

## Building Conservation Masterclass bursaries

Bursaries are available to Australian Nationals living in the UK who have a visa that allows them to study in the UK and who have accepted a place on a Building Conservation Masterclass (BCM) on the Professional Development Diploma (PDD) in Historic Building Conservation and Repair at West Dean.

### How to complete this form

- Read the criteria below to make sure you are eligible to apply.
- Complete the form fully, making sure that you have covered the criteria in your personal statement.

The Grants Committee consider applications. Applicants should note that students will be required to sign terms and conditions if awarded a grant.

### Deadline and application submission

- Open all year until funds expended - £2,000 is the value of the total bursary pot.
- Applicants that meet the criteria can apply for a contribution towards course costs, max allocation of £500 for each masterclass.

### Bursary and awarding criteria

The International Conservation Services (ICS) Australian Bursary is available to Australian Nationals living in the UK who have a visa that allows them to study in the UK and who have accepted a place on a Building Conservation Masterclass (BCM) on the Professional Development Diploma (PDD) in Historic Building Conservation and Repair at West Dean. The BCM is not a validated programme with the University of Sussex and as such we cannot issue student visas, so you need to hold another way of being in the country that allows you to study here. For more information on the PDD and BCMs [Historic Building Conservation & Repair | West Dean](#).

**Behind the funding:** For over 30 years, Julian Bickersteth, 1981-1982 Graduate Diploma Conservation Studies Furniture and Related Objects alumnus, has been the CEO of International Conservation Services (ICS), which he founded in 1986. ICS is Australia's largest private fine art and heritage conservation practice, with labs in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Brisbane and Perth employing over 50 permanent staff plus casuals. ICS works across the disciplines of furniture, paintings, works on paper, textiles, metals, sculpture, archaeology and outdoor heritage for myriad collecting institutions including government bodies, corporations, major universities and private collections.

Having received a part scholarship to help him study at West Dean, Julian is keen to give others a similar opportunity. That opportunity ultimately led to Julian being President of IIC for 6 years until January 2025, and in recognition of this Julian has established the International Conservation Services Australian Bursary.

**Value:** contribution towards course costs, max allocation of £500 for each masterclass.

**Deadline:** open all year

**Application:** To be eligible to apply, applicants must be Australian nationals, already be living in the UK, have a visa that allows them to study here, have a place accepted to study one of our Building Conservation Masterclasses (BCM), demonstrate a commitment to a career in conservation (they could already be practicing in the UK or be looking to further their studies in this area before advancing their conservation career), must demonstrate a clear aim for career development in conjunction with finding it difficult to find funds for professional development fees. Applicants of any age are eligible to apply.

*Preference will be given to applicants intending to take their skills back to Australia after study.* The Grants Committee will consider the applications and details of the successful applicants such as name, personal statement, work history will be sent to Julian Bickersteth and ICS for their records.

**Terms:** Recipients must use the funding in the calendar year received. The award will be paid directly to West Dean College to help offset course fees.

**Please note:** the applicant recognises that some additional funding from personal sources is likely to be required, and that transport, visa and living costs are their own responsibility. The successful applicant must produce a report on completion of each BCM which will be shared with the funder and may be used for publication or summary on the ICS website and/or social media channels at the discretion of the ICS. The successful applicant on completion of their course may be invited to an ICS event.

**Queries** - Applicants should not contact the awarding body directly with queries relating to the above bursary as this is being administered by The Edward James Foundation. If you have any queries, please contact [cpd@westdean.ac.uk](mailto:cpd@westdean.ac.uk)

**Submitting your application:** please email your completed application form to [college@westdean.ac.uk](mailto:college@westdean.ac.uk)

## Bursary Application Form

PERSONAL DETAILS	
First name(s):	
Surname:	
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy):	
Nationality:	

CONTACT DETAILS	
E-mail Address:	
Telephone:	
Mobile:	

ADDRESS	
Street Address:	
City & County/State:	
Postcode/Zip Code:	
Country	

Will you be staying in accommodation at West Dean College?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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HAVE YOU ATTENDED A WEST DEAN COLLEGE SHORT COURSE BEFORE?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please state subject and date
HAVE YOU RECEIVED FUNDING FOR A SHORT COURSE AT WEST DEAN BEFORE?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, what date?

WHICH BCM WOULD YOU LIKE TO ENROL ON?	
TITLE	
COURSE CODE	
TUTOR	
DATE	COST OF COURSE

<p>Please indicate below the bursary amount requested.            The maximum allocation is £500 to help with the costs of fees for studying one BCM.            If you require funding towards more than one, please complete a separate bursary application form.</p>
Amount requested: £



**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Please carefully check the criteria for the bursary you are applying for and state how you match these.

## DECLARATION

Please carefully read the following statements and sign below to indicate acceptance of these terms.

- *I declare that the above details are true to the best of my knowledge. I undertake to provide any additional information that may be required.*
- *I confirm that my financial need is genuine.*
- *I understand that offered bursaries are subject to Terms and Conditions.*
- *If offered a bursary, I agree to make myself available to assist in the recruitment and promotional activities of the College as outlined in the Terms and Conditions.*
- *If offered a bursary, I agree to keep in touch with the College for six months after completing my short course for which bursary funding was awarded and let the College know how I am fairing in my chosen career.*
- *I consent to my application data being shared with the College's Grants Committee, members of staff in the Academic Office and the Student Recruitment & External Engagement Department on a need-to-know basis.*
- *If successful in being awarded a bursary towards a BCM:*
- *I consent to my name, personal statement, work history as supplied in this form being shared with the funder for their records.*
- *I agree to complete **and return** an impact statement/report with at least three digital images within 30 days of completing the course.*
- *Reports in keeping with the awarding funder's requirements can be shared with the funder for two years from completion of the course.*

Please also check the [College's Data Protection Statement](#) on the website and on the Student Intranet.

Name:

Date:

Signature:

Digital applications are preferred, please email [college@westdean.ac.uk](mailto:college@westdean.ac.uk). If you are unable to send your application via email, please post your completed form to:

Academic Registry, West Dean College, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0QZ, UK  
Telephone 01243 818291 Email [college@westdean.ac.uk](mailto:college@westdean.ac.uk)  
[www.westdean.ac.uk/](http://www.westdean.ac.uk/)

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Date received: