

**Bursaries for the  
Channel 4 Investigative Journalism MA**

**Guidance and Application Form**

<b>ACADEMIC YEAR</b>			
<b>SURNAME</b>		<b>FIRST NAME</b>	
<b>UCAS NUMBER</b>		<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	
<b>EMAIL</b>			

## **About the Channel 4 bursaries**

De Montfort University, in collaboration with Channel 4, has developed and runs an innovative MA in Investigative Journalism. We are looking to find, educate and train the best of the next generation of video investigative journalists.

We are especially keen to receive applications from minority groups who are currently under-represented in broadcast journalism, such as those who are disabled, BAME candidates, and people from socially disadvantaged backgrounds, as part of the DMU Freedom Equality and Diversity Charter.

But we recognise that many talented people may not have the resources to take up a place on the course. That's why we are offering financial assistance to those successful candidates who need it most.

## Applying

**Please ensure you answer all questions and complete all sections of the form. The questions help us to assess if you are eligible. If you would like any help in preparing your application please contact by email or phone – [pervez.khan@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:pervez.khan@dmu.ac.uk) 0166 201 3844.**

You should email the completed form to Pervez together with scanned copies of any supporting documents.

If you wish to post a copy of the form together with your supporting documents, please discuss this with Pervez first.

Make sure you complete the form **in full** and attach your supporting documents or scans of them. If anything is missing this will delay your application, and may well mean we cannot consider it.

***Please check our awards webpage for this year's application closing date.***

### **When will I know the outcome of my application?**

**If you have completed all sections of the application form and sent all your supporting documents by the application deadline, you will be notified of the decision within ten days of the deadline.**

### **Application Checklist**

Before sending the form, please ensure that you have done the following:

- ☐ Provide copies of your household earnings and savings, these could be bank statements, payslips etc (do not send originals). We may request to see originals before any award is issued.
- ☐ You have completed the application form.
- ☐ Completed the equal opportunities form.

## Eligibility

Please read the descriptions below carefully to see if you are able to meet the principal scheme criteria. If you can, then you can continue with your application.

The bursaries are only available to full-time UK and EU students who hold an offer to study on our Investigative Journalism MA, are commencing study in autumn of the year of application.

The bursaries are aimed at:

- A) Candidates who demonstrate that they have the capacity to succeed in the industry.
- B) Candidates who can demonstrate that they would find great difficulty in undertaking the course without financial help.
- C) Candidates from one of the targeted groups of people who are underrepresented in the industry.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Such groups are described in a) *Journalists in the UK*, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, 2016, Thurman N et al, p 121; b) 2015 *Employment Survey, Creative and Media Industries*, Creative SkillSet, March 2016, para 2.72 c) *Diversity and Equal Opportunities in Television*, Ofcom, 14 September 2017, p 24

## Application details

### Part 1: Personal details

UCAS Number	
Surname	
Forename(s) (in full)	
Correspondence address	
Hometown	
Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	
Email address	
Mobile / Contact number	

## Part 2: Financial Position

<p>What is your current <u>total</u> household income?          (Provide copies of your household earnings, these could be bank statements, payslips) etc (do not send originals) – <i>we may request to see originals before any award is issued.</i></p>	
<p>If you undertook this course, what would your household income be?          (Provide details on the difference)</p>	
<p>How much do you have in savings, in cash or investments but excluding pensions?          (Please provide copies – do not send originals) – <i>we may request to see originals before any award is issued.</i></p>	
<p>Have you any dependents? Please list the number of and ages of dependents</p>	

<p>What type of occupation did the main income earner in your household have when you were 14? Please tick one.</p>	<p><b>Senior Manager/Administrator</b> (e.g. chief executive, finance manager, production manager, commissioning editor, executive producer)</p>	
	<p><b>Traditional Professional</b> (e.g. doctor, scientist, accountant, architect, engineer, academic, solicitor, barrister, dentist)</p>	
	<p><b>Modern Professional</b> (e.g. teacher, nurse, actor, journalist, software designer, social worker, artist, physiotherapist)</p>	
	<p><b>Middle or Junior Manager</b> (e.g. office manager, retail manager, bank manager, restaurant manager, publican, series producer, warehouse manager)</p>	
	<p><b>Clerical and Intermediate</b> (e.g. secretary, nursery nurse, fireman, photographer, airline cabin crew, runner, personal assistant, office clerk)</p>	
	<p><b>Technical and Craft</b> (e.g. mechanic, plumber, fitter, electrician, train driver, printer, gardener, hairdresser, builder, tool maker)</p>	
	<p><b>Semi-routine Manual and Service</b> (e.g. caretaker, sales assistant, receptionist, postman, milkman, care assistant, machine operative, farm worker, security guard, catering assistant)</p>	
	<p><b>Routine Manual and Service</b> (e.g. lorry driver, bus driver, cleaner, labourer, refuse collector, waitress, porter, bar staff, packer, sewing machinist)</p>	
	<p><b>Prefer not to say</b></p>	

What would you do if you **did not** get awarded the C4 Bursary?

### **Part 3: Personal Statement.**

Please provide a personal statement. If you choose to rely on the one you submitted in your application to the MA, please indicate this below.



#### **Part 4: Investigation idea.**

Please suggest an idea for an investigation. If you choose to rely on the one you submitted in your application to the MA, please indicate this below.

## Part 5: Declaration

I declare that the information that I have given on this form is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that giving false information will automatically disqualify my application.

I understand that my application details will be reviewed and recommendations made to Channel 4 who will make the final decision in respect of their awards, and DMU in respect of their awards.

I understand that by signing this application I confirm I have understood and will adhere to the Bursary responsibilities. Failure to do so may result in the removal of Bursary benefits.

Please read the attached terms.

Your Name (*in capitals*) .....

### Terms and Conditions

- The C4 Living Expenses Bursaries are awarded at the discretion of Channel 4
- To qualify for a Bursary, an applicant must be accepted onto the Channel 4 Investigative Journalism MA meeting the published academic and non-academic entry criteria. Please check MA course details for entry requirements
- An applicant must be regarded as a UK or EU status student for tuition fees (i.e. by DMU and Student Finance England (SFE))
- A Living Expenses Bursary is valid only for entry into the academic year of application and cannot be deferred by the applicant until a subsequent academic year
- The Bursary shall not be available to any student in a repeat year
- The Bursary shall be paid in installments in line with DMU's normal Bursary payment schedule
- An applicant must have no outstanding debt to DMU
- Students in receipt of the Bursary will not be eligible for any other scholarships or awards,
- No cash alternatives will be offered and the Bursary cannot be transferred to any other course at DMU or to a nominated recipient.
- Bursaries are only available to students responsible for paying their own fees; sponsored students will not be eligible
- Channel 4 or DMU has the right to cancel any Bursary which has been claimed fraudulently
- Where a student terminates or interrupts his/her studies prior to the completion of his/her course, then the Bursary will be reduced pro rata calculated on the basis of the student's last date of attendance
- Channel 4 reserves the right not to award any Bursaries should applications not meet the appropriate standard
- Channel 4 reserves the right to revise, review or withdraw any of the Bursaries at any time upon giving 2 weeks' prior written notice,
- Other terms, changed as appropriate to apply to these awards, can be found at <https://www.dmu.ac.uk/study/fees-funding/vc2020-scholarship/cem.aspx>

## Equal Opportunities Monitoring

DMU is committed to equal opportunities. As is Channel 4: we are committed to reflecting at all levels the diverse population that watches our on-screen programming. It is vital that we monitor and analyse diversity information so that we can ensure that our processes are fair, transparent, promote equality and opportunity for all and do not have an adverse impact on any particular group. Any information provided will be treated confidentially. The categories we use are those recommended by the Commission of Racial Equality and Stonewall.

### Please indicate how you prefer to describe your ethnic group

(Please tick one option)

#### Black/African/Caribbean/Black British

African	<input type="checkbox"/>
Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Black background	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Asian/Asian British

Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Asian background	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Other Ethnic Groups

Arab	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Ethnic background	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups

White and Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>
White and Black African	<input type="checkbox"/>
White	<input type="checkbox"/>
White and Asian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Mixed background	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### White

English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gypsy / Irish Traveler	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other White background	<input type="checkbox"/>

I prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### Disability

Do you have a disability, long-term injury or health condition	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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that affects your day-to-day life?		
	No	
	I prefer not to say	

**Gender** (Please tick/ complete)

Male		
Female		
Prefer to use my own term please describe here		
I prefer not to say		

**Sexual Orientation**

**Religion**

Bisexual	
Heterosexual	
Gay man	
Gay women / Lesbian	
Other	
I prefer not to say.	

Buddhist	
Christian	
Hindu	
Jewish	
Muslim	
Sikh	
None	
Other	
Atheist	
I prefer not to say	