Queen’s Women Graduates Scholarship 2021

The Queen's Women Graduates Association (QWGA) is interested in promoting education, especially for women, at local, national and international level.

The scholarship should enhance the educational opportunities of women students, normally those who have had a gap of at least five years since attending school, who are enrolled and are attending a degree, diploma or certificate award-bearing course at the University.

The scholarship may be helpful in assisting, for example, with the cost of fees, books, child care or travel and is available for one academic year only.

The Scholarships panel for 2021

* Leighanne Montgomery (Chair and former President of QWGA),
* Deirdre McCauley (Secretary of QWGA),
* Oonagh Ferrity (Former President of QWGA),
* David Capper (School of Law, Queen’s University)

Applications for this scholarship opened in August 2021 and were advertised through the Queen’s website and heavily via Queen’s email communications with students. The applications closed on 30 November 2021.

We received 13 applications. The impact of Covid on students has been significant, especially mature students who are now studying from home and balancing home life, demands of university work and working. .

**Shortlisting**

On 7 December 2021 we shortlisted 4 candidates, which the panel each found challenging to shortlist, due to the quality of the applications.

**Interviews**

Interviews were held on 20 December 2021, virtually via Microsoft Teams. Three candidates were interviewed. The scholarship fund was £1500. Following some insightful and compelling interviewees, the panel decided to share the award between the three candidates; an award of £850 went to Paulina Begier, Ciarrai McDonald was awarded £500, with the remaining £150 going to Amy Dempsey-Jenkins.

Deirdre McCauley (Secretary of QWGA)