



MLA
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Bursary Policy

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1. Introduction

1.1 The aim of this policy is to guide students in making a bursary application and to provide a clear framework for MLA College staff awarding bursaries.

1.2 MLA College believes that a lack of funds should not be a barrier to learning, and is committed to providing a number of bursaries each year to assist students in gaining access to its Higher Education programmes.

1.3 Bursaries will be made available for each of its intakes (September, January and May) each academic year. Bursaries are awarded at the discretion of MLA College and are not a student entitlement.

2. Available Bursaries (2025/26)

2.1 UK Bursary 6 x £500 bursaries for UK students over 25 years of age on enrolment.

Each bursary award will be for a value of £500, and will be made as a deduction from fees against the first module on which the applicant enrolls, following the production of the required evidence.

Eligibility to apply:

- Be enrolled/holding an unconditional offer on a MLA College Higher Education programme,
- Be paying the expected tuition fee in full,
- Be registered as a UK Student,
- Meet the appropriate income criteria (annual income of less than £25,000, normally confirmed by provision of evidence of 3 months' salary).

2.2 International Bursary

6 x £500 bursaries for non-UK students over 25 years of age on enrolment.

Each bursary award will be for a value of £500, and will be made as a deduction from fees against the first module on which the applicant enrolls, following the production of the required evidence.

Eligibility to apply:

- Be enrolled/holding an unconditional offer on a MLA College Higher Education programme,
- Be paying the expected tuition fee in full,
- Be registered as a non-UK Student.
- Meet the appropriate income criteria (annual income of less than £25,000, normally confirmed by provision of evidence of 3 months' salary).

2.3 Women in Maritime/STEM

6 x £500 bursaries for women over 25 years of age on enrolment, for UK and non-UK students.

Each bursary award will be for a value of £500, and will be made as a deduction from fees against the first module on which the applicant enrolls, following the production of the required evidence.

Eligibility to apply:

- Be enrolled/holding an unconditional offer on a MLA College Higher Education programme on a part time basis,
- Be paying the expected tuition fee as agreed with MLA College during the offer process.

3. Application Process

3.1 The number of bursaries is limited and will be awarded on a first come first served basis.

3.2 **Bursary Application Form** - Students are required to complete the Student Bursaries application form found at Annex A. The application form will also be available to download from the MLA College website.

3.3 Applicants must provide evidence of income (where required). Incomplete applications, or applications which don't include required evidence, will not be considered.

3.4 **Bursary Application Timelines** - The opening date for bursary applications is 9th June 2025. Bursary application deadlines are:

- 1st September 2025 for September 2025 starters.
- 1st January 2026 for January 2026 starters.
- 1st May 2026 for May 2026 starters.

4. Payment

Each bursary award will be made as a deduction from fees against the first module on which the applicant enrolls, following the production of the required evidence.

Annex A – MLA College Bursary Application Form

MLA COLLEGE BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

Bursaries offered by MLA College may be revised on an annual basis, therefore all bursaries are valid for one year only. Bursaries for subsequent years will be subject to re-application. Before completion, please read the MLA Bursary Scheme Handbook.

- Applications must be received by midday on **1st September 2025 for September 2025** applicants.
- Applications must be received by midday on **1st January 2026 for January 2026** applicants.
- Applications must be received by midday on **1st May 2026 for May 2026** applicants.

Personal Details:	
Title:	Surname:
First Names:	Date of birth:
Contact Address:	Post Code:
Contact number:	
Email:	Nationality:
Programme Manager (if known):	
Programme Title:	Year of Study:
Where did you hear about this bursary please?	
Title of Bursary (1, 2 or 3):	
Evidence of income enclosed	Yes / No
<p>Declaration by Applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information I have given in support of this application is correct and complete • I have read and understood the MLA College Bursary Policy • I understand that to qualify for a bursary I must provide the evidence as stated • I will inform MLA College immediately, in writing, if there is a change of circumstances (such as withdrawing from the programme; change of mode of study and interrupted studies) • If successful in my application, I will complete any online bursary questionnaire as requested by MLA College. • If my application is successful I will provide bank account details in my name for the payment of the bursary 	
Applicant	
Signature.....	Date.....