GSA Scholarships

Some of our scholarships offer a contribution towards your tuition fees and others provide a maintenance grant to assist with your living costs while you study at the GSA. The value of the scholarship does not reflect the full cost of undertaking full-time study and, unless otherwise stated, the scholarships are for one academic year only.

Please check the GSA scholarship webpage on a regular basis before you submit your application. New scholarships can become available, and changes may be made to existing scholarships up to the application deadline date. GSA reserves the right to make variations to the scholarships available and to not award in any year.

How to Apply

If eligible, you can apply for a maximum of two scholarships. Only one application form is required to apply for two scholarships. Scholarship applications will not be assessed until after the application deadline on 31st May 2024.

The application form can be downloaded HERE.

Check the eligibility criteria:
Only applicants that meet all the eligibility criteria for the scholarship(s) will be considered. Meeting all the eligibility criteria does not guarantee you will receive an award.

Check the deadline:
There is a high demand for GSA scholarships so we cannot accept late applications. Scholarships are not awarded on a first come first served basis.

Make it clear why you should receive an award:
The Scholarship Committees will be looking at a high number of applications. You should clearly explain why you need the funding and how it will support you to succeed with your studies at the GSA. Most scholarships are awarded based on financial need, it is therefore important that you complete the income and expenditure sections fully in your Scholarship Application, to provide the Scholarship Committees a full picture of your expected financial situation in 2023/24. Unless stated otherwise, the Scholarship Committees will make awards based only on the information you provide in your application form and relevant supporting documents or artwork, where this is a requirement.

Documents:
If the scholarship(s) you are applying to ask for supporting documents, then email us clear copies. You should only send us copies of documents that are required or that you feel strengthen your application. The quantity of documents supplied will not increase your chance of an award. All documents must be in English and financial amounts translated into UK Pounds Sterling. There is no need to send copies of certificates.
for examinations; there is a dedicated space on the Scholarship Application Form for you to list your educational achievements.

**Submitting Your Application**
Please check your application and ensure each section is fully complete:

**Section 1: Personal details**
- Your programme of study, year of study (e.g., 1st, 2nd) and fee status can be found on your offer letter/email.
- If you have not arranged a term time address, then please write “not yet known”.
- All contact will be made by email so please ensure your email address is correct.

**Section 2: Education**
- Please list your educational history by most recent first. Transcripts or certificates of qualifications are not required.

**Section 3: Financial information**
- The tuition fee you will be charged is stated in your offer letter/email.
- In the income section you should be as accurate as possible about the funding you have secured or expect to receive. We understand this may be an estimate if your funding has not been confirmed.
- In the expenditure section you should list any existing obligations/costs that may affect your finances during your studies e.g., debt repayments, medical bills, supporting dependants, caring responsibilities.

**Section 4: Personal Statement**
- Please explain why you require the support of the GSA Scholarship you are applying for.
- Most scholarships only require a completed and signed application form with a copy of your Conditional or Unconditional offer letter/email. Others require further documents or an artwork image. Do not send information that has not been specifically requested in the criteria for example: a CV, references, examples of your work. The requirements are fully explained in the individual scholarship’s eligibility criteria.
- Please do not send ‘zip files’ or ‘pages’ format files as we cannot open these.

**Enquiries**
An extensive Frequently Asked Questions section is provided. If you cannot find the answer to your question you can email: scholarships@gsa.ac.uk

**Privacy Statement**
The information you provide on your scholarship application form and supporting documents will only be used to process your application and will be held by GSA in accordance with Data Protection security regulation. Information will not be disclosed to a third party without your prior written consent. Information will be securely destroyed within 1 year for unsuccessful applicants and 5 years for scholarship awardees.
**Statutory Funding**

Certain national Governments offer student support to residents:

Scottish residents (and EU students with Settled/Pre-Settled Status in the UK):
http://www.saas.gov.uk/

**Student Information Scotland - Funding, Finance and Student Life**
- The Scottish Government have created a portal to find out about their funding, which also includes advice, guidance and budgeting tools.

English residents:
https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/overview
https://www.gov.uk/funding-for-postgraduate-study

Welsh residents:
http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/

**Northern Irish residents:**
http://www.studentfinanceni.co.uk/

**Overseas students:**
Check with your home Government.
Some schemes are available for students studying abroad, such as student loans for US citizens:

For tips and guidance on preparing your funding and finances as a student in the current climate, you can read the latest issue of Money Matters magazine
External Scholarships

A number of private foundations and charitable organisations offer limited financial support to certain students. These private scholarships have their own application and selection criteria. Please find below is a list of websites that can help you in your own research for scholarships, grants and bursaries out with GSA:

http://www.turn2us.org.uk/grants_search.aspx  
- scholarship search engine

http://www.scholarship-search.org.uk/  
- scholarship search engine

http://www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk  
– postgraduate scholarship search engine

www.prospects.ac.uk  
– careers website with funding information and links

www.chevening.org  
- Foreign & Commonwealth Office Scholarships (British Council)

http://www.carnegie-trust.org/  
- Scottish charity offering support to students at a number of Scottish Universities including Glasgow School of Art

https://www.gemt.org.uk/  
- the Glasgow Educational & Marshall Trust provides funding for the people of Glasgow to advance their academic or vocational qualifications

https://www.buttleuk.org/other-charities  
- children’s charity providing a list of charities and grant providers

https://www.britishcouncil.in/study-uk/scholarships/great-scholarships  
- fee waivers available for an Indian student on MLitt Fine Art Practice and MArch Architectural Studies

Homepage | Leverhulme Charity (leverhulme-trade.org.uk)  
- Bursaries for both Undergraduate and Postgraduate students who are resident in the UK and the son/daughter, spouse, widow/widower of a commercial traveller, pharmacist or grocer.

This is not a comprehensive list and is provided as places to start your research for external Scholarships. GSA cannot be held responsible for the content of external websites and the funding schemes they advertise.
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the deadline for scholarship applications?
The GSA scholarship application deadline for 2023/24 has passed. The GSA scholarships for 2024/25 will be published on our website in April 2024.

Who can apply for a GSA Scholarship?
GSA Scholarships are open to new Undergraduate (including direct entry into year 2 or 3) and new Postgraduate students who have a Conditional or Unconditional offer of study at the GSA.

I don’t have an offer yet to study at the GSA. Can I still apply for a scholarship?
No – you must have either a Conditional or Unconditional offer of a place of study at the GSA before you can apply for a scholarship. You must submit a copy of your offer letter or email with your scholarship application.

I am a new International Foundation student – can I apply for GSA Scholarships?
Yes - you are eligible to apply for the Undergraduate Scholarships.

I studied at the GSA as an Undergraduate student and I’m returning as a Postgraduate student. Am I a new student?
Yes - if you studied at the GSA as an Undergraduate student and are returning to study on a Postgraduate programme, you would be considered a new Postgraduate student.

Diploma of Architecture students are considered as new Undergraduate students and are therefore eligible to apply for the Undergraduate GSA Scholarships. This includes students who studied BArch at GSA.

Students new to GSA joining the 2-year Diploma of Architecture Programme are eligible to apply for the Undergraduate GSA Scholarships and the Governors International 24-month scholarship, if they meet the specific criteria.

I studied at the GSA as an International Foundation student and I’m returning as an Undergraduate student. Am I a new student?
Yes - you are eligible to apply for the Undergraduate Scholarships.

How many scholarships can I apply for?
You can apply for a maximum of two scholarships. Use one application form only.

Which GSA School does my programme of study belong to?
Some GSA Scholarships are only available to students from specific programmes/Schools. Please find below a breakdown of programmes by School

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**School of Design programmes**

| BA(Hons) or MDes Communication Design | BEng(Hons)/(MEng) Product Design Engineering | MDes Fashion and Textiles |
| BA(Hons) Textile Design | BA(Hons) Interaction Design | BA(Hons) Silversmithing and Jewellery Design |
| BA(Hons) Fashion Design | BA(Hons) or MDes Interior Design | MDes in Graphics/Illustration/Photography |
| MSc Product Design Engineering | Doctoral Studies | |

| BSc(Hons) Immersive Systems Design (3D Modelling; Games & Virtual Reality) | MSc Serious Games and Virtual Reality | BDes(Hons) or MDes Sound for the Moving Image |
| MSc Medical Visualisation and Human Anatomy | MSc Heritage Visualisation | Doctoral Studies |

**School of Innovation and Technology programmes**

| BDes/MEDes Product Design | MDes in Design Innovation and Transformation Design | MDes in Design Innovation and Interaction Design |
| MDes in Design Innovation & Service Design | MDes in Design Innovation & Environmental Design | MSc International Management and Design Innovation |
| MDes in Design Innovation and Citizenship | MDes in Design Innovation and Collaborative Creativity | BDes/MDes Design for Health and Wellbeing |
Non-School specific programmes also eligible for GSA Scholarship support:

International Foundation programme
Master of Research

**My scholarship choice requires me to prove that I am a Scottish resident. What evidence do you require me to send?**

Scottish residency is determined using the same criteria SAAS use to assess students for tuition fee funding. If you are being funded by SAAS as a Scottish student, please send a copy of your SAAS award letter with your application. If you are not being funded by SAAS (perhaps you have already completed an HND and SAAS will not pay your tuition fees until the 2nd year of your studies, then you should include the SAAS correspondence confirming this). This evidence can be submitted after the scholarship application deadline if your SAAS application is still to be assessed.

**I am an EU student; what scholarships can I apply for?**

EU students can apply for most of the GSA scholarships. Some scholarships have a domicile or tuition fee status requirement. Information on tuition fee status can be found here: [https://www.gsa.ac.uk/life/fees,-funding-finance/programme-fees/](https://www.gsa.ac.uk/life/fees,-funding-finance/programme-fees/) New EU students, moving to Scotland to join GSA, are likely to be considered international fee payers and therefore are eligible to apply for our international scholarships. New students from the Republic of Ireland are likely to be considered an RUK fee payers and are therefore eligible for our Home/RUK scholarships. EU students who have been resident in Scotland prior 31 Dec 2020 (the date the UK exited the EU) may be eligible for Home tuition fee status. Please contact admissions@gsa.ac.uk to discuss your fee status.

**Who is eligible for the RUK Welcome Scholarship?**
The RUK Welcome Scholarship is available to students from England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Applicant must be classed as an RUK (£9,250) fee payer and must demonstrate they are from a low income household (under £50,000).

**I am a resident of the Republic of Ireland – am I eligible for the GSA RUK Welcome Scholarship?**

Students from the Republic of Ireland with an RUK fee status are eligible to apply for the RUK Welcome Scholarship. Student from the Republic of Ireland who have been ordinarily resident in Scotland prior to 31 Dec 2020 may be categorised with a Home/Scottish fee status – these students are not eligible for the RUK Welcome Scholarship. Please contact admissions@gsa.ac.uk to discuss your fee status.

**I am applying for the GSA RUK Welcome Scholarship. What evidence do I need to send to prove my RUK fee status, my £9,250 tuition fee, and to show that my household income is not more than £50,000?**

Please provide your GSA offer notification/e-mail indicating your tuition fee status. If available, please also include a copy of your financial notification letter from your funding body (Student Finance England/Wales/Northern Ireland/SAAS) with your scholarship application. If you have applied for the maximum maintenance loan available to you the amount of loan you are...
awarded will indicate your household income. This evidence can be submitted after the scholarship application deadline if your funding application is still to be assessed by your student funding body.

Students from the Republic of Ireland are not eligible for a maintenance student loan but can apply to SAAS for a tuition fee loan. With your application for the GSA RUK Welcome Scholarship please include your SAAS Award Letter (this can be submitted after the scholarship application deadline if necessary) and evidence of your household income from the 2022 tax year. Details of what is considered household income can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance/household-income.

Below is a list of documents you can submit with your scholarship application to demonstrate your household income. Please include evidence of income from your parents if you are under the age of 25 at the start of your course:
- P60 / Employment Detail Summary
- Final pay slips from the 2022 tax year
- Annual tax summary
- State benefits letter
- Self-employed / property Tax Assessment calculation

Please contact scholarship@gsa.ac.uk if you are unsure what evidence to include with your application.

Can you help me to choose which scholarships I should apply for?
No - you must make the selection based on your personal eligibility. You must check the eligibility criteria: this will show you what you can apply for.

I don’t meet the eligibility criteria should I apply anyway?
No - only students who meet the eligibility criteria can be considered.

I have a fee waiver or academic excellence scholarship should I apply for a GSA Scholarship?
Yes - you can apply for maintenance only scholarships.

What information do I need to send with my application?
You must submit a completed application form and a copy of your Conditional or Unconditional offer letter/email. Depending on your circumstances and the scholarship you are applying for, you may need to submit your funding award letter. Specific scholarships require you to submit an image of a piece of A5 artwork. More information is provided below.

How do I demonstrate my ‘financial need’?
You can demonstrate financial need with your answers in Section 3 of your scholarship application form. There is no need to provide bank statements or tax documents. Scholarships are not intended to cover the full cost of study so you need to be prepared to fund your costs through other means. It is important that you complete the income and expenditure sections fully in your Scholarship Application, to provide the Scholarship Committees a full picture of your expected financial situation in 2023/24.

I am applying for a scholarship that requires me to send an image of a piece of work (max A5 size). Is it OK to send a larger piece of work?
Your electronic image will be viewed at A5 size. Do not send multiple images of your piece of work.

How will I know that you have received my application?
You will receive an email acknowledgement within three working days of your scholarship application submission. This may be after the deadline.

How and when will I know if my application has been successful?
You will be notified of the outcome of your application by email no later than 31st July 2022.

What should I do if I realise part of my application is incorrect after submitting it?
If you realise before the application deadline please contact scholarships@gsa.ac.uk with details.
What do I have to do if I am awarded a scholarship?
Full details will be given to scholarship awardees about the process and dates of payment etc.

What if I decide not to start my course at the GSA?
Scholarships are paid to fully enrolled students only; you will not receive any funds if you are awarded a scholarship but do not commence your studies. If you defer your studies, you will need to re-apply for a GSA Scholarship.

Once I start my course, will a Leave of Absence affect my scholarship?
Yes - if you take a Leave of Absence your scholarship will be suspended. Most scholarships are reinstated upon return from a Leave of Absence.

What if I withdraw from my programme of study?
If you withdraw from your programme at any point you will not receive further scholarship payments. This could result in you having a tuition fee debt which will need to be paid by you to the GSA Finance Office.

If I change my programme of study will it affect my scholarship?
If you change your programme of study it is not guaranteed that your scholarship will transfer with you. You will need to seek advice from Student Welfare at GSA, should this situation arise.

Can I defer my offer to next year and defer my scholarship?
You need to contact Admissions if you wish to defer your entry to the GSA. GSA Scholarships cannot be deferred and you will need to reapply along with students entering GSA next year. We cannot guarantee scholarship availability for next year.

I have a question that is not covered in the above. Who can I ask?
Please email your enquiry to scholarships@gsa.ac.uk