

## **Trustees**

As the terms of office for two trustees come to an end, FfWG is seeking to appoint two Trustees to join its board. With the current Chair's term ending in July this year, FfWG is looking to appoint a new Chair. If necessary, a current trustee has agreed to act as interim Chair for one year and to mentor a new trustee, enabling them to feel confident in stepping into the Chair role after a year.

### **What we are looking for:**

We are looking for people who share our commitment to supporting women in high education.

We welcome applications from all backgrounds, but we'd be particularly interested in those with experience in any of the following:

Working with non-profit organisations

Working in Higher Education or recent experience of completing a PhD.

Fundraising – particularly working with high-net-worth individuals. We'd love to grow the size of our investment to enable us to support more women.

### **Expected time commitment:**

Attendance at quarterly Board meetings. The February and September board meetings are held online, the May and November ones are in-person (held on a workday during the day (11am – 1pm) in central London).

Occasional committee or working group participation where relevant

Trustees are appointed for an initial three-year term, with the option of renewal for a further three years

### **Expenses:**

The Trustee role is voluntary, with reasonable expenses reimbursed. FfWG reimburses the cost of travel to its twice yearly in-person board meetings in London but does not reimburse overnight accommodation.

Whether you're an experienced Trustee or wanting to take your first step, we would like to hear from you.

### **How to Apply**

To express interest in becoming a Trustee, please submit the following:

- A short cover note outlining your interest and relevant experience
- A current CV

**Please note that this volunteer role will require two references**

***PLEASE NOTE THAT UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE UNABLE TO TAKE APPLICANTS WHO ARE NOT RESIDENT IN THE UK***

## **About BFWG Charitable Foundation**

### **(Trading as Funds for Women Graduates (FfWG))**

Funds for Women Graduates (FfWG) is an educational charity whose objective is promoting the higher education and wider learning of women graduates. We do this by awarding grants to assist with the living expenses of women postgraduate students, typically in the final year of work towards a PhD or equivalent degree.

### **BACKGROUND OF FfWG**

FfWG is the trading name of the BFWG Charitable Foundation. It was originally incorporated in 1925 as the Crosby Hall Association Limited. It changed its name to BFWG Charitable Foundation in 1993. It became a registered charity in 1971. In 2025, the Charity converted to a CIO.

Although FfWG has been awarding grants since 1993 this was not its original purpose. Its original objective was to run a hall of residence, Crosby Hall, on behalf of its parent company the British Federation of Women Graduates (BFWG). This it did until 1992. Crosby Hall was sold, and the money raised by the sale of the lease has been invested. The proceeds provide funds to offer grants to women graduate scholars.

### **GRANT MAKING**

FfWG offers grants to women graduates to help with their living expenses, but not fees, while registered for study or research at an approved institution of higher education in Great Britain. The criteria for awarding grants are the proven needs of the applicants and their academic calibre.

The first grant was awarded in 1993. Since then, well over two thousand grants have been made to women in need who aspire to help themselves and others by completing higher degrees covering a wide range of subjects. FfWG not only helps women from Great Britain but also women from all over the world who come to study or undertake research in Great Britain. Geographically FfWG covers England, Wales and Scotland. This is historic and is because the Irish Federation of University Women works across the whole of Ireland.

The two main types of grants offered by FfWG are Foundation Grants and Emergency Grants. Foundation Grants are offered to women graduates in their final year of a PhD or DPhil. Emergency Grants are offered to women postgraduates who face unforeseen financial crises whilst engaged in study or research.

In addition to the Foundation and Emergency Grants, approximately every third year FfWG provides the funds to Graduate Women International (GWI) to offer a fellowship, the value of this is £6,000. It is known as the FfWG Fellowship.

Up to two Theodora Bosanquet Bursaries are offered annually to women graduates whose research in History or English Literature requires a short residency in London in the summer.

**For further information please visit our website**

<https://www.ffwg.org.uk/>