Beryl Morris studied History at QMUL in the 1940s and was the first in her family to attend University. She came from a working-class background and wouldn’t have been able to pursue her academic ambitions without the support of her mother. The School of History is grateful to be able to offer 2 bursaries through the generous gift Beryl’s family donated in her memory.

About the award

The Beryl Morris Bursary programme has been established to support UK undergraduate History students facing hardship.

The objective of this programme is to support (for the duration of their studies) students who encounter unexpected hardship in their first year which could be mitigated by the provision of financial support. By doing so, the programme aims to ensure that deserving students, who may otherwise have dropped out of education, are enabled to continue their studies at QMUL.

Therefore, students who may be considering leaving higher education because of financial difficulties are particularly encouraged to apply. Preference may also be given to students who are first in their families to attend higher education and those who attended state schools.

Bursary benefits

Value: £3,333 per year, for three years.

Number of awards: 2, in 2023/24 academic year.

Application deadline: 9 February 2024. Year 1 funding to be awarded in February 2024; the support in years 2 and 3 being provided in October.
Eligibility criteria and further information

Level: Undergraduate

Course: School of History, BA History

Fee status: Home student fees

The bursary is available to students who meet the additional criteria below.

- You must have enrolled in September 2023 and be in the first year of your course in the School of History.
- You must have been assessed by Student Finance England as having a household income of less than £35,000 (You do not need to have taken any student finance loans).
- Preference may be given to applicants who are first in their family to attend university and/or come from a state school background.

Application process

Applications for this bursary scheme should be submitted via https://forms.office.com/e/xVxybAQLm6 by the deadline given above.

Applicants should provide the following:

- Complete the required application form demonstrating eligibility for the bursary.
- Provide a personal statement to support your application (max. 500 words).

Selection process

- Review of financials provided by SFE
- Review of additional supplementary information
- Review of personal statement by a panel

Requirements following bursary award

- Letter of thanks to Morris family upon bursary award.
- Written report on the impact of the bursary after the conclusion of the support in year 3.
- Written contribution for School website bursary page.
- Letter to Morris family following the conclusion of the support in year 3.