

Cumberland Lodge Scholarships 2021-23



Our two-year scholarships are designed to fit around, and enhance, your doctoral studies. Every year, [Cumberland Lodge](#) offers ten doctoral students enrolled at universities across the UK the chance to deepen their understanding of pressing social issues and develop new skills in communication, public engagement and interdisciplinary working, through the renowned Cumberland Lodge Scholarship scheme. One of these Scholars is nominated by the [Council for At-Risk Academics \(Cara\)](#).

What's in it for me?

A [Cumberland Lodge Scholarship](#) offers a unique opportunity to take part in digital and physical discussions and activities outside of your academic discipline, gaining valuable experience in:

- Public engagement and event facilitation
- Working collaboratively with people of all ages, backgrounds, sectors and perspectives
- Engaging in interdisciplinary discussions and debates on pressing issues facing society
- Contributing to practical recommendations for positive action and policy change
- Tailoring your writing style to suit a range of different audiences
- Enhancing your personal development, with support from Cumberland Lodge staff
- Hosting or contributing to panel discussions and/or podcasts and webinars
- Engaging with our extensive networks in academia and public life.

You will also have the chance to apply for a **£300 Personal Development Grant**, to use creatively for promoting progress towards more peaceful, open and inclusive societies.

Additional benefits include:

- Meals and accommodation provided whilst staying with us for scholarship activities
- Return, economy-rate travel expenses within the UK reimbursed, to support participation in scholarship activities
- Use of Lodge facilities at a discounted rate, should you require it.

What's involved?

Cumberland Lodge Scholars play an active part in our work over two years, by being involved in our conferences, consultations, seminars, report launches and retreats, with support from Cumberland Lodge staff. This may include:

- Leading workshops and/or chairing panel discussions
- Taking part in cross-sector discussions
- Proactively networking with fellow delegates at Cumberland Lodge events
- Supporting Cumberland Lodge staff with event facilitation
- Writing engaging newsletter articles, blog posts and recording podcasts with guests
- Providing feedback on events and activities you have been involved with
- Supporting the promotion of our programmes and outputs to the wider public.

In 2022, we will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of Cumberland Lodge. Scholars will be an integral part of the activities.

Scholars commit to:

- Taking part in a several of our digital events (including webinars, Cumberland Conversations or virtual conference sessions) and physical residential events held at Cumberland Lodge, each year, as well as other activities including our annual weekend Scholars' Retreat in the autumn
- Contributing to the ongoing development of our programme of events and activities
- Being an ambassador for Cumberland Lodge and helping to raise awareness about our work and programmes, at university and beyond.



Eligibility

To take part in our competitive application process, you must demonstrate that you are:

- Committed to promoting more peaceful, open and inclusive societies, through your academic research and/or other activities
- Studying for a doctorate at a UK university (in any academic discipline or area of study), for the duration of the scholarship period*
- Able to provide the names of two referees (one academic, i.e. your doctoral supervisor, and one non-academic) who will vouch for your eligibility and support your application

- Able to attend the initial residential Scholars’ Retreat (at Cumberland Lodge, if pandemic restrictions allow) on 10-12 September 2021
- Commit to the full two-year programme, as outlined above.

You should also demonstrate an openness to working across disciplines and engaging with a wide range of subject matters, and explain how you think a Cumberland Lodge Scholarship will benefit your work and life, both now and in the future.

* Please note:

- We accept all types of doctoral study equally, including full-time, part-time and non-traditional pathways or professional doctorate programmes. You will most likely (but not necessarily) be in the first year of your doctorate.
- If you are currently registered for a Master’s degree and hope to go on to study for a doctorate, you are yet be eligible to apply.
- If you are on an agreed pathway to doctoral study, but have not yet transferred from Master’s to doctoral status, you are eligible to apply, providing your supervisor can confirm that you are already working to doctoral standard, as part of your application.

More about us



Cumberland Lodge is a charity based in a Grade II listed, 17th-century former Royal residence in Windsor Great Park. We were founded in the aftermath of World War II, with the support of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth (The Queen Mother), and we have been providing transformative experiences for students for almost 75 years. Our Patron is Her Majesty The Queen.

Since 1947, we have been breaking down ‘silo thinking’ and building networks with the power to make a difference. Our founder Amy Buller, author of *Darkness over Germany* (1943), envisioned a place where people would ‘examine the fundamental assumptions’ behind complex challenges facing society, and that remains at the heart of what we do. We empower people, through dialogue and debate, to understand and address the root causes and effects of social division.

We convene multi-sector conferences, panel discussions and study retreats that engage people of all ages, backgrounds and perspectives in candid conversations, on issues relating to social cohesion that affect us all. We embrace ‘difficult conversations’ and bring intergenerational and multi-sector perspectives, as well as an ethical dimension, to all of our work, supporting people to ‘disagree well’.



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Previous annual themes for our conferences, panel debates and retreats have included ‘Identities & Belongings’ and ‘[Inclusion & Opportunity](#)’. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we have upscaled our digital programme of webinars and introduced a virtual conference model, allowing us to respond to specific pressing issues of social cohesion, as they arise. This has also allowed us to expand our reach,

both within the UK and abroad. Our 2020/21 conferences range from youth perspectives on the global environmental crisis to what the UK's faith and belief landscape might look like by 2040, and policing approaches to reconciliation in the wake of large-scale past harms or injustices. Details of our upcoming events are available [here](#), and all our recent conference briefings, reports, guest blog posts and audio-visual resources can be found [here](#).

How to apply

To apply for a 2021–23 Cumberland Lodge Scholarship, please download and complete the application form [here](#), and return it to Sarah Galvin (Programme Administrator) at: sgalvin@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk

Applications will be accepted from **Monday 1 March** to **Friday 9 April 2021**.

If you are shortlisted for interview you will be informed by **Friday 30 April 2021**, and interviews will take place week commencing **Monday 3 May 2021**, either online via Zoom or (if pandemic restrictions allow) at Cumberland Lodge in Windsor Great Park. Please note that, due to the high number of anticipated applications, we are unable to provide feedback if you are not invited to interview. If you have not heard back from us by Saturday 1 May 2021, we regret that you have not been shortlisted for interview.

If you have any questions that are not answered above, please email us at:
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