including our **Accelerate to Zero Postgraduate Scholarship**.

What is the Accelerate to Zero Postgraduate Scholarship?

BE-ST are funding UK resident Masters and Post Graduate candidates who can help solve climate change, create smarter, healthier places and develop a workforce and culture that supports the new future.

Including the SIT scholarships, there are up to 50 places with £7,009 funding available for each eligible Full Time Equivalent Masters. Part-time students can also apply. If you'd like to find out more about eligibility criteria please visit the BE-ST website for further information: <https://www.be-st.build/accelerate-to-zero-postgraduate-scholarship>

Why study through the scholarship?

The scholarship scheme emphasizes the importance of research with real-world applications, offering students the chance to work on practical problems in the construction industry through BE-ST. This unique opportunity allows students to interact with businesses, individuals, and researchers, gaining employable skills that are valuable in both industry and academia. Additionally, the scholarship provides exposure to a wide variety of careers within the built environment, and the chance to be part of a diverse cohort of 50 masters students from various disciplines, all focused on innovation in the built environment. This is an excellent opportunity to expand your professional network.

What topics / opportunities are available through the scholarship at GSA?

At BE-ST, we are dedicated to providing industry and students with comprehensive training and upskilling opportunities in various built environment subjects, with a strong emphasis on practical training experiences. Our state-of-the-art factory space in Blantyre hosts sessions utilizing our specially designed, multifunctional training rigs, which support a wide range of training activities from the same base materials. BE-ST are keen to explore digital interactive tools / experiences that can:

- Offer a digital, scalable replica or alternative to the practical rigs that allows the learnings to reach a wider audience
- Supplement or support the practical rigs by providing additional learning opportunities e.g. digital interactive logbooks that accompany physical practical training.
- Provide insights through research around user experience factors relating to practical training and digital interactive supplements as described above

We invite expressions of interest and innovative ideas to help us achieve these goals. Successful candidates will benefit from exclusive resources, including opportunities to visit the BE-ST innovation campus for multiple scholarship events, firsthand observation of practical training sessions, dedicated support from our expert staff, and engagement with our extensive network of industry and academic partners.

Eligibility

Applicants must be resident citizens of the UK (living in the UK for three years prior to start of studies) and must be resident in Scotland when starting the programme.

Contact and Application Information

Eligible offer holders on the following two programmes may apply for this funding, via the GSA application process. Please contact the Programme Leaders for more information.

Master of Research (MRes)

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<https://www.gsa.ac.uk/postgraduate-degrees/master-of-research>