## Friends of Aberdeen University Library Postgraduate Bursary: criteria

The Friends of Aberdeen University Library Postgraduate Bursary supports postgraduate students working extensively with the University of Aberdeen's rare and distinctive collections.

- 1. The scholarship is a one-off bursary payment of £4000.
- 2. The award is designed to support research based on and making particular use of rare and distinctive materials held by the University's Libraries or Museums and Special Collections.
- 3. This award can be held in conjunction with other funding awards such as those offered by AHRC and ESRC, or an Elphinstone Scholarship.

Applicants must have accepted an offer of study on a postgraduate research degree from the University of Aberdeen or be less than 50% through their period of study at the time of application.

- 4. Decisions will be taken by the Friends of Aberdeen University Library Committee based on the following criteria:
  - a. The academic merit of the proposed project
  - b. The feasibility of the proposed project
  - c. The strength of the connection to the unique materials held in the University's Libraries or Museums and Special Collections
- 5. All decisions by the committee shall be final.

## **Conditions**

- 1. Successful candidates are normally expected to attend any events related to the Bursary Programme or to participate in other appropriate engagement activities.
- 2. Applicants will normally be expected to undertake appropriate public engagement activities relating to their project and contribute to relevant publications such as the Friends of Aberdeen University Library Newsletter. FAUL will provide further details about this towards the end of the academic year. This should detail the progress of your studies.

3. Should the scholar leave the University of Aberdeen, or fail to submit their degree, a proportion of the scholarship may be refundable to the Friends of Aberdeen University Library. The scholarship can only be held by students of the University of Aberdeen and cannot be transferred to another institution.

accept the scholarship and agree to the above terms and conditions:
Name:
Signature:
Date: