

Phoenix Bursaries

Summary

Bursaries are available to GSA students graduating from the School of Fine Art, to help them to rebuild their practice following the fire in the Mackintosh building. Students who wish to apply should do so by the deadline of 16th July 2014.

Introduction

Everyone at the Glasgow School of Art (GSA) has been deeply affected by the fire in the Mackintosh Building but none more so than final year students in the School of Fine Art who were installing their degree show exhibitions when the fire broke out. Nobody's work has escaped unscathed, and some have seen their entire final year's output destroyed. At a distressing time for all many of this year's Fine Art graduates have also been denied the opportunity to fully showcase their work as they had intended at the degree show and will miss out on this important opportunity to launch their professional careers.

In recognition of this, the GSA, with the generous support of The Scottish Government, has established Phoenix Bursaries to help graduating students to create a new body of creative practice and launch their artistic careers in the months ahead. The scheme is open to any final year GSA student in the School of Fine Art (those graduating in June 2014). Phoenix Bursaries will provide an allowance towards their living expenses, a location in which to work for up to 15 weeks, up to 30 hours of supervision by an academic tutor and an allowance towards the cost of materials and consumables. The programme will culminate in the opportunity to show in a group exhibition to be held at GSA in early 2015. Please note these bursaries cannot be used as part of or linked to any form of study or academic course.

Due to the closure of the Mackintosh building we are unable to provide studio facilities for bursary recipients at the GSA. However the School has been overwhelmed with generous offers of support from schools of art and design across the UK and in Europe. The GSA will work with applicants and our network of partners to secure a suitable studio location in an academic institution close to where award holders will be based. Alternatively, if no such space is available, we will help individual graduates or groups of graduates who would like to be resident within an artists' workspace while in receipt of a bursary.

Phoenix Bursaries - Programme Details

Objective

Phoenix Bursaries are designed to help graduates to rebuild their artistic practice following the Mackintosh fire and to begin to establish themselves within their professional artistic field. Applicants may wish to restore or recreate the work they prepared for their degree show or to create a new body of work or creative practice. Phoenix Bursaries are to support individual graduates however this may be part of a group initiative or project.

Duration

Bursaries will support a period of up to 15 weeks of creative practice in which to create a body of work. This period will commence from 1st October 2014 and must be completed by 28th February 2015. Requests for bursaries to cover a shorter period of time between October 2014 and March 2015 will also be considered.

Supervision

The GSA will ensure that an academic tutor is available to provide award holders with up to 30 hours of guidance and tuition while they are in receipt of a bursary. Allocated tutors may be based at GSA or at another school of art & design. Tutors may provide guidance in person or remotely and to individuals or groups of graduates depending on their location and circumstances.

Living Expenses

Participating graduates will receive a stipend of £315 per week, up to a total of £4,725, to help with their personal accommodation, travel and other expenses during the period of study and practice.

Materials

Bursary holders may also request an additional contribution towards materials used in the creation of their work as well as transport of work, up to a maximum of £1000. Bursary holders should be aware that receipts must be provided for all materials or transport cost.

Location

GSA will work with applicants to identify a suitable studio or other location in which they can work and which is close to where they intend to live. Where possible, applicants will be placed in another school of art & design. In the wake of the Mackintosh fire GSA received offers of help from art schools around the UK and in Europe and these schools will host Phoenix Bursary Recipients whenever places are available.

In the event that no places are available in an art school close to where an applicant lives the Phoenix Bursary coordinators will help to arrange access to dedicated artists' workspace or similar facilities. At their discretion the GSA will consider requests to use alternative facilities, if applicants can provide justification. Where an applicant would like to utilise an existing contact, link to an institution or studio facility this should be made clear on the application.

Please note that we cannot guarantee that every applicant will be placed in their first choice of location. Because of space restrictions following the closure of the Mackintosh building, we cannot provide studio space at GSA. Where applicants are situated within artists' studios or workshops GSA will pay the studio fee directly to the provider where appropriate.

Other Support

GSA will arrange other forms of practical support as appropriate for bursary holders, ranging from help with visas for bursary applicants based overseas to advice, counselling or professional development for Fine Art graduates affected by the fire.

Outputs

Bursary holders are expected to produce a body of creative work during the funded period, but their work will not be assessed or marked and they will receive no form of qualification or accreditation for having produced it. Participating graduates may choose to restore or recreate their final year projects if they wish but there is no obligation to do so. Applicants should decide how to make the most of the opportunity in order to establish their careers.

Exhibition

The Phoenix Bursary scheme will culminate in a group exhibition at GSA in early 2015. Given widespread public interest in the restoration of the Mackintosh building, the show should attract considerable attention and provide a launchpad into their professional careers for those who did not fully benefit from a degree show in 2014.

Bursary holders who wish to take part in the group exhibition should consider how their work will be transported to the final exhibition or otherwise be represented there. Additional funds will not be available for this purpose so please include this within your materials and transport of artwork allocation.

Eligibility

Phoenix Bursaries are available to students in Painting & Printmaking, Sculpture and Environmental and Fine Art Photography at GSA who are completing their final year of BA(Hons) Fine Art in June 2014. The scheme is open to all such students/graduates. No restrictions apply to those from Scotland, the rest of the UK, other EU member states or any other country (subject to Visa regulations where these apply). Applicants must be available to carry out the work supported by the bursary between October 2014 and February 2015, or between July and September for the Fast Track Recipients (see details of Phoenix Fast Track Awards), as awards cannot be deferred or postponed. Only those who submit an application by July 16th 2014 will be considered.

Bursaries can support up to 15 weeks of studio practice, which must be undertaken consecutively (i.e. not as several shorter periods interspersed with breaks). Note that the bursary period includes Christmas and New Year and no additional time will be added to compensate for festive breaks. For those who have other commitments at this time, applications to use the Phoenix Bursary to support part-time practice will be considered or Phoenix Fast Track Awards can be applied for. We are sorry, but if you are unable to take advantage of the Phoenix Bursary opportunity before March 2015 no alternative forms of support or award will be available.

Phoenix Fast Track

For applicants undertaking full time study or with other prior commitments between October 2014 and March 2015 there is a fast track scheme which allows applicants to apply for support for up to 4 weeks. This can be used for research and preliminary practice before a course or other commitment is undertaken.

Please note that Phoenix Fast Track support does not have studio facilities or partners and will have limited tuition attached (subject to availability). Applicants who already have studio or workshop arrangements should embed this within their application. This support aims to allow applicants with prior commitments to benefit from the Phoenix Bursaries. To apply for Phoenix Fast Track you must explain what your further study or prior commitment is on the application.

Applicants for Phoenix Fast Track should apply as soon as possible and will be notified within 4 weeks of the receipt of their application. The stipend for Fast Track Bursaries may be given at a higher rate due to the shorter nature of the opportunity and will be weighted according to need and ambition of proposal. Please note all other rules apply

Application Process and Timetable

Key Dates

Phoenix Bursaries scheme opens	19th June 2014
Applicant Briefing in Barnes Lecture Theatre	25th June 2014, 1pm
Application deadline	16th July 2014
Notification of award	29th August 2014
Bursary Period	1st October 2014 to 28th February 2015
Group Exhibition	Early 2015

If you wish to be apply for a Phoenix Bursary, you must complete the application form below submit it to **phoenix@gsa.ac.uk** 5pm on Wednesday 16 July.

There will be an applicant briefing session to answer any queries regarding the Phoenix Bursaries at 1pm in the Barnes Lecture Theatre on Wednesday 25th June. This will be led by project lead Marianne Greated and project co-ordinator Sam De Santis.

Applications will be assessed by staff from the School of Fine Art at GSA. You may be contacted and asked to discuss or revise aspects of your application before a final decision is made. You will be informed of the final decision by 29th August 2014.

The Phoenix Bursary coordinators at GSA will work with you to identify and confirm suitable workspace and supervision arrangements. We cannot guarantee that your preferences for workspace will be met, but will endeavour to ensure that you have access to an appropriate place in which to work, at a suitable location.