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**George Lauder
Bursary 2023**



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close on
**Wednesday, 4
January 2023**

Study in the
USA
with a
**George Lauder
Bursary 2023**

Imagine spending a summer studying in the USA for free – AMAZING!

This once in a life time opportunity would be a fantastic experience and look fab on your CV!

The George Lauder Bursary could make this a dream come true – for you!

What's it all about

The George Lauder Bursary is an annually funded Student Travel and Accommodation Bursary which this year is offering the opportunity for two current or past students of Fife College to travel to the USA to continue an element of their studies at an educational institution or equivalent within 250 miles of New York State.

How long is it for?

The maximum period of bursary support will be up to two months, during summer 2023. It may be necessary to vary the dates dependent on the availability of the hosting educational organisation's facilities. The subjects studied during the visit should relate to your current or past area of study, subject to the availability of a suitable match in the USA.

How are the lucky two chosen?

The bursary will be awarded following an application and selection process which will help decide where in the USA the visit is located.

Who was George Lauder?

The award of the George Lauder Bursary celebrates the vision of George Lauder, the uncle of Andrew Carnegie, in promoting the foundation in 1899 of a Further Education College in Dunfermline, now known as Fife College.

Who funds the bursary?

The Bursary is funded by annual contributions from the descendants of George Lauder and other friends of the College based in the USA, to a fund administered by the Saint Andrew's Society of the State of New York.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to visit and study in the USA and also offers you the chance to get involved in the planning and organisation of the visit, record your experiences through a weekly blog and represent Fife College on your transatlantic adventure. Wow!

The small print

To be a successful Bursary candidate, you must be able to meet the following criteria:

- You must be either a full-time or part-time student currently enrolled at Fife College or have studied at Fife College in the last four years. If you are a previous student and not currently enrolled at Fife College in 2022/2023, an additional supplementary reference may be requested
- The course you are studying, or have studied, must be at least SCQF Level 8 (or equivalent) e.g. HND or above
- Satisfactory academic success in the course studied is essential. If you are currently studying at SCQF Level 8 in 2022/2023, then the award will be dependent upon successful completion of your course and an excellent reference from the Faculty Director to support your application
- The subject of study you would like to take up in the USA must relate to the current or past area of study at Fife College and will rely on finding a suitable match in the States. As part of the bursary application, you must research a relevant institution and related course and submit a compelling reason as to why this should be considered. It should be noted, that the Summer School you choose must be within 250 miles of New York State to satisfy the conditions of the Bursary
- You must be able to commit to taking up the offer of the bursary between June and August 2023. Actual dates to be confirmed as dependent on individual institutional summer programmes
- You must be at least 18 years of age at time of application and hold a passport valid for at least 6 months in order to be eligible for a VISA
- You must conduct yourself appropriately as a representative of Fife College at all times during your trip

Niamh and Abigail in the USA 2022

Our most recent George Lauder Bursary winners have enjoyed a trip of a lifetime this year!



Abigail Cloete lived and studied in New York for two months and enjoyed every minute!

“Having the opportunity to study at Pratt Institute has been such a wonderful experience.

“I’m so grateful to have been able to expand on my skillset, discover new talents, meet fantastic people and explore Manhattan!

Read more about Abigail's amazing experience here>>



Niamh Hogwood has been keeping everyone informed, via a blog, about her experiences living and working as an intern for the Mount Clare Museum House in Baltimore. Niamh returns from her three-month trip in November 2022.

View Niamh's blog and USA adventure >>

My Great-Great-Grandfather, George Lauder, would be thrilled that a scholarship like this was being awarded in his name in Dunfermline, enabling generations after him to benefit from experiences that will enhance their futures.

-William Garner

Applications

To apply for this amazing opportunity, you need to submit an application of no less than 1,200 words. This application is your written proposal for extended study

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in America and should explain why you are applying for the Bursary, answering:

- What makes you a suitable candidate
- The field of study proposed to be undertaken
- The benefits expected
- How you have been inspired by your studies at Fife College

How to Apply

1. Online: visit our apply here page on fife.ac.uk
2. Complete the application form

The application process involves two stages:

- Stage 1: All applications are assessed and shortlisted based on their content.
- Stage 2: Applicants who have been shortlisted will be invited to attend an interview with the Selection Panel. This stage may involve a Teams interview with partner members in the USA.

The Selection Panel is made up of Executive members of Fife College and the St Andrew's Society of the State of New York.

Expectations of the Bursary Recipient

The successful bursary recipient(s) will be required to:

- Commit to the visit
- Participate in its planning and organisation
- Record all aspects of the visit through an online, weekly blog
- Act as an enthusiastic ambassador for Fife College, representing our College as required by hosts and our visit sponsor
- Submit a report on their return

Queries

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