

Bristol Old Vic Theatre School Summer Foundation Bursary Policy

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This policy outlines Bristol Old Vic Theatre Schools assessment criteria and allocation of bursaries for the Summer Foundation programme. This policy and assessment criteria are reviewed annually and is subject to change based on the Schools' changing priorities and [Access and Participation Plan Targets](#).

Making an application

Please ensure you read this policy in advance of making an application to us. Applications will be collected via an online form and will close at midnight on the 12th June. This form will be communicated to all participants who have secured a place on the course. Bursary applications are only open to UK Home domiciled students and are not open to international applicants.

Assessment Criteria

We have 4 partially funded bursary places available.

Applications for bursaries will be considered in conjunction with our assessment criteria:

These include but are not limited to:

- Applicants in financial hardship
- Applicants from low areas of progression to higher education (assessed by postcode)
- Applicants from low areas of deprivation (assessed by postcode)
- Applicants in care/care leavers or estranged students
- Disabled applicants
- All other applicants who are 'hard to reach'

Allocation

Communication

Once applications have closed, the committee will meet within the following days to allocate bursaries with communications to successful applicants being sent the following week. Where communications are unable to be sent the following week, the nearest working date will be chosen.

If you have already secured a place on the Summer Foundation course and the bursary awarded exceeds the balance payable on your account the difference will be refunded to you via BACS within 14 days of the award of the bursary

Process

Each criterion listed above will have different weightings and these are agreed in advance by the bursary committee to ensure parity with the Schools' annual priorities and 5 year [Access and Participation Plan](#). Each criteria weighting is then combined to produce an overall score which will be used to assess applicants' success based on the four partial places available.

Disclaimer

The bursary committee meets annually to assess and allocate Summer Foundation Course bursaries and we reserve the right to amend criteria and individual allocations dependent on the Schools' priorities. This means some applicants who previously received a bursary may not be eligible for it the following year if the Schools' criteria or priorities change; however, any changes will be reflected in our policy document and/or communicated to relevant parties.

Questions?

If you have any queries about the bursary process or would like more information, please do contact us at michael.tew@oldvic.ac.uk