

# The Manolo Blahnik Scholarship

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| **About the Donor** |

The Manolo Blahnik Foundation was launched in 2022 with the aim to make a meaningful difference across three key pillars: mental health and wellbeing, the welfare of animals, and supporting new generations in the arts.

The Foundation is committed to making a meaningful difference to students studying in the creative industries.

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| **About the Scholarship** |

* For **1 Home or International** student
* For **course fees** (Home fee £9,535/ International fee £29,990) and **living expenses** (£10,000)
* Accepted on the **BA Fashion Textiles: Print** course at **London College of Fashion**

The scholarships will be assessed on the basis of financial need and academic potential.

It will provide course tuition fees of £9,535 per annum for a home student or £29,990 per annum for an international student with a contribution of £10,000 per annum towards living expenses and course costs for the duration of the course, except for the placement year.

Applications are particularly welcome from students who are in financial hardship and will benefit from undergraduate studies to realise their full potential.

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| **Eligibility Criteria** |

To be eligible for The Manolo Blahnik Scholarship students must be:

* Accepted onto the first year of the full-time **BA Fashion Textiles: Print** course at London College of Fashion, UAL starting in September 2025.

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| **Key Dates** |

Closing date:

All applications must be received by **11PM (UK time),** **Sunday 22 June 2025.**

**N.B.** We cannot accept applications that are incomplete or arrive late.

Panel interview:

The panel will be scheduled for **late July 2025**. The date will be communicated to shortlisted students.

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| **How to Apply** |

Applications for this scholarship must be made by filling in an online application form via the funding tab in the [UAL Student Portal.](https://sits.arts.ac.uk/urd/sits.urd/run/SIW_LGN)

In addition to the online application form, you will need to upload the following supplementary materials uploaded to the student portal:

1. An electronic portfolio uploaded on the Student Portal containing **one PDF document [20MB maximum]** which should be an example of what you consider to be your best work for the Selection Panel to review, and must include:
   * a title page with your name and course title
   * an introductory page of no more than 500 words explaining your work, methodology and inspiration
   * up to 15 pages of your best work e.g., images, written materials, essays, or links to video work with **each image, file or link** numbered and clearly labelled showing the date of production and, if relevant, title, size and materials used.
2. A copy of your most up to date Curriculum Vitae (CV) or Résumé
3. Evidence of your household income (uploaded to the student portal)

Examples:

* + 1. Student’s bank statements for the last 3 months ***and***
    2. Parent’s or Partner’s most recent pay slips for the last 3 months ***or***
    3. Parent’s or Partner’s annual tax statements ***and***
    4. External scholarship award for the current academic year notification ***and***
    5. Investments, bonds and savings for parents/partner and/or student

**N.B.** If you are a **dependant** then your household income includes the income of your parent(s) / guardian(s). If you are an **independent student**, your household income includes the income of your partner**.** Translated and original copies should be provided if the original copy is not in English language

1. Evidence of medical condition (if applicable)

Examples:

1. Doctors’ / Hospital letters

**N.B.** These should be from a qualified medical practitioner, signed, dated within the last 3 months. Translated and original copies should be provided if the original copy is not in English language

1. Evidence of financial hardship**\*** (if applicable)

Examples:

1. Overdrafts
2. Expenditure
3. Overdue rent letters
4. Bailiffs / debt collection letters

**N.B.** Translated and original copies should be provided if the original copy is not in English language

**NB: If you have any technical issues when uploading your supporting documents to the student portal, please upload your documents via our** [**online enquiry form**](https://forms.arts.ac.uk/funding-student-enquiry-form/)

\*Financial hardship refers to unexpected events or unforeseen changes that have negative impacts

on cash flow or finances. For example: changes in income or expenditure, changes in employment status (such as losing a job or having hours reduced). This does not include last month’s rent or bills.

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| **The Assessment Procedure for Applications** |

Step 1:

After you submit your application, it will initially be assessed by the Student Funding Service at University of the Arts London, where it will be ranked according to financial need. This process will be based on the financial information you supplied in your application.

**N.B.** further evidence may be requested at a later date in order to complete the assessment.

Step 2:

Candidates who meet the financial ranking thresholds will be forwarded to an assessment panel for shortlisting. The assessment panel will consider the applicants based on academic merit and creative excellence.

Step 3:

Shortlisted applicants will be invited for an interview. If you are invited, you may be required to bring your portfolio and examples of your work with you to the interview.

**N.B.** Interviews may be via video conference.

Step 4:

The panel will make their final selections by marking the quality of application and the readiness of the applicant to achieve highly in the discipline.

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| **Terms and Conditions of The Manolo Blahnik Scholarship** |

The following terms and conditions apply to acceptance onto The Manolo Blahnik Scholarship:

* The scholarship will provide a contribution towards your tuition fees and living costs.
* For Home students, the scholarship will provide a contribution of £9,535 per annum towards your tuition fees.
* For International students, the scholarship will provide a contribution of £29,990 per annum towards your tuition fees.
* Tuition fees will be paid directly from the award into the University’s Tuition Fees account.
* Living costs contributions of £10,000 per annum will be paid via BACS in termly instalments to the award recipients two weeks after the start of each term based on progression and enrolment status.
* There will be no payment of tuition fees or maintenance for the placement year.
* When assessing financial hardship, the University considers any household income of £80,000 per annum or below as the criteria for financial hardship.
* UAL will share personal data from completed scholarship application forms and portfolios of award applicants with the award donor. Information on academic progress and final results of scholars may be shared with the award donor.

**N.B.** It cannot be guaranteed that applicants or scholars’ data will be as protected as it would be within the European Economic Area if the trustees of the donor are based outside of the European Economic Area.

* Applicants may withdraw consent to share information with UAL and external partnership sponsors at any time by contacting the Student Funding Service via our [online enquiry form](https://forms.arts.ac.uk/funding-student-enquiry-form/). This may result in the application and/or award being withdrawn if UAL is longer able to determine eligibility for support.
* Award recipients cannot be in receipt of more than one UAL affiliated or administered award. Applicants can apply for more than one award, but if offered more than one UAL affiliated or administered award, the recipient will need to choose which to receive. However, in exceptional circumstances, on a case-by-case basis, we may consider two awards if the combined awards are less than £5000 in total.
* Applicants can be in receipt of a UAL award and a non-UAL award (subject to the terms and conditions of the non-UAL award).
* Award recipients are expected to attend all timetabled classes and tutorials. The only exception to this is periods of absence due to illness and extenuating circumstances. Attendance will be monitored and any student with a poor attendance record may risk their award being terminated.
* Award recipients are expected to attend a small number of College and University events to promote scholarship support to potential donors and to meet with scholarship supporters at these events (both during and after completing their course).
* The award will be terminated if registration/enrolment lapses on any grounds other than a temporary suspension of study due to extenuating circumstances

**N.B.** Any absence due to extenuating circumstances must follow university [procedures](https://www.arts.ac.uk/study-at-ual/academic-regulations/course-regulations/extenuating-circumstances-and-time-out)

* No applicant for the award should make any decisions regarding their enrolment, financial arrangements, accommodation or other matters that rely on the outcome of their application being successful.
* All applicants will be informed of the final decision via email. Emails will be sent to the UAL email address for all enrolled students.

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| **More Information** |

Please contact the Student Funding Service via our [online enquiry form](https://forms.arts.ac.uk/funding-student-enquiry-form/) for assistance or with any queries relating to the application process and this scholarship, or visit our [Scholarships Search](http://www.arts.ac.uk/study-at-ual/student-fees--funding/scholarships-search/) page.

If you are unable to upload your supporting documents on the student portal, please contact the Student Funding Service via our [online enquiry form](https://forms.arts.ac.uk/funding-student-enquiry-form/)

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| **Checklist** |

Use this list to help ensure you have completed every part of the application before submitting.

## Table 1 Evidence Checklist

| **Have you:** | **Yes** | **Not applicable** |
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| Filled out the online application form? |  |  |
| Created your PDF portfolio? |  |  |
| Created a title page with your name and course title? |  |  |
| Added an introduction (500 words maximum)? |  |  |
| Included images, links, essays, written material (15 pages maximum)? |  |  |
| Numbered the images? |  |  |
| Labelled the images? |  |  |
| Added the date of production? (If applicable) |  |  |
| Included a title for all labels? (If applicable) |  |  |
| Included a size on the labels? (If applicable) |  |  |
| Included details of the material/s used in the original? (If applicable) |  |  |
| Uploaded your PDF Portfolio? |  |  |
| Included your Curriculum Vitae / Résumé? |  |  |
| Included evidence of your household income? |  |  |
| Included evidence of your medical condition? (If applicable) |  |  |
| Included evidence of your financial hardship? (If applicable) |  |  |