

The Sir Michael & Lady Morven Heller Bursary

The Sir Michael & Lady Morven Heller Bursary is an award of between £500 and £2,000. It is available to financially help students do something completely outside of their area of academic study that they have always wanted to do.

The activity cannot be associated with an applicant's academic course, but it could increase their chances of employability. The award panel are looking for applicants that demonstrate a long-held passion and a commitment to personal development in their area of interest.

How much is available?

Successful students can apply for a bursary award of between £500 and £2,000.

Projects can only be funded for one year, and awards must be spent no later than March 2024.

Who is eligible?

To be considered for the bursary, applicants must be:

- A UK or 'home' fee status student
- Enrolled in Year 2 (Level 5) of an undergraduate full-time or part-time course

To be considered for an award, applicants must not have received the Heller Bursary in previous years. The bursary cannot be used to reimburse activity that has already taken place.

How are applications assessed?

To be considered for the bursary, applicants must complete an online application through UniHub, stating how much they are asking for (between £500 and £2,000) along with a breakdown of their costings and a written statement of up to 500 words explaining why they should receive the award.

Applications will be assessed by an initial panel. The panel will consider each applicant's personal statement, activity, and associated costings. Following this, several applicants will be shortlisted. Applicants will be notified of the initial panel's decisions in early March.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an in-person selection event. Applicants will be asked to prepare a five-minute presentation about their activity, this will be followed by a short interview. The final panel is expected to take place on 15 March 2023.

How is the bursary paid?

Successful applicants will be asked to complete an online bank details form. The bursary will be paid directly into this bank account, in instalments that will be agreed on submission of the bank details form.

Successful applicants may be asked to provide receipts for purchases made regarding their activity in the future. Failure to show adequate proof of spend may result in the University asking for repayment of some, or all, of the award.

What else do I need to know?

As a condition of receiving funding, successful applicants will be expected to take part in the following activities:

- Submit a report six months into the project
- Submit a report one year into the project
- If invited, attend an event in London or Sheffield to meet the donors and discuss their project at the end of the activity (the cost for this will be covered by the University)

Please note, the above list is not exhaustive, and other activities may be requested as a condition of receiving this bursary.

Applications for funding to travel internationally will be considered, however, it is not guaranteed that students will receive the full £2,000 award. Therefore, any applicants considering high-cost and international projects should take this into account before making an application. Backpacking trips, volunteer opportunities or experiences such as Camp America will not be considered.

Appeals and general policy terms

For information about the appeals process and other general policy terms relating to all university bursaries please see the [Bursary Guidelines](#).

How to apply

Applications must be made via Unihub. Information on the scheme and a link to the application form can be found on the Sir Michael & Lady Morven Heller Bursary [MyHallam page](#).

Applications must be submitted no later than **23:59 on Sunday 26 February 2023**.

If you have any questions, please contact [Hallam Help](#).