

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### About the Hilda Martindale Trust

1. The Hilda Martindale Educational Trust was established through the generosity of the late Miss Hilda Martindale CBE, (1875-1952), with the object of helping 'Women of the British Isles whose intention it is to fit themselves for some profession or career likely to be of use or value to the community'.
2. The Trust is administered by the Council of Royal Holloway, University of London. The Council appoints the Exhibition Trustees who are responsible for making awards under the Trust.
3. Awards do not normally exceed £3,000.

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4. Applicants must be:
  - British women
  - undertaking an undergraduate or postgraduate course or training at a UK-based Higher Education Institution
  - following a profession/career in areas where women are underrepresented.

These criteria are further explained below.

5. Applicants must be a British national. Confirmation of an award being made will be conditional upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of British nationality, such as a British passport. If you are unsure whether you have British nationality, please refer to the [gov.uk webpages on the types of British nationality](https://www.gov.uk/webpages-on-the-types-of-British-nationality).
6. Awards are made to students undertaking postgraduate (eg. MA, MSc and PhD) or undergraduate (eg. BA and BSc) study. The Trustees will not make awards for the first year of undergraduate study. Final year undergraduates will be prioritised over undergraduates in other years of study.
7. Courses/training must be the minimum of a full year in length and preferably start in September/October of the relevant academic year.
8. The course being undertaken must be offered by, and studied at, a Higher Education Institution located in the United Kingdom.
9. Applicants should note that awards are not made for the following:
  - short courses (ie. those for less than one year in length);
  - access or foundation courses;
  - courses attended abroad;

- elective studies;
  - intercalated BSc years during a UK medical, dental, veterinary, or nursing course;
  - wholly academic research (ie. that undertaken without a view to entering a profession in which women are underrepresented);
  - special projects in the UK or abroad;
  - courses at levels other than undergraduate or postgraduate (eg. NVQs or Diplomas).
10. Applicants must intend to enter a career in which women are underrepresented. These include (but are not limited to): design and development engineers, electrical and mechanical engineers, chartered surveyors, programmers and software development professionals, IT business analysts, architects and systems designers, chemical scientists, physical scientists, architects.
  11. Please note that, in order to be eligible for an award from the Trust, women must be underrepresented at all or most levels of that field or career, and not just in the most senior positions.
  12. Trustees do not accept that teaching, psychology, medicine, dental or veterinary studies are fields in which women are generally underrepresented. However, students pursuing careers in these fields are able to make an application if they can demonstrate that they wish to specialise in an area in which women are underrepresented.
  13. Applicants should note that Trustees expect to see evidence in the personal statement of some practical experience which demonstrates a firm intention to pursue a career in the stated profession.
  14. Awards are made for one year only and beneficiaries may not reapply for awards in subsequent years.
  15. Awards do not normally exceed £3,000. The sum awarded will be determined in each case by the Trustees.
  16. Submitted applications must be complete and received before the closing date and time advertised on the Trust website. Late applications will not be considered.
  17. Retrospective awards are not made (ie. you must be registered as a student during the academic year in which the award is paid).

Hilda Martindale Trust Website: <https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/studying-here/fees-and-funding/hilda-martindale-trust-awards/>

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