



## **Queen's Women Graduates Scholarship 2022**

The Queen's Women Graduates (QWG) 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, childcare or travel and is available for one academic year only.

The Scholarships panel for 2022

- Deirdre McCauley (Chair of Panel and Secretary of QWG),
- Anne Hunter (Former President of QWG and current Committee member),
- Oonagh Ferrity (Former President of QWG),
- David Capper (School of Law, Queen's University)

Applications for this scholarship opened in August 2022 and were advertised through the Queen's website and heavily via Queen's email communications with students. The applications closed in December 2022. We received a total of 17 applications.

### **Shortlisting**

Shortlisting took place via e-mail and was completed by 16 December 2022. A total of four candidates were shortlisted.

### **Interviews**

Interviews were held on 12 January 2023 at the Peter Froggatt Centre in Queen's. Two candidates were interviewed in person and two virtually via Microsoft Teams. The scholarship fund was £1000. Following some insightful and compelling interviewees, the panel decided to give the monetary award to two candidates. This was divided between Eleanor Corken (£600) and Karina Louise Smyth (£400). Additionally, this year a laptop has been donated to Queen's in order to give away in addition to the scholarship fund. The panel unanimously decided that the laptop would go to Niamh O'Meallaigh.

Deirdre McCauley (Secretary of QWG)

19 January 2023