



THE DR THOMAS J MORAN TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS 2025 – 2026

The Dr Thomas J Moran Scholarships were set up in 2018 by the Irish American Partnership to honour Dr Thomas J Moran. These awards are intended to assist with travel abroad i.e. outside of the UK and Republic of Ireland, relating to study or work experience.

Three Scholarships of £1,250 will be awarded in Summer 2026. The scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate students (Stage 1 or Stage 2) studying within the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences who have a declared household income below the minimum published threshold to determine eligibility for a full maintenance grant, as assessed by Student Finance NI, (maintenance grant letter must be uploaded at time of application), which will be verified with the Queen's Student Finance Office or are care leavers/care experienced students known to the Widening Participation Unit.

These awards may be held in conjunction with another scholarship. The AHSS Faculty reserves the right not to award one or more scholarships if suitable applicants cannot be identified.

We expect a high level of interest in this award and as such we have developed a competitive application process.

This scholarship will be awarded to students based on their proposed activity at the time of submission. If a student can no longer complete their intended activity, they must immediately contact ahssabroad@qub.ac.uk and will be required to reimburse the University. If a change to the original activity is necessary, then the awarded student must inform ahssabroad@qub.ac.uk and seek approval. **Students who do not gain approval from AHSS Abroad will be required to repay all monies awarded to them.**

To apply, please complete the application form providing details of your proposed activity, three clear objectives and how this activity will be of benefit to your degree and improve future employment opportunities. **Supporting evidence must be uploaded at the time of application.**

Deadline for application submissions is Monday 11 May 2026, 12 noon.

Terms & Conditions

1. This scholarship is exclusively for undergraduate students (Stage 1 or Stage 2) studying within the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences who have a declared household income below the minimum published threshold to determine eligibility for a full maintenance grant, as assessed by Student Finance NI, (maintenance grant letter must be uploaded at time of application), which will be verified with the Queen's Student Finance Office or are care leavers/care experienced students known to the Widening Participation Unit.
2. The activity must take place outside of the UK/ ROI between 1st June 2025 and 31st August 2026 (the outbound date must be within these dates).



3. Travel and completion of the **activity must take place before graduation.**
4. Applications will only be reviewed and scored if you have already confirmed/booked your placement/ summer school/ study exchange or short course.
5. Applications will only be reviewed/ assessed if supporting documentation is uploaded at time of application. Supporting documentation must be one of the following to confirm your activity booking:
 - Email from organisation offering activity
 - Exchange confirmation
 - Course acceptance form
 - Flight booking form

We will also require an academic approval letter to be included at the time of application.

6. Each applicant is responsible for applying for the required travel approval dependent on the activity you intend to do.
7. This award is conditional on approval for travel. To obtain approval you must complete the relevant online risk assessment form. [Undergraduate Student International Travel Risk Assessment](#) or [PGT & PGR Student International Travel Risk Assessment](#). Further information is available from the Global Opportunities Team (goglobal@qub.ac.uk). **Please note that AHSS Abroad do not grant travel permission and instead only administer funding.**
8. The award will be made to activities that directly relate to the development of academic and employability skills. This includes:
 - Non-compulsory international work experience
 - Compulsory work experience completed internationally, where the international element is non-compulsory e.g., a degree that requires international travel will not be eligible
 - Non-compulsory international study exchange
 - Non-compulsory international summer school
 - Short courses

Attendance of an international conference is not an eligible activity, and you should instead contact your school for funding support.

9. **The award will not be made to fund activities where students will be paid during their experience.**
10. Where a School is subsidising other aspects of the proposed activity funding will not be awarded. It is your responsibility to ensure that information submitted is accurate and neither false nor untrue. Checks will be made, and applications will be withdrawn if the activity is found to be subsidised by a School.
11. Awards will be allocated on a competitive basis. The application score criteria can be found below.



12. We will only review applications in line with submission deadlines. We cannot review applications outside of the review period.
13. Successful applicants will be notified within a 6-week period of the assessment date.
14. Payment of the award will be made via QGIS. You will be required to update your bank details on your QGIS account. Please note that this must be a **UK bank account**.
15. All recipients of this award must supply a report of their trip within four weeks of their return. Photographs of the trip will be welcomed and can include selfies along with photographs of work undertaken. A selection of travel reports may be used as publicity material; however, the relevant authors will be asked in advance for permission.
16. You are responsible for declaring any award received as income to HM Revenue and Customs and to pay income tax and national insurance contributions and other applicable deductions required under applicable law. It is your responsibility to ensure you remain within the law. The University accepts no liability for such matters.
17. Data held by the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Office will be processed in accordance with the University's Data Protection Policy and your rights under Data Protection Legislation. It will be used to process your application; and to communicate with you prior, during and after the award. You can view the Student Privacy Notice for more information
18. If you provide the University with incorrect or incomplete information, or if you fail to complete the activity, or you do not meet the eligibility criteria for the award, or you otherwise do anything which might bring the University into disrepute, without prejudice to its other rights and remedies the University, may terminate its agreement with you pursuant to these Terms with immediate effect and will not pay any money to you and/or may require you to return any money already paid to you pursuant to these Terms.
19. The University takes no responsibility for undertaking health and safety or any other risk assessments of placement organisations unrelated to course requirements. Students participating in placement as part of this Scheme are expected to undertake their own assessments and familiarise themselves with the relevant organisation's processes to ensure their personal safety and wellbeing.

Assessment Criteria

Criteria	Scoring Criteria
Type of activity	Non-compulsory international study exchange or work experience – 10 marks Volunteering – 8 Marks Compulsory work experience completed internationally where the international element is non-compulsory /Short course/Training – 6 Marks Other employability activity – 4 Marks Other related activity – 2 Marks 0 Marks if activity is not deemed to be employability related



<p>By taking part in this activity the students can clearly evidence three key objectives they will aim to achieve by participating in this activity</p>	<p>Three objectives clearly defined and excellent evidence – 10 marks</p> <p>Three objectives clearly defined and very good evidence – 8 marks</p> <p>Three objectives defined and good evidence – 6 marks</p> <p>Three objectives and some evidence – 4 marks</p> <p>Basic objectives defined – 2 marks</p> <p>No objectives defined – 0 marks</p>
<p>Will participating in this activity add value to their degree</p>	<p>Excellent evidence – 10 marks</p> <p>Very good evidence – 8 marks</p> <p>Good evidence – 6 marks</p> <p>Some evidence outcomes – 4 marks</p> <p>Basic evidence – 2 marks</p> <p>No evidence – 0 marks</p>
<p>This activity will support the students anticipated career path and will improve their cv which will lead to impressing future employers and make them stand out from their peers?</p>	<p>Excellent evidence of relevancy to anticipated career path, detailing skills and achievements to note on a CV or job application – 10 marks</p> <p>Very good evidence of relevancy to anticipated career path, detailing skills and achievements to note on a CV or job application – 8 marks</p> <p>Good evidence of relevancy to anticipated career path, detailing skills and achievements to note on a CV or job application – 6 marks</p> <p>Some evidence of relevancy to anticipated career path, detailing skills and achievements to note on a CV or job application – 4 marks</p> <p>Basic evidence of relevancy to anticipated career path with little to no evidence of skills and achievements to note on a CV or job application – 2 marks</p> <p>No evidence of relevancy to anticipated career path – 0 marks</p>