

# ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE

## **Iris Truscott Scholarship**

### **Guidelines and Criteria 2025**

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### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The Iris Truscott Scholarship is made available to students who have completed Level 4 or Level 5 of the Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Dance (LRAD) and graduates of the Certificate of Ballet Teaching Studies (CBTS) wishing to continue professional development by progressing onto the BA (Hons) Dance Education (BADE), Levels 5 and 6. As a pre-requisite for entry onto BADE, CBTS graduates are required to undertake and pass a compulsory access module: *DE401a: Frameworks and Perspectives*.
- 1.2 The Iris Truscott Scholarship provides discretionary financial assistance for LRAD students and CBTS graduates to help fund tuition fees, for the next LRAD level or for the first year of study on BADE.

### **2. Conditions of Scholarship**

- 2.1 The amount of each Scholarship will be at the discretion of the Trustees of the Iris Truscott Scholarship.
- 2.2 The Scholarship is dependent upon the acceptance of recommendations by the Trustees of the Iris Truscott Scholarship.

### **3. Eligibility**

- 3.1 Students with the highest academic achievement on the relevant programmes. For the LRAD this will be two students with the highest achievement and progress at Level 4 or Level 5 of the programme. For BADE, it will be a CBTS graduate with the highest achievement in the access module.

### **4. Assessment Criteria**

- 4.1 Recommendations for the Iris Truscott Scholarship will be made using the following:-

#### ***For the LRAD:***

- Achievement and commitment to championing the RAD through the teaching of its syllabus, as evidenced through tutor recommendation

***For BADE:***

- Achievement evidenced through highest access module mark

## **5. Recommendation**

- 5.1 Recommendations for the Iris Truscott Scholarship are made to the Trustees of the Iris Truscott Scholarship via Registry. Relevant LRAD tutors should nominate two students who have shown the highest achievement and have made the most progress during Level 4 or Level 5. The CBTS graduate will be identified by Registry.
- 5.2 Nominated students will be required to supply a personal statement for the Trustees. The statement should include:-
  - The name of the student
  - The name of the programme
  - Reasons for choosing the LRAD programme or for continuing studies after the award of CBTS
  - How the LRAD or BADE will inform the student's teaching
  - What the student hopes to achieve with the LRAD or BADE qualification
  - How the financial support of the Scholarship will make a difference to the student

## **6. Administration Procedures**

- 6.1 LRAD tutors should agree the recommendation after the LRAD assessments. The LRAD Programme Manager informs Registry of the nomination. Registry will identify the CBTS graduate with the highest mark in the access module and establish whether it is the graduate's intention to progress to BADE in the following academic year.
- 6.2 The Registrar will inform the nominees and invite them to submit personal statements.
- 6.3 The Registrar will pass the personal statements on to the Trustees of the Iris Truscott Scholarship ahead of the Trustees' meeting early the following year.
- 6.4 The Trustees of the Iris Truscott Scholarship will assess the recommendations and make the award of funding. The Faculty of Education Finance and Resources Committee will be informed of the awards at the appropriate times.

- 6.5 Students will be advised of the Scholarship award by Registry in writing.
- 6.6 With the students' permission, their profiles will be used for the promotion of the LRAD/BADE programme.

## 7. Deferral of Scholarships

- 7.1 It is expected that Iris Truscott Scholarships will be taken up by the recipient/s in the same year as the scholarship/s is awarded.
- 7.2 In exceptional circumstances, recipients of an Iris Truscott Scholarship may request deferral of such scholarship as a result of extenuating circumstances (for example, but not limited to, personal injury/illness) which prevents a recipient attending the programme for which the scholarship is awarded. Such requests should be made in writing to the Faculty of Education Registrar, stating the reason/s for why a deferral is being requested.
- 7.3 Requests for a deferral of an Iris Truscott Scholarship should be made as soon as possible, and normally **not less than 20 working days** before the date of the next Trustee meeting.
- 7.4 Upon recommendation of the Faculty of Education Registrar, Trustees of the Iris Truscott Scholarship will consider requests for deferral of scholarships either at the next Trustee meeting or through Chair's Action.
- 7.5 If a deferral of a scholarship is approved, the scholarship must be taken up before the start date of the next time the relevant programme is delivered.
- 7.6 A second request for deferral of an Iris Truscott Scholarship will not normally be considered. However, depending on the circumstances, a second request may be considered at the discretion of the Chair of the Trustees. In the event of a recipient requesting a second deferral, the process as outlined in 7.3 and 7.4 must be followed.
- 7.7 Recipients will be notified in writing by the Registrar of the decision of the Trustees in relation to requests for deferral of Iris Truscott Scholarships.

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