

# Friends of Aberdeen University Library

## Postgraduate Research Bursaries AY(Year/Year)

### Details, Criteria & Conditions

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- The Friends of Aberdeen University Library Postgraduate Bursary was established in 2017 to support University of Aberdeen postgraduate students working extensively with our collections, whether that is the rare and distinctive collections within our Museums & Special Collections holdings, or any of the print or digital materials in the Library's Modern Collections.
- We are keen to see applications that might have a lesser environmental impact, are interdisciplinary, involve analytical work, aim to carry out public engagement, or those that increase accessibility. Applications for creative, practice-based, or community-engaged forms of research, as well as traditional research, are welcome.
- We warmly encourage applications from researchers from a diverse range of backgrounds, and applications will be anonymized before the selection process.
- A FAUL PGR Bursary Award cannot be held concurrently with a FAUL Research Award.
- [Please go online to submit an application.](#)

#### Criteria

1. The award is a one-off bursary payment of £4,000.
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 & 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.
4. Applicants must hold an offer of study from the University to begin in September XXXX or be less than 50% through their period of study at that time. They must be engaged in postgraduate research (PhD or Masters by Research).

5. 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, Museums, or Special Collections
6. All decisions by the Committee shall be final.
7. Should the scholar receiving the award leave the University of Aberdeen, or fail to successfully complete their degree, a portion of the scholarship will be refundable to the Friends of Aberdeen University Library.
8. The bursary can only be held by students of the University of Aberdeen and cannot be transferred to another institution.

#### Conditions of Bursary Award

1. Successful candidates are normally expected to attend any events related to the Bursary Programme or to participate in other appropriate engagement activities.
2. Successful candidates are expected to write a report at the end of the academic year which is to be submitted to the Friends of Aberdeen University Library and which may be published on the FAUL webpages. This should detail the progress of your studies. FAUL will provide further details about this towards the end of the academic year.