



## **DCMS Jerwood Creative Bursaries Scheme – FAQs**

This is a pilot scheme which we are trialling on limited resources. We aim to be as flexible as possible with our eligibility criteria and will attempt to assess exceptions on a case by case basis, within necessary limitations on time and resources.

Please note that it is incumbent on applicants to provide as much evidence as possible of their eligibility. Failure to do so may result in a host organisation being unable to consider an application.

**Please read the questions below before contacting either the recruiting organisations or the Director of the Scheme.**

### Academic criteria

**1. I graduated in 2008 but fulfil all the other criteria, am I still eligible?**

No. As the eligibility specifications state, you must have graduated in the year 2009 or 2010 to be eligible to apply for a position.

**2. I am beginning an MA this year, am I still eligible?**

As long as you can prove that you fulfil all the other criteria based on your BA, from which you must have graduated in 2009 or 2010, you remain eligible.

**3. How do I know what counts as an “arts” degree? For example, does History of Art or Design count?**

The definition of an arts degree is based on Arts Council England’s funded art forms. Therefore any degree that can be said to contribute to one these art forms is eligible. For example, History of Art, also Illustration, Animation and Film are eligible as these courses appear in visual arts forms.

**4. If I hold a joint BA with one Art subject and one other discipline, am I still eligible?**

Yes, you are still eligible if for example you graduated in 2009 or 2010 with BA in Art History and German.

**5. The application says BA or equivalent, what counts as an equivalent qualification?**

BA is equivalent to a NVQ 4 and a BA Honours degree to NVQ 5.

## Financial criteria

### **6. I was in receipt of a Maintenance/Special Support Grant / Hardship Fund whilst at university. What evidence will I need to prove this?**

You should hold a Notice of Entitlement or have other formal documentation from your Local Authority or university. Your university should be able to help provide this documentation if you believe you are eligible but do not have the appropriate documentation.

### **7. I am an overseas student but received a grant or bursary, can I apply for the position?**

As long as you can prove that you received a full maintenance grant, money from a hardship fund, or other special support that demonstrated financial need, you are eligible to apply for the placement. There are no residence criteria for this Scheme.

However, if either your grant or your degree was gained abroad, the onus will be on you to prove financial need and provide the relevant documentation to support your case, all in English.

### **8. Although I did not receive a grant when I was at university, I did receive a student loan. Am I eligible to apply for this placement?**

No. Receiving a student loan for your BA does not qualify you to apply for this placement.

### **9. Does a scholarship count as a special support grant?**

A scholarship which is means tested by a government or similar body counts as special support.

### **10. I received a Partial Maintenance Grant whilst at university. Am I still eligible to apply?**

The onus is on you to make a case for your financial need during this time and to explain why you didn't receive the Full grant. You must, however, have received at least a 50% grant or a minimum of £1,000 pa, whichever is greater.

### **11. I was eligible for Income Support at university because I was in receipt of Disability Living Allowance. Am I eligible?**

Yes, as long as you can show that you received income-assessed financial support.

### **12. I did not receive a Full Maintenance Grant or Special Support Grant or a Hardship Fund while at university. Am I still eligible?**

If you feel there are extenuating circumstances for why you did not receive a full maintenance grant (or similar) whilst at university, the onus is on you to make a case for your financial need during this time. You should use the income levels for a maintenance grant as a benchmark (family income of £25,000 or less). Please refer to the Directgov website for more information about what evidence you could provide to support your case:

[http://www.direct.gov.uk/prod\\_consum\\_dg/groups/dg\\_digitalassets/@dg/@en/@educ/documents/digitalasset/dg\\_189413.pdf](http://www.direct.gov.uk/prod_consum_dg/groups/dg_digitalassets/@dg/@en/@educ/documents/digitalasset/dg_189413.pdf)

Recruiting organisations will assess your application on case by case basis.