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The Music Department at the School of Arts English and Languages, Queen's University Belfast is delighted to announce the provision of two undergraduate bursaries to Belfast TradFest Summer School 2025, made possible through our Jack Kerr fund.

These awards will be of interest to music students, however they are also open to first and second year students across the university, as we know there are many traditional music players and listeners in the wider student body.

Beneficiaries of bursaries will attend Belfast TradFest Summer School over five days from Monday 28th July - Friday 1st August 2025. The course includes:

- Daily three-hour long masterclasses in a chosen instrument, taught by world-class traditional musicians;
- Access to a programme of afternoon events, demonstrations, talks and workshops in traditional music technique, history and other aspects of traditional music; sessions; and a performance opportunity at the end of Summer School concert, in Belfast Cathedral.

Full details of tutors and instruments are available on the Belfast TradFest website:

<https://www.belfasttraditionalmusic.com/music-masterclasses>

TO APPLY

1. Send a 300 word statement of application (MS Word document or pdf) with your name, year of study, degree course, and student number. Include the instrument to be studied, how you hope to benefit from the summer school and festival, and how the opportunity will further your practice, support your career or contribute to the progress of your studies.

2. Submit a video recording, 1-3mins in length, of yourself playing your choice of traditional music. Please note that the technical quality of the video is not important, so long as we can see and hear the performance: unedited videos taken with a smart phone are perfectly acceptable. Solo recordings are preferred, but if you are performing with any others please ensure that we can hear your individual performance clearly. The video can be sent via a link to WeTransfer, Google Drive, YouTube (private or unlisted video preferred) or another file/video transfer service, and email the link. File formats should be .mov or .mp4 file if not providing a link to stream.

Please email both these elements, the written document and link to video, to k.gallagher@qub.ac.uk by 12pm on Monday 12th May 2025.

Terms

The bursaries are open to current first and second year undergraduate students at QUB.

You must be available to attend all masterclasses in Belfast TradFest in person in Belfast 28th July – 1st August 2025.

You agree to book onto the class of your choice as soon as you receive notification of an award. Places are limited and will sell out, and no provision can be made if your chosen class has sold out before you book.

You agree to attend a photocall with sponsors and students during the summer school, on a date to be arranged.

Dr Úna Monaghan
April 2025