



London Collection Bursary: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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We have created these FAQs to address some of the questions we expect might come up, if anything is unanswered for you just email us directly to ask at

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Q 1. What degree do I need to be studying to apply for the scheme?

A: Any! As long as you can explain in question 10 of your application how you feel your studies might relate to the work of the Museum of London or other museum and heritage sector institutions.

Q 2. I don't know if my course relates to the museum?

A: Some applicants might be studying subjects that might be easier to relate to the work we do such as history or archaeology. However, your chosen course might relate to a particular part of our collection such as fashion or photography. You might be undertaking a subject that links with certain skills or knowledge that might be connected. To help you answer this we have created an overview of the collections departments and some roles, if you don't have this document please email earlycareers@museumoflondon.org.uk

Q 3. Do I have to be studying my degree in London to be eligible?

A: No – although the bursary is targeted towards people who have studied their post-16 qualifications at a school or college in London, you can be going on to study at a higher education institution anywhere in the UK.

Q 4. I don't identify into all of the groups specified in the eligibility criteria (Black, Asian and ethnically diverse people, disabled people, or male or non-binary people) – can I still apply?

A: Yes! Although we will be prioritising applications from people who identify into one or more of these groups in order to seek to address some of the underrepresentation we see in our own workforce and the wider museum and heritage sector workforce, we will still actively consider all applications. We will balance all of the eligibility criteria when choosing which applications we want to progress.

Q 5. Do I need to have done an internship or any work experience with a museum before to be successful?

A: No – the purpose of this bursary is to give people who might not have thought about working for a museum before an insight into what it's like working for a museum and what sort of educational pathway some of our museum staff have taken. You don't even need to have ever visited a museum before, you should just be interested in learning more about how museums work and open to considering a career in museums in the future.

Q 6. Can I apply for the bursary even though I have taken some time out of my studies since I completed my post-16 qualifications?

A: Yes – the bursary is open to anyone who fulfils our eligibility criteria, regardless of at what point you completed your post-16 qualifications. You might have taken a break from your studies before deciding to attend university.

Q 7. How much is the bursary and when will this be paid?

A: The bursary is for £1,000 and will be awarded by the museum to the bursary-holder during the first term of their studies.

Q 8. How many years is the bursary for?

A: It is intended to be paid across the three years of academic study.

Q 9. What am I expected to use the bursary for?

A: The bursary is to support the successful applicant with university expenses, it will be up to them to decide how it can best be utilised.

Q 10. What will my summer placement look like?

A: The two-month placement will involve practical training, introducing the successful applicant to the roles and duties in our collections departments alongside hands-on experience and tasks. We will create a bespoke placement dependent on the academic route chosen that will best support their academic studies for them to gain critical skills for employment within the heritage/museum sector.

Q 11. How many years will the summer placement be taking place?

A: We expect the placement to be for 3 years to support the length of their studies.

Q 12. What is expected of me between receiving the bursary and starting the summer placement?

A: We will agree with the successful applicant the best way to stay in touch and start building a relationship with them before they start their placement with us in the summer of 2025. We would like the successful applicant to share their feedback on the application process and work alongside us to create the summer placement that will best support their academic studies.