

Newcastle University
School of English Literature, Language and Linguistics
MASTER'S BURSARY AWARD
Eligibility Criteria and Application Guidelines

The School of English Literature, Language and Linguistics at Newcastle University, UK, is seeking outstanding applicants for a bursary on our Master's programmes in Writing Poetry. We are offering a bursary worth £8,100 (full fees).

ELIGIBILITY

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of scholarly merit and awards are open to Home and International students, who accepted an offer of a place for 2021-22 entry on one of the following postgraduate programmes:

- MA in Writing Poetry (London) (4155P)
- MA in Writing Poetry (Newcastle) (4154P)

Please enter the reference code 'SELLL21' into the 'Studentship/Partnership Reference' field in the 'Programme of Study' section of the application form.

(Applicants must allow at least 10 working days for their application to be processed and the offer to reach them).

The bursary will be awarded on a competitive basis. Applicants should have achieved or be predicted to achieve a **first-class or high 2:1** undergraduate degree or, where relevant, a lower qualification with professional practice that provides equivalent academic and research skills.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Applicants must submit the following documents to Scott Burdon (scott.burdon@newcastle.ac.uk) by the deadline:
 - An up-to-date CV (no more than 2 pages in length)
 - A transcript of undergraduate marks
 - A research proposal of 750 words (excluding bibliographies/list of references)*

AND

2. Applicants must ask one academic referee to send their reference letters to Scott Burdon by the deadline. **It is the applicants' responsibility to ensure that referees meet this deadline.** Your references should be from those who are best placed to comment in detail on your undergraduate work and potential for postgraduate study.

*The research proposal must address the following questions:

- How have your undergraduate studies – or equivalent professional experience of relevance – prepared you for the Master's programme?
- How do you intend to use the Master's programme to further your area of poetic interest?
- Why is the Poetry School in London/Newcastle University the best place for you to embark on postgraduate research (e.g. in terms of resources, research strength, research Centres and Institutes)?

CONTACT

London – Sarala Estruch (sarala@poetryschool.com)

Newcastle – Melanie Birch (melanie.birch@ncl.ac.uk) or Scott Burdon (scott.burdon@ncl.ac.uk)

DEADLINE

The deadline for applications and references is **5pm on the 9th of July 2021**

Applications that are late or incomplete will not be considered.