

Dr John Wreglesworth Scholarship
History
2025-26

Notes to Applicants

Scholarship available in 2025/26

The following scholarship is available for the upcoming academic year 2025/26 to applicants wishing to embark on an Undergraduate Programme in History. This Scholarship has been established from a generous legacy gift bequeathed by Dr John Wreglesworth, a supporter and friend of the University. His eponymous scholarship provides up to £4,000 for each year of study (if the degree is a three-year course, this can be supplemented by financial support during one or both of a foundation or integrated masters year).

Details

The Department of History is able to offer this Undergraduate Scholarship as an addition to the Faculty of Arts and Humanities Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries. The Department recognises that students from the North-East of England are under-represented in our student body, and we are proactively seeking ways to support students from the area who are in need of financial assistance in their academic careers.

Am I eligible to apply?

You are eligible for this scholarship if:

1. You are applying to join the Department of History at Durham University in October 2025 to take an Honours degree, including BA History with foundation year, or a Joint Honours degree with a 50% minimum History Content; and
2. Your official fee status is Home student; and
3. You have a household income (as assessed by Student Finance England or the equivalent UK government body) of below £62,342
4. You have been educated at a state-maintained UK school, college or other education provider for the whole of your education;
5. At the time of applying you are living at an address in the North East of England which has a postcode beginning with the letters NE, SR, TS, DH or DL

We would particularly welcome applications from those who are the first generation of their family to attend higher education and/or are care experienced or are estranged from their family.

Amount	£4,000 per academic year which contributes to: • Tuition fees • Living costs • Other associated costs of study
Year of Entry	Applicants for programmes commencing in October 2025
Number of awards available	Three

Level of Study	Undergraduate
Mode of Study	Full-time
Programmes	• V102 BA History with Foundation • V100 BA History • QV21 BA English Literature and History • V101 BA Ancient, Medieval and Modern History • RV92 BA Modern European Languages and History with Year Abroad • LA01 BA Liberal Arts • LMV0 BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences If the degree is a three-year course, this can be supplemented by financial support during one or both of the following: a) A Foundation year of study in the year preceding the start of the degree, meaning the degree course applied for is BA History with Foundation which lasts four years (V102). b) After the Honours degree, a Masters year in History (V1KC07) or Medieval and Early Modern Studies (R9K807), if accepted to one of those courses.
Duration	Up to 5 years of Study

How can I use the Scholarship?

The scholarship is intended to help you get the best out of your time at Durham University studying History. The funding awarded to you is yours and does not need to be repaid. You can use the money to pay for the things that would help you most. Typically, students find it helpful to use such awards to purchase their own learning resources such as textbooks, laptops and related devices; membership and other costs relating to clubs, societies, sports and activities that interest them and help build skills which may transfer into the workplace; and/or to enable participation in activities that support personal development and employability – perhaps volunteering or attending employer insight days. You can also put it towards fees or costs of accommodation.

How and when do I apply?

To apply for this scholarship, please:

- Complete the [application form](#)
- Arrange for a letter of support to be sent by a teacher or person in a similar position of authority who knows you well
- If appropriate, provide official evidence of your time in care

The letter of support and any evidence of time spent in care should be sent to Joanna Cant (Operations Administrator, History Department) at history.operations@durham.ac.uk with the subject line 'Dr John Wreglesworth Scholarship 2025/26'.

The information you provide will be treated in strict confidence and will only be seen by members of the selection panel.

Applications must be received before midnight (no later than 23:59 BST) on 30 September 2025. Late applications cannot be considered.

If I am awarded a Scholarship, what else do I have to do?

If you are awarded a scholarship, you will be asked in the first term to write a short letter of introduction to your donor's loved ones. We will contact you to provide guidance on what to include. At the end of the year of funding we will contact you again to request that you write a short reflection on the part your scholarship has played in your experience as a student of the Department of History at Durham University, and again guidance will be given. By accepting the offer a scholarship you will be agreeing to provide the short reports outlined above. These reports will be shared with the loved ones of the legator who is funding your scholarship, so they can see how this support is helping you and may be published in full or in part in Departmental and/or University publications in print and/or online. You may also be asked to contribute other quotes or content from time to time. If reports, comments or other content you have submitted are to be published, you have the option for these to include your name, photograph, or other content that might identify you, or not – if you prefer not to be identified as the recipient of a scholarship.

The Dr John Wreglesworth Scholarship is about offering support to those who might benefit from it most. Support is financial but will also come in the form of having a community around you who can act as trusted friends, mentors and approachable source of listening, advise and signposting to wider networks. You will be invited, at least once per academic year, to meet with other students in receipt of scholarships and awards, along with a small number of staff and perhaps also some donors of scholarships. These meetings are intended to help you by creating a community of Scholars that you can feel part of, by giving you access to members of the University community who are in your corner. You may also receive invitations to participate in occasional other events relating to your scholarship. By accepting the offer a scholarship, you will be agreeing to make the time (wherever possible) to attend and participate in such meetings and events.

What if I have questions about the scholarship?

If you have any questions about the scholarship, please email Joanna Cant (Operations Administrator, History Department) at history.operations@durham.ac.uk.