

## Guide to financing your studies at Guildhall School: ELQ undergraduate students (2009 Entry)

### Am I an ELQ Student and how does it affect my fees and funding?

#### ELQ student definition

If you already have a degree or diploma at or above the level of the programme you wish to study at the Guildhall School and would usually pay UK and EU(non-UK) fees you will be classified as an ELQ. An equivalent or higher previous degree or diploma from any country counts in this way, not just those obtained in the UK or the EU.

#### Study for equivalent or lower qualifications (ELQ)

Recent government policy has stopped institutions receiving government funding for students from the UK and EU (non-UK) who already have a qualification at or above the level of the one they wish to take. This policy is known as the ELQ (equivalent or lower qualifications) policy.

The ELQ policy came into effect in September 2008 and some institutions have decided to pass on immediately to ELQ students the higher fees that result from the removal of government funding. The Guildhall School of Music & Drama decided to keep its UK/EU fees at the normal rate for ELQ students for 2009 entry<sup>1</sup>.

This means that students usually paying UK and EU (non-UK) fees starting new programmes at the Guildhall School in September 2009 will pay the normal UK and EU (non-UK) fee for the duration of that programme whether or not they are categorised as ELQ. However, students starting new programmes in September 2010 who are categorised as ELQs will be liable to pay the full overseas fee level.

For further information please visit  
[www.gsmd.ac.uk/school/fees\\_and\\_funding/elq.html](http://www.gsmd.ac.uk/school/fees_and_funding/elq.html).

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<sup>1</sup> We are currently reviewing our situation for entry 2010 and will publish this information on the School's website when it becomes available.

## **Disabled students**

Students who will receive a Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) during their studies are exempt from the ELQ policy. It is therefore important that both undergraduate and postgraduate students who may be eligible for a DSA inform the School of this on their application form.

## **International students**

Students from outside the EU with an equivalent or lower qualification, who would therefore already be paying overseas fees, are not affected by the policy.

## **Funding and fee implications**

### **Undergraduate programmes**

Please note that undergraduate ELQ students are not be eligible for student support from the UK government.

### **Deposits**

ELQ students will be classified as self-funded students and will therefore be subject to the School's policy on deposits. A non-refundable fee deposit of 15% of the fee due (tuition fee less any tuition fee scholarship if applicable) is payable by the 15th July 2009 to secure your place on the programme. This is a condition of your offer, so if we do not receive your deposit by this date your place may be offered to another candidate. Please contact Finance if you have any queries on +44 (0)20 7382 7208.

You can pay by one of the following methods:

**Credit/debit card:** You can pay by Visa, Mastercard, Electron, Switch and Solo by calling +44 (0)20 7382 7208.

**Cheque:** Cheques must be drawn on a UK bank and made payable to the Guildhall School of Music & Drama

**Bank Transfer:** You may arrange a direct bank transfer to the Guildhall School's account, and we advise you to do so at least a week before the deadline since it can take a few days to clear. Please ensure the Student Name and Student Reference Number are clearly stated on any transfer document, and that you have paid any transaction charges. Bring a copy of the bank transfer notification to your enrolment session. Please contact Finance if you have any queries regarding this  
The Guildhall School's bank details are as follows:

Lloyds TSB Bank  
Sort Code: 30 00 02  
Account Name: Guildhall School of Music & Drama Collection Account  
Account Number: 01949360  
IBAN (International Bank Account No.): GB38 LOYD 3000 0201 9493 60  
BIC Number: LOYDGB2CTY

## Alternative support

### Scholarships for fees and maintenance

The school offers a wide range of scholarships to all students regardless of domicile. A scholarship may be awarded to cover either the full cost of fees or a fraction of them, and may include an element for maintenance.

In **Music**, some named scholarships are awarded as a result of the auditions. Other financial assistance for undergraduate students is awarded on merit, but all students may apply for scholarship support for their studies by requesting an application form from Richard Jerrom, Music Curriculum Manager ([Richard.Jerrom@gsm.d.ac.uk](mailto:Richard.Jerrom@gsm.d.ac.uk) or +44(0)20 7382 6128), at the time of accepting a place for study at the School, or at any time thereafter. Applicants should note, however, that early application is advised.

Details of scholarships in **Acting** will be made available to students attending the Recall Auditions in May.

Scholarships for **Stage Management & Technical Theatre** students are available in Years 2 and 3 only. For details of how to apply contact: Sue Thornton ([Sue.Thornton@gsm.d.ac.uk](mailto:Sue.Thornton@gsm.d.ac.uk) or +44 (0)20 7382 7150).

### The Hardship Fund

Once admitted, if you experience unexpected and temporary financial hardship, you may apply to the Hardship Committee which will consider your case. A grant will be awarded if the circumstances merit it. Grants are normally in the region of £200-£400 with a maximum of £1500 in any one year.

*If you would like to discuss in more detail the information contained in this document, please contact our Student Funding Officer, Kirsty Ellinor.*

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