

Judy Blame – BA (Hons) Fashion Photography Subsistence Grant Application

The University of Westminster is proud to announce the Judy Blame Trust Subsistence Grant for BA Fashion Photography students, created in partnership with Trust Judy Blame.

Inspired by the spirit and legacy of Judy Blame, this grant has been created to support students experiencing financial hardship and help ensure that talented creatives are able to continue their studies and develop their practice regardless of economic circumstances.

Judy Blame was a pioneering stylist, image-maker and cultural figure whose work challenged conventions across fashion, art and youth culture. His legacy continues through initiatives that champion creativity, individuality and access within the creative industries.

The grant is open to all eligible BA Fashion Photography students experiencing financial hardship. However, the selection process will prioritise students from underprivileged backgrounds, marginalised communities, and LGBTQ+ communities.

One BA Fashion Photography student will receive £3,000 financial support across Years 2 and 3 of the course, helping towards living costs and reducing financial barriers that may affect engagement with study and creative development.

Applications will be assessed based on:

- Evidence of financial need
- Personal circumstances
- Commitment to creative practice and study
- Engagement with the values and spirit of the award.

Please read the below guidance notes and terms and conditions carefully before completing the application form attached.

Guidance Notes & Terms and Conditions

1. About the Grant

The Judy Blame Trust Hardship Grant has been created to support BA Fashion Photography students experiencing financial hardship during their studies at the University of Westminster.

The grant particularly aims to support students from:

- underprivileged backgrounds
- marginalised communities
- LGBTQ+ communities

The grant provides financial support across Years 2 and 3 of the course.

The successful applicant will receive:

- £1,500 during Year 2
- £1,500 during Year 3
- Total value: £3,000

Continuation of the grant into Year 3 is dependent upon:

- successful completion and passing of Year 2
- continued engagement with the course
- maintaining at least 80% attendance

2. Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be UK/Home students
- Be enrolled on the BA Fashion Photography course at the University of Westminster
- Be progressing into Year 2 at the time of application
- Demonstrate financial need or hardship
- Show commitment to their creative practice and studies

3. Application Requirements

Applicants will be required to complete an application form, including a written statement (maximum 500 words).

Please address the following:

- Your background, current circumstances, and how they relate to the aims of the grant
- Your fashion photography practice, interests, and experience in the course so far
- Your future aspirations and goals
- How would this financial support help you continue your studies and creative development
- Applicants will be asked to submit a portfolio selection via link.

4. Financial Information

Student will provide financial information in the application form. This information will be confidential.

5. Selection Process

Applications will be initially reviewed by University of Westminster staff and shortlisted to a maximum of three candidates. The shortlisted applications will then be shared with a selection panel comprising representatives from the University of Westminster and Trust Judy Blame, who will independently review the submissions and select the successful recipient.

Assessment will consider:

- Financial need
- Commitment to study and creative practice
- Alignment with the aims and values of the grant
- Overall strength of the application

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend an informal interview as part of the selection process.

6. Important Information

The grant is intended as financial support and does not cover tuition fees directly.

If the recipient:

- withdraws from the course
- fails to progress into the next academic year

- or does not maintain engagement with the course
the remaining payment may be withdrawn.

The University of Westminster and Trust Judy Blame reserve the right not to award the grant if no suitable applicant is identified.

7. Timeline

Applications Open: 7th of September 2026

Application Deadline: 25th of September 2026

Shortlisted Interviews 30th of September 2026 (afternoon)