

Weston Jerwood Creative Bursaries 2017-19

FAQS For Applicants

SEPTEMBER 2017

Please read the questions below before contacting the organisation you are applying to.

You will find details of the information that you need to provide with your application. The organisation you are applying to will not consider your application WITHOUT this information.

Academic criteria

1. Why do I need a degree?

This is a graduate development scheme designed specifically for those who have been through the university system and might be lost to the sector if they can't find an entry level role in the arts.

2. I graduated in 2014 but fulfil all the other criteria, am I still eligible?

No. You must have graduated in the years 2015, 2016 or 2017 to be eligible to apply for a position. The reason for this is that the programme was set up to support recent graduates.

3. I am graduating in summer 2018 – am I eligible?

No. You must already have graduated to be eligible.

4. I graduated from my BA in 2015 and have since completed an MA, am I still eligible?

Yes. As long as you graduated from your FIRST degree since 2015, you are eligible to apply.

5. The application says BA. Are NVQs eligible qualifications?

Yes. An NVQ level 6 is equivalent to a BA so is an eligible qualification. NVQs below level 6 are not eligible.

6. I received a 3rd class degree. Am I still eligible?

Yes. There are no specific grade requirements.

Financial criteria

7. I was in receipt of a Full Maintenance Grant whilst at university. What evidence will I need to prove this?

You should hold a **Student Finance Breakdown** Letter or Payment Schedule Letter from the Student Loans Company or Student Finance or Student Awards Agency Scotland for each year of your degree. Your university should also be able to help provide this documentation if you believe you are eligible but do not have the documentation. Alternatively the Student Loans Company (for grants in England, Wales and Northern Ireland) or the Student Awards Agency Scotland should be able to help.

You will need to provide evidence for every year of your degree.

Included here is a sample **Student Finance Breakdown** Letter (Appendix A, page 4) and a table (Appendix B, page 6) showing the amount you need to have received each year as evidence of a Full Maintenance Grant. There may be a small variation in the amounts (depending on the year you entered Higher Education) up to a maximum of £200 difference – but anything more than this is an indication that you received a PARTIAL Maintenance Grant and is not eligible evidence for this programme.

You are looking for the words “Grant” (or “Bursary” in Scotland) – i.e. evidence of financial support which is **non-repayable**. These grants are granted on the basis of familial income. Loans are available to all and have to be paid back, and are not eligible evidence for this programme.

8. I was in receipt of a Special Support Grant / Welsh Government Learning Grant / Young Student’s Bursary / Independent Student’s Bursary whilst at University. Am I eligible?

Yes. The countries use different terminology to describe Maintenance Grants, as follows:

England: Maintenance Grant or Special Support Grant

Northern Ireland: Maintenance Grant or Special Support Grant

Wales: Welsh Government Learning Grant (previously Assembly Learning Grant) or Special Support Grant

Scotland: Young Student's Bursary or Independent Student's Bursary

9. I received a Full Maintenance Grant in two years of my course but not every year. Am I still eligible?

No. You will need to provide evidence of your Full Maintenance Grant for every year of your degree.

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

No. Unless the amount of Maintenance Grant on your documentation matches the figures on the attached table (page 6), you will be deemed to have been in receipt of a Partial Maintenance Grant and will not be eligible. There may be variations of no more than £200 in the figures listed, depending on the year you entered university.

11. 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 does not qualify you to apply for this placement. Any payment which needs to be re-paid is not eligible evidence for this programme.

12. I am an overseas student, can I apply for the position?

No. This programme is only open to students who received a Full Maintenance Grant in the UK and are resident in the UK.

13. Are these roles just for people who have studied arts degrees? I have a degree in Engineering, can I still apply?

These roles are for people with any degree - not just in the arts. All degree courses are eligible, unless individual roles require specific qualifications. If this is the case, it will be clearly stated in the application pack.

APPENDIX A

SAMPLE STUDENT FINANCE BREAKDOWN LETTER

2015/16

Your Student Finance Breakdown

5 October 2015

Name: Joseph Bloggs
Customer Reference Number: 01234567890

You will need to pay back the Tuition Fee and Maintenance Loan.

Please see 'Your Payment Timetable' for breakdown of your total Tuition Fee Loan payments for academic year.

Tuition Fees for current course

Tuition Fee amount:	£9000.00
Tuition Fee Loan available to you:	£9000.00
Tuition Fee Loan to be paid to your university or college:	£9000.00

The total amount we will pay to your university or college:

£9000.00

Maintenance Loan

Loan not based on household income:	£3564.00
Plus loan based on household income:	£1386.00
Equals loan available to you:	£4950.00
Loan requested:	£0.00
Loan to be paid to you:	£4950.00

The total amount we will pay to you:

£8337.00

Grants

Maintenance Grant:	£3387.00
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APPENDIX B

This table outlines the amount of funding you will have received through a Full Maintenance Grant – there are likely to be some slight differences (up to £200) as the amount of grant each student is eligible for depends on the year they entered Higher Education (HE).

Grant	Nation	Funding Body	2010/ 11 £	2011/ 12 £	2012/ 13 £	2013/ 14 £	2014/ 15 £	2015/ 16 £	2016/ 17 £
Maintenance Grant / Special Support Grant	England	Student Loan Company (SLC)/ Student Finance England (SFE)	2,906	2,906	2,984	3,080	3,387	3,387	3,387
Maintenance Grant / Special Support Grant	NI	SLC/ Student Finance NI	3,475	3,475	3,475	3,475	3,475	3,475	3,475
Welsh Government Learning Grant (previously Assembly Learning Grant) / Special Support Grant	Wales	SLC / Student Finance Wales	5,161	5,780	5,161	5,161	5,161	5,161	5,161
Young Student's Bursary / Independent Student's Bursary	Scotland	Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS)	2,640	2,640	2,640	1,750	1,875	1,875	1,875