



GWI Guidelines for 2025 Fellowships

Graduate Women international (GWI) (previously, the International Federation of University Women) offers a number of international fellowships and grants to women graduates for post graduate research, study and training.

Who can apply?

- Unless otherwise specified, only candidates currently enrolled for a PhD are eligible to apply.
- GWI fellowships and grants are open free of charge to women PhD candidates who are members of GWI, either through a [national federation or association](#) or through [independent membership](#). Proof of current membership must be provided with the application.
- GWI fellowships and grants are open to non-member PhD candidates providing they pay an administration fee of CHF 50 for women in developing countries and CHF 100 for women in industrialised countries.
- Students in any branch of learning may apply but their programme must demonstrate relevance to GWI's [mission, aims and objectives](#).
- Fellowships are offered for the second and subsequent years of a doctoral programme. Applicants are required to submit proof of completion of the first year of the programme by the time of the closing date for applications.
- The awards are intended to encourage international scholarship and are to be used in a country other than the one in which the applicant was educated and other than the one in which the applicant habitually resides. For example: A New Zealand national or long-time resident enrolled in a New Zealand doctoral programme:
 1. Would not be eligible if her research is to be carried out in New Zealand.
 2. Would be eligible if her research or part of her research is to be carried out in another country. A Kenyan national enrolled in a New Zealand doctoral programme.
 3. Would be eligible if she has done her undergraduate studies in a country other than New Zealand, regardless of where her research is to be carried out.
 4. Would not be eligible if she has done her undergraduate work in New Zealand and her doctoral research will be carried out in New Zealand.
 5. Would be eligible if she has done her undergraduate work in New Zealand and her doctoral research or part of her research will be carried out in a country other than New Zealand or her home country.

When is the application deadline?

- The final closing date for all 2025 applications to reach GWI is 15 January 2025.
- GWI members, [independent members](#), and non-members must submit applications to the GWI Fellowship Committee at fellowships2025@gwi.graduatewomen.org by the deadline. No late applications will be considered.

What are the other restrictions?

- Fellowships are for eight to twelve months of work. They are intended to enhance the original research or scholarship on which a postgraduate applicant is already engaged. First year doctoral students and applicants just beginning their research are not eligible.
- Grants are for a minimum of two months of work. They are awarded for specialised training, independent research, or to assist in the completion of a postgraduate degree.



- All candidates must have obtained admission to the proposed place of study or research prior to applying to GWI's competition.
- Applicants seeking funding for research requiring them to travel away from the country in which they are enrolled as a PhD candidate may request a limited amount of funding for travel in their application (see the relevant section of the application form).
- No assistance is given for attending conferences or for direct family support.
- The awards are not renewable.
- Certain awards carry additional restrictions. Please see below.

There is a single application form for all the awards available.

The selection committee determines the appropriate award for each recipient. GWI reserves the right to make no award for any category if the Fellowship Committee so recommends.

What size are the awards?

- The awards offered vary and the amounts listed below are indicative only and may change in 2025. Several fellowships and grants are offered in each competition.
- Grants vary from 1'000 to 6'000 Swiss francs.
Awards offered include:
- Rose Sidgwick Fellowship: **5'000 Swiss francs**
- Funds for Women Graduates (FfWG) -Crosby Hall Fellowship: **6'000 pounds sterling**
- British Federation of Women Graduates (BFWG)-Ida Smedley MacLean Fellowship: **3'000 pounds sterling**
- Graduate Women New Zealand Otago Branch -Daphne Purves Grant: **3'000 Swiss francs**
- Nazan Moroğlu Recognition Award: **1'000 Euros**
- Cynthia Burek Recognition Award: **1'000 pounds sterling**

Application form

- The application form and instructions will be available [HERE](#) once the next competition opens on 01 November 2024. <https://graduatewomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/2025-GWI-Fellowships-Application-Form- FINAL-SDL.docx>
- The deadline to submit applications is 15 January 2025.
- Please read the instructions carefully. Applicants who do not follow the steps outlined in this material will be automatically disqualified.
- Do NOT include letters of reference with your application. You are responsible for gaining the consent of your referees, supplying them with the Instructions for Referees and ensuring that they are aware that references must be sent to GWI by the closing date for applications.

What are the selection criteria? (These are covered within the application form so please follow the guidelines in the relevant section for word limits.)

- Motivation for research, study, or training.
- Evidence of academic ability and past capacity to conduct research.
- Originality and feasibility of proposed plan of research, study or training.
- Extent to which the proposed plan of research, study or training is relevant to GWI's mission, aims and objectives.
- Extent to which the specialised knowledge and skills to be acquired will benefit women and girls.
- Extent to which the specialised knowledge and skills to be acquired will further the applicant's career.
- Planned work or activity after completion of the research, study or training.



Instructions for GWI Non-Members

- Non-member applicants must pay the application fee before submitting the request for grants. This fee is a non-refundable administration fee.
- Non-member submissions must fulfil all the requirements listed above.
- We will not process your fellowship application until we receive your payment. **Payments may be submitted by credit card via Stripe credit card payment and if needed by bank transfer.** Details for each payment method are provided below.
Access the payment page of the GWI website [HERE](#).
Select Reason for Donation or Payment.
Select “GWI 2025 Fellowship”.
Fill in the remainder of the details and select Submit.
- Please ensure that you make the correct payment; the administration fee is based on your country of permanent residency. The fee is 100 Swiss francs and the reduced rate of 50 Swiss francs is available only to women who are nationals or permanent residents of a country with a low per capita GNI. This applies even if they are currently residing in a high GNI country for the purpose of pursuing their postgraduate study. This fee is non-refundable. [See the list of countries that qualify.](#)

Specific criteria for specific international awards given by member countries:

The FFWG Crosby Hall Fellowship (Britain)

Purpose

FfWG offers to assist a woman who wishes to undertake doctoral studies in her second or third year in an approved institution of Higher Education in Great Britain for a period of 8-12 months of work.

Stipend

One Fellowship of £6000 sterling which will be paid on proof of registration for a PhD.

BFWG Ida Smedley Maclean International Fellowship (Britain)

Purpose

The British Federation of Women Graduates offers to assist a woman engaged in final year doctoral studies in Great Britain for a period of 8-12 months of work.

Stipend

One Fellowship of £3000 sterling

Bio: Ida Smedley Maclean was a British biochemist and President of British Federation of University Women from 1929-1935. She also chaired the International Federation of University Women's (IFUW) Fellowship Committee before IFUW became Graduate Women International. She died in 1944.

Daphne Purves Grant

Purpose

The Graduate Women New Zealand Otago Branch offers to help women graduates to obtain specialised training and to carry out independent research in any country for a minimum period of two months of work.

Stipend

Grant determined as far as possible according to need but usually between 2000-3000 Swiss francs.

Bio: Daphne Purves was a former IFUW /GWI President /member of the Graduate Women New Zealand Otago Branch.

Nazan Moroğlu Recognition Award



Purpose

To aid young members of GWI (under 40) to complete their research in social sciences.

Stipend

Award is 1000 Euros

Bio: Nazan Moroğlu is a well-known Turkish lawyer and has been the past President for TAUW (2010-2014). The first award was presented in 2019.

Cynthia Burek Recognition Award

Purpose

To aid scholars with valuable environmental project research.

Stipend

Award is 1000 British Sterling

Bio: Cynthia Burek, a geologist by profession, is the first professor of Geoconservation in the world. She served as the Convenor of the IFUW (International Federation of University Women) Fellowship committee from 2007-2013 and the GWI Fellowship Committee from 2016-2022. She is a member and former Coordinator of International Relations of BFWG and was Chair of the BFWG Scholarship Trustees Committee from 2015-2021.

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