

Lorna Webber Vipond Scholarship

Supporting talented local art students to fulfil their potential

Guidance Notes and Terms and Conditions

These Guidance Notes and Terms and Conditions apply to the Lorna Webber Vipond Scholarship award. (hereafter referred to as the Scholarship)

Guidance Notes

What does this scholarship support?

This scholarship supports undergraduate students studying art at the University of Reading. It provides financial support to help contribute towards the recipients' living costs whilst studying, so that they can afford a broad range of art materials, can visit exhibitions throughout their studies and participate in cultural experiences that will contribute to their creative outputs.

It is not designed to cover full living costs and students are also expected to require funding from other sources.

What does the scholarship provide?

Each scholarship is worth a maximum of £4000.

Scholarship funding will be awarded in instalments of £1000 per academic year, for a maximum of four years. Funds will be disbursed as payments of £500 in semesters 1 and 2.

£1000 Funding will be provided in each academic year of study provided that the student remains a registered student at the University on the same programme and level of study and passes all study modules undertaken.

How many scholarships are available?

One scholarship will be offered for 2024 entrance.

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for consideration for this scholarships candidates must:

Have applied to and been made an offer to study on a full-time basis for entry to one of the following University of Reading undergraduate art programmes for admission in the academic year 2024-2025

- BA Art
- BA Fine Art
- BA Art and History of Art
- BA Art and Creative Writing
- BA Art and English Literature
- BA Art and Film
- BA Art and Philosophy
- BA Art and Psychology
- BA Art and Theatre

Be a permanent resident of the UK; with a home address in close proximity to the University of Reading, with a postcode starting with the letters RG

How to apply for the Scholarship

Scholarship applications must be submitted using the form found on the same webpage as these Guidelines and Terms and Conditions. The completed form must be sent to fineart@reading.ac.uk. No alternative method of application will be valid or considered.

Applications will be welcomed until the deadline Friday 12 April 2024. Late applications will not be considered.

The scholarship application form must be completed in full, including confirmation that the candidate understands and accepts the Terms and Conditions under which the scheme operates.

What supporting evidence should be submitted?

Candidates are invited to attach images or provide links to websites that support their application and demonstrate their willingness to further their learning via the following principles:

1. Experimentation: testing out different materials, techniques and ideas
2. Risk taking: demonstrating an appetite for exploring different techniques and mediums rather than focussing solely on approaches they are already familiar with or skilled at
3. Resourcefulness: innovative ways of making art with limited means and/or time
4. Research: independent visits to art galleries and museums, or additional reading /viewing related to art, or attending events and workshops beyond their set coursework
5. Self-motivation

Scholarship Assessment Criteria

Students will be assessed based on:

- The information contained in their scholarship application form
- Their degree course UCAS application form
- Their portfolio of artwork
- Their degree course interview within the School of Art
- Any relevant qualifications information supplied upon request by the University.

The Scholarship will be awarded by an assessment panel. The allocation of funds is competitive and not all applications received may be successful.

The University of Reading will endeavour to notify successful scholarship applicants within 4 weeks of the closing date. However, if a student for any reason declines an awarded scholarship, we will then move on to a reserve list. Therefore, some students may be contacted beyond 4 weeks of the closing date. If a student has not been contacted by the University regarding a scholarship by the end of August, they should assume they have been unsuccessful at this time.

Scholarship background

The Lorna Webber Vipond Arts Scholarship was created in 2023 following the untimely death of Lorna Webber (nee Vipond), a Reading artist and teacher.

She was born in London in 1953. Her father was a builder who did not have the opportunity as a young man to pursue the arts, but developed his talent in later life, passing on his enthusiasm to Lorna.

Lorna started a career in computer science, but later obtained the qualifications to become a professional artist and teacher. She hosted workshops, gave lessons to individuals and ran local art exhibitions in addition to producing and exhibiting her own works.

Lorna was always ready to experiment, learn and develop. She believed that an artist's potential can be developed at any stage in a life journey, but that the cost of development is discouraging, particularly for young people. Her scholarship provides support to capable University of Reading undergraduates to develop as artists and is philanthropically funded by the generosity of her family.

Further Information

If you have questions about the scholarship, your eligibility or your submitted application, please email fineart@reading.ac.uk

Terms and Conditions

Scholarship applications will only be considered if candidates satisfy the Eligibility Criteria and the Terms and Conditions.

All information in the scholarship application should be provided by the candidate themselves and be true and accurate.

Scholarship candidates will be assessed on the basis of the information provided through the Assessment Criteria, which are designed to evidence academic accomplishments to date and willingness to learn.

The scholarship application form allows for candidates to submit details by answering questions. Please note there is a limit of 200 words to record this information for each question.

Candidates who apply for this scholarship may also apply for other funding sources from within the University of Reading or from external organisations to support their student experience.

Subject to the satisfactory progress of the student, the Scholarship will be applied for each year the student remains registered for the same course and level of study. Completion of the course will mean the end of the Scholarship. In the event of a year of study being repeated, the Scholarship will not be paid for the repeat year of study.

The Scholarship is valid for entry in the 2024/25 academic year only. Students selected for the Scholarship who subsequently defer entry to 2025/26 will not be entitled to carry the funding over to the following year.

Candidates selected for a scholarship will be notified by email and it is therefore essential that the University has up-to-date contact information.

Upon being notified of an award, a candidate will have 10 days within which to register their acceptance. If the candidate has not accepted their offer of admission for the undergraduate course, they will also be required to do this.

If the Scholarship and the offer of admission are not accepted within 10 days of scholarship notification, it will be assumed the candidate does not wish to receive funding and the scholarship offer will be withdrawn.

If a scholarship is offered to a conditional offer holder, then the award of the scholarship will also be conditional on the student meeting these requirements for entry.

The University will only contact successful scholarship applicants and the University will endeavour to do so within 4 weeks of the deadline.

A selection committee will consider applications and award the funding. The committee will base its decisions on the information provided on the application form and through the

other Assessment Criteria and review the extent to which candidates demonstrate their suitability for an award.

The Scholarship has an annual value of £1000 and subject to these terms and conditions, will be applied each year that the student remains a registered student at the University on the same programme and level of study.

In accepting the scholarship, award winners will be asked to participate in relevant University of Reading marketing activities about the scheme. Award winners may also be invited to events at Whiteknights campus where there will be an opportunity to meet the donor who is funding the scholarship scheme.

The University's decision is final. The University reserves the right to withdraw the Scholarship if a student is subsequently found to be ineligible or if these terms and conditions are not adhered to.

In accepting a Scholarship, candidates are deemed to have agreed to the above terms and conditions.

Any queries should be addressed to fineart@reading.ac.uk