

The Eleonore Koch Travel Fund

2025-26

The School of Philosophical, Historical & Interdisciplinary Studies is offering a bursary of up to £5,000 to assist one student studying an MA or PHD in Art History, Curating or Heritage at Essex, intending to travel to Latin America on a study visit related to their study. The bursary will assist with accommodation, travel costs or any other approved costs related to the research. The bursary has been created in memory of the artist Eleonore Koch.

This bursary will be awarded to only one student in academic year 2025-26, therefore the application process is competitive.

The following document outlines the full terms and conditions of this bursary. Please ensure you read them in full before you complete and submit an application form.

Terms and conditions

Eligibility

- These scholarships are restricted to currently registered students studying an MA or PHD in Art History, Curating or Heritage at Essex.

Students who are not eligible

The following students are NOT eligible for this scholarship regardless of meeting the above criteria:

- These scholarship awards do not apply to deferred entry. Where a scholarship has been awarded to a student who subsequently defers entry to the following academic year, the award will be withdrawn, and the applicant will be considered again in line with the terms and conditions that apply in the new proposed year of entry.
- The bursary cannot be continued for students repeating periods of study in any circumstances.

How to apply

To be considered for these awards you must submit an outline of the proposed research, including a summary of travel plans and anticipated costs and an indication as to why the bursary would be

beneficial. Submissions should be between 500-1000 words. Applicants must also supply the name of a member of staff who is willing to act as referee.

Proposals should be emailed to the School Manager, phaissm@essex.ac.uk by 11:59pm BST Monday 4th May 2026.

Selection Process

Selection will be based on your eligibility and the information and supporting statements that you provide as part of the application process.

An initial review will take place to ensure applications meet the criteria listed. All applications that meet the criteria will be considered by a committee consisting of the Postgraduate Research Director for Art History and two other members of the School.

Notification

You will be notified of the award via email to the email account that you included on your application. Your outcome email will indicate how much you have been awarded and the type of expenditure this has been permitted for.

You must accept your offer of the bursary within two weeks of an offer being made, otherwise the offer will be forfeited and awarded to next eligible candidate.

Payment arrangements

- Details regarding payment of the cash bursary will be discussed with the successful applicant.
- Other University of Essex awards can be held in conjunction with this bursary.

Award termination

If you withdraw from your studies, are required to withdraw within the 2025-2026 academic year, or do not travel, you will be required to pay back the funds to the University.

Data Privacy Statement

The University of Essex takes confidentiality very seriously, your application form will only be seen by members of staff involved in processing your application. Information is kept in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) as it applies in the UK, tailored by the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data will be used solely for statistical purposes and electronic record keeping and may be made available to authorised University staff to allow statistical information to be analysed.

This data will not be passed to any other third party without your consent, except when the University is required to do so by law. Any formal enquiries concerning the use of data noted here should be addressed to the Head of Student Services.

Resolution of disputes

Acceptance of this award constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Registered students should contact the [Funding Team](#) in the first instance for guidance regarding this award. In cases not covered by the above terms and conditions, or where a student claims exceptional circumstances, or disputes a decision not to make payments due under an award, final appeals on decisions regarding eligibility must be made via the [Student Complaints process](#). The Academic Registrar or their nominee will review the case and his/her decision will be final.

These terms and conditions apply to the academic year 2025-26. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.