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# Study

IN THE USA



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**STUDY IN  
THE USA WITH  
A GEORGE  
LAUDER  
BURSARY  
2027**

# IMAGINE SPENDING A SUMMER STUDYING IN THE USA FOR FREE – AMAZING!

This once in a lifetime 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 bursary will be up to two months (this may be flexible), during summer 2027. 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

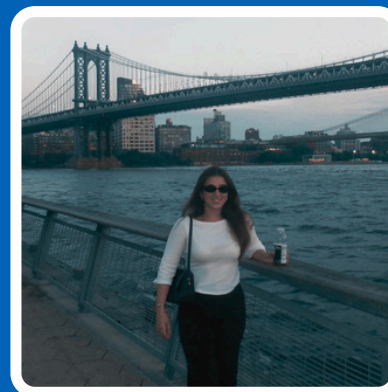
To be a successful Bursary candidate, you must be able to meet the following criteria:

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 2026/2027, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> year or above.
- Satisfactory academic success in the course studied is essential. If you are currently studying at SCQF Level 8 in 2026/2027, then the award will be dependent upon successful completion of your course and an excellent reference from your lecturer 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 2027. (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.

## FREYA AND CAIN IN THE USA 2026

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



**Freya Buckridge**, from Dunfermline completed her Interior Design course at Parsons School of Design and School of Architecture course at Pratt Institute.

[Read more about Freya's amazing experience here>>](#)



**Cain Paterson**, from Glenrothes, completed the Immersion Studio – School of Architecture course at Pratt Institute and Intro to Architecture course at Columbia University.

[View Cain's blog and USA adventure >>](#)

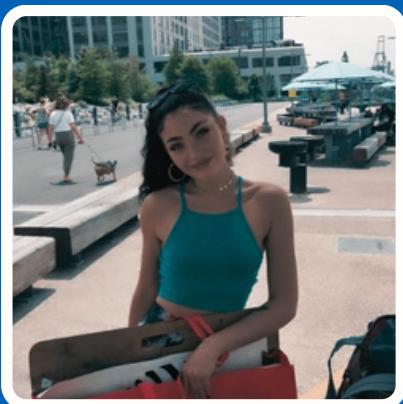
*My Great-Great-Grandfather, George Lauder, would be thrilled that a scholarship like this was being awarded in his name in Dunfermline, enabling generations after him to benefit from experiences that will enhance their futures.*

*~ William Garner*

## Previous Recipients:

### Abigail-Rose Cloete:

"The George Lauder Bursary gave me an opportunity to experience, learn and grow in ways I never could have imagined. I returned home with greater confidence, new perspectives and a renewed passion for my future."



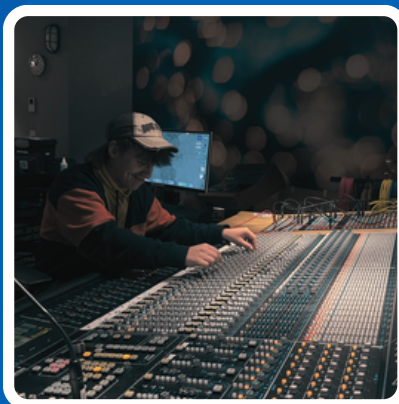
### Niamh Hogwood:

"The George Lauder Bursary gave me the opportunity and confidence to transform my life, from a shy, disabled person into an independent woman who can achieve anything she sets her mind to."



### Cameron Reid:

"The George Lauder Bursary enabled me to become more than I had thought possible for myself by allowing me to live and study in an environment driven by creativity and passion which has allowed me to become closer to achieving my dreams than ever before!"



### Julia Sherriffs:

"This bursary provided me the opportunity to discover myself and gain strong passion for the dream career I wish to work in."



### Camryn Provan:

"Receiving this opportunity truly motivated me to seek more for myself and showed me that anything is possible if you put yourself out there! An opportunity like this is extremely rare and you never know where it might land you!"



### How to Apply

1. Online: visit our apply here page on [fife.ac.uk](http://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 in January. This stage may involve a Teams interview with partner members in the USA.

The Selection Panel is made up of Exec members of Fife College, previous Bursary winners and a representative from the [Saint Andrew's Society of the State of New York](#).

### Expectations

**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
- Share their experience during their stay via social media/blog and submit a report/blog on their return.

### Apply Here!

### Queries

Contact us:  
[scholarships@fife.ac.uk](mailto:scholarships@fife.ac.uk)

### 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 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

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## WHAT FREYA AND CAIN HAD TO SAY:

Freya Buckridge: "Receiving the George Lauder Bursary and having the opportunity to live and study in New York City has been one of the most valuable experiences of my life. Studying Interior Design at Parsons and Architecture at Pratt allowed me to learn from inspiring tutors, explore new approaches to design and immerse myself in such a creative and diverse city. The experience has given me greater confidence in my abilities as a designer and a clearer sense of my future career direction. I'm incredibly grateful to Fife College, the scholarship team, the Saint Andrew's Society and my sponsor, William, for making this unforgettable opportunity possible."

Cain Paterson: "Spending the summer living and studying in New York was an unforgettable experience and one I'm incredibly grateful for. Studying architecture at Pratt Institute and Columbia University, while surrounded by the city's incredible buildings and architectural styles, gave me a completely new perspective on design. I also met amazing people, made great friends and returned home with much more confidence in myself and my work. With the energy of the city, the Knicks and the World Cup, there was always something happening. I'm extremely grateful to everyone who made this opportunity possible, and it's a summer I'll never forget."

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