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**Emerging Maker Grants** NEW

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Grants are available for the training and education of UK-based early-career craftspeople who wish to develop their skills and expertise.

**Fund Information**

Funding body:	Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust (QEST)
Maximum value:	£ 10,000
Application deadline:	14/08/2023

**Background**

This grant scheme is provided by the Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust (QEST).

QEST supports the training and education of talented and aspiring craftspeople through traditional college courses, vocational training, apprenticeships and one-to-one training with a master craftsperson; helping to support Britain's cultural heritage and sustain skills in traditional and contemporary crafts.

**Objectives of Fund**

The Emerging Maker Grant is a funding opportunity for talented early-career craftspeople who have a strong foundation and commitment to their craft, but who are still in the process of developing their skills and expertise.

**Value Notes**

A grant of up to £10,000 is provided towards craft training and education.

**Who Can Apply**

The grant is open to all UK based makers who identify their practice within the field of craft and have a strong foundation and clear commitment to their craft. Emerging makers are defined as individuals at an early stage of their career, who have been in professional practice for four years or less.

**Location**

United Kingdom

**Restrictions**

The grant is not suitable for individuals who are just starting out or pursuing making as a hobby.

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The scheme does not fund:

- Performing arts
- Audio arts
- Literary arts
- Body arts
- Art Psychotherapy
- Trades (eg plumbing)

Ineligible activities:

- Anything not related to craft.
- Design-only courses such as architecture or theory-led PhDs - there must be a practical or technical element to the training.
- Setting up a studio.
- Business development or investment costs.
- Applications that solely request materials, travel or accommodation.

Applicants cannot use the grant to pay for:

- Home-based overheads such as rent or living expenses.
- Personal expenses or sustenance costs.
- The purchase of precious metals or stones (such as platinum or gold).
- Studio rental or upgrade costs.
- Childcare costs.

## Eligible Expenditure

The funding specifically supports training and education programmes to help makers enhance their craft skills and advance their careers. The training can take many forms, from traditional college courses to vocational one-on-one learning with a master craftsman, or a bespoke programme of short courses.

## How To Apply

Applications are open biannually, in spring and autumn. (Spring: Applications open from January to February with awards made in May. Autumn: Applications open from July to August with awards made in November.)

Applications are currently open until 14 August 2023 (17:00 BST).

Applications are completed via an online form.

More information can be accessed at the QEST website.

Contact QEST for further information.

## Useful links

QEST Emerging Maker Grants  
<https://www.qest.org.uk/apply/emerging-maker-grants/>

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## Addresses and contacts

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

### Enquiries

Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust (QEST)

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## Calls and deadlines

Information on future calls is indicative only and may be subject to change.

### Autumn 2023 Deadline

Application start date:	-
Application end date:	14/08/2023
Frequency:	Biannual

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