**GSAI Postgraduate Travel Bursary Scheme**

The German Studies Association of Ireland Postgraduate Travel Bursary Scheme is intended to provide financial support to postgraduate students working in German Studies who need to travel nationally or abroad for the following purposes:

* to present work at conferences
* to undertake research at libraries and/or archives
* to collect data and/or undertake fieldwork

**Eligibility**

The bursary scheme is open to all postgraduates registered for postgraduate programmes at third-level institutions in the Republic of Ireland or the United Kingdom, and engaged in research relevant to German Studies. A maximum of €250 can be awarded to any one student in a given year. Applicants must be members of the German Studies Association of Ireland for at least three months prior to application.

The scheme covers any of the above mention activities conducted between the date of award of the bursary and the end of the calendar year. The bursary **cannot** be used to cover costs retrospectively.

There may be a second call for applications for the scheme in the autumn dependent on the association’s finances. This call will be issued via the GSAI distribution list to all paid-up members.

**Costs**

The bursary can be used to cover:

* travel expenses
* conference registration fees
* accommodation costs

**Application Process**

Calls for applications are circulated via the GSAI email list. Applicants to the 2019 scheme are invited to submit the completed [**application form**](http://germaninireland.org/en/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/GSAI-Postgraduate-Travel-Bursary-Application-Form.docx), together with a CV, by **31st March 2019** to GSAI Secretary Marina Durnin in the first instance: marinadurnin@ucc.ie. Applications will be considered by the GSAI committee and applicants will be notified of the outcome within two weeks after the application deadline.

Successful applicants will be required to submit a short report (200-250 words) on the completed project and a travel expenses claim form, together with the necessary receipts, to the GSAI Secretary. They will also be required to acknowledge the support of the GSAI, should their research be published.

It is expected that successful applicants attend the GSAI annual conference to partake in the prize-giving ceremony and they may be asked in advance of the event to draft a short conference report.