



Cumberland Lodge

exchanging views, inspiring minds

Cumberland Lodge Scholarships 2020-22



Our two-year scholarships are designed to fit around, and enhance, your doctoral studies. Every year, [Cumberland Lodge](#) offers 10 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. Each annual cohort includes one scholar who has been recruited separately through 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 events and activities outside of your academic disciplines, gaining valuable experience in:

- Public engagement and event facilitation
- Working collaboratively with people of all ages, backgrounds 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
- 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?

- Committing to take part in *at least two* of our residential events at Cumberland Lodge, *and* other activities each year, including our annual weekend Scholars' Retreat in the autumn;
- Contributing to the development of our programme of events and educational activities;
- Being an ambassador for Cumberland Lodge and helping to raise awareness about our work and programmes, at university and beyond.

Cumberland Lodge Scholars play an active part in our work, over two years, including involvement in our conferences, expert consultations, forums, report launches and study 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.



Eligibility

To take part in our competitive application process, you must be able to 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 Scholar's Retreat on **11 - 13 September 2020**, as well as commit to the full two-year programme, as outlined above.

You will also need to demonstrate an openness to working across disciplines and engaging with a wide range of subject matters, and an understanding of how the 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 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 will not yet be eligible;*
- *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 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 over 70 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 debates and retreats that engage people of all ages, backgrounds and perspectives in candid conversations, on issues 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.

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The theme of our conferences, panel debates and retreats in 2019-20 is **‘Inclusion & Opportunity’**. You can find out more about this year’s series [here](#). Our 2020-2023 series will explore **‘Youth & The Future’**, with the first year focusing on ‘Democracy, Citizenship and Common Values’, specifically. Conference topics range from environmental crisis and the future of our planet, to civic culture in the digital age. Details of our upcoming events are available [here](#), and all our recent conference briefings, reports and audio-visual resources can be found [here](#).

How to apply

To apply, please complete the application form, which is available to download from the [Cumberland Lodge Scholarships](#) page on our website, and return it to Sarah Galvin, Programme Administrator: sgalvin@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk

Applications will be accepted from **Tuesday 2 March** to **Tuesday 31 March 2020** (midnight).

If you are shortlisted for interview you will be informed by **Thursday 30 April 2020**, and interviews will take place on **Monday 4 May 2020**, at Cumberland Lodge in Windsor Great Park. Please note that, due to the high number of anticipated applications, we are unfortunately unable to provide feedback to applicants who are not invited to interview.

If you have any questions that are not answered above, please email us at:
programmeteam@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk