

Weston Jerwood Creative Bursaries – FAQs

April 2015

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

You will find details of the information that you need to provide with your application. Recruiting organisations will not consider your application WITHOUT this information.

Academic criteria

1. I graduated in 2012 but fulfil all the other criteria, am I still eligible?

No. You must have graduated in the years 2013, 2014 or 2015 and have already received your results to be eligible to apply for a position. The reason for this is that the programme was set up to support recent graduates.

2. I am graduating this summer 2015 – am I eligible?

You are eligible as soon as you have received confirmation of your grade. You must receive at least a 2:2 or above to be eligible.

3. I graduated from my BA in 2013 and have since completed an MA, am I still eligible?

No. This programme is specifically for recent graduates from their FIRST degree who may be struggling to find an entry route into a career in the arts. MA students, ie those who have gone on to study for a second degree, are not eligible for this programme. The exception is those who studied at one of the older Scottish Universities where the four year MA is the equivalent of the English BA.

4. 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.

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

No. You must have received a 2:2 or above. A 1st or 2:1 is also eligible.

Financial criteria

6. 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 each 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) – ie evidence of financial support which is **non-repayable**. This is granted on the basis of familial income. Loans are available to all and have to be paid back, and are not eligible evidence for the purposes of this programme.

7. 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

8. I received a Full Maintenance Grant in one or 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.

9. 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 therefore not eligible. There may be variations of up to £200 in the figures listed, depending on the year you entered university.

10. 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.

11. 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.

APPENDIX A

SAMPLE STUDENT FINANCE BREAKDOWN LETTER

2010/11

5 October 2009

Customer Reference Number: 01234567890

Dear [Mr Bloggs](#)

Student Finance for Academic Year [2010/11](#)

The amount to be paid to your university or college:

£3290.00

The amount to be paid to you:

£6403.00

This letter details how your student finance total is made up and when to expect payments. We have also included a list of Frequently Asked Questions to help answer any questions you might have about student finance and a University or College Payment Advice.

Next steps

You don't have to do anything.

Yours sincerely

2010/11

Your Student Finance Breakdown

5 October 2009

Name:	Joseph Bloggs
Customer Reference Number:	01234567890
UCAS Personal ID:	1234567890
University or College:	THE UNIVERSITY OF WIGAN
Course:	SCIENCE
Course year:	First

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

Tuition Fees
3290.00
3290.00
£3290.00

3290.00

Maintenance Loan
3564.00
1386.00
1453.00
3497.00
3497.00

6403.00

Grants
Maintenance Grant: £2906.00

* This amount of your Maintenance Loan has been replaced with a Maintenance Grant. This means you have less student finance to repay. For more information go to www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance.

You have been assessed as eligible for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs). If you have not yet received any confirmation of your DSAs entitlement, we will contact you shortly.

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). Eligible candidates are likely to have entered HE from 2009/10 onwards.

Grant	Nation	Funding Body	2009/10 £	2010/11 £	2011/12 £	2012/13 £	2013/14 £
Maintenance Grant / Special Support Grant	England	Student Loan Company (SLC)/Student Finance England (SFE)	2,906	2,906	2,906	2,984	3,080
Maintenance Grant / Special Support Grant	NI	SLC/ Student Finance NI	3,406	3,475	3,475	3,475	3,475
Welsh Government Learning Grant (previously Assembly Learning Grant) / Special Support Grant	Wales	SLC / Student Finance Wales	2,906	5,161	5,780	5,161	5,161
Young Student's Bursary / Independent Student's Bursary	Scotland	Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS)	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	1,750