

Ruth First Educational Trust

— Studentship Application Form for 2013-14 —

Applications should be returned to Dr Mike Thompson, Ruth First Educational Trust, School of Modern Languages & Cultures, University of Durham, Durham DH1 3JT, UK (fax +44 191 334 3421) (e-mail: ruthfirst.trust@durham.ac.uk) by **1 March 2013**

If you have downloaded this form online, please type into the boxes. If filling in the form by hand, please write clearly in black, using capitals for the details on the first page. Do not send additional CVs or statements: all relevant information about your qualifications and experience should be included on this form.

Family name		First name(s)	
Date of birth		Place of birth	
Nationality		Country of residence	

Address	
Telephone	
E-mail	

Course you wish to take at Durham University (search for taught Master's courses at <https://www.dur.ac.uk/courses/all>; please specify the exact title and code of the course)

	Course title	UCAS code
1 st choice		
2 nd choice		

Secondary school education

Name and location of School	Dates	Summary of examination results

University education (please send **official transcripts** showing courses taken and marks obtained; if you have not yet completed your studies, please give the planned completion date and send a transcript of marks obtained so far)

Name and location of University	Dates	Degree obtained

Please give brief details of how your university education was financed (scholarships, employment, parental support, etc.).

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Potential financial support

Please give details of any other sources of funding to which you might have access to support your studies at Durham (parental support, savings, employment, other scholarships/bursaries etc.).

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English language qualifications

List any English language qualifications held or expected, and specify the extent to which your secondary and university education has been carried out in English. Please note that regulations introduced by the UK Government in 2011 mean that the University is required to ensure that international applicants accepted for study in the UK are competent in English language at a minimum level of B2 on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) for speaking, listening, reading and writing. Even if you are from a country in which education is carried out in English, you will need to provide evidence of a specific qualification that meets this requirement. If you already have a suitable qualification (such as Cambridge English, IELTS, TOEFL or Pearson Test of Academic English), send a scan of the certificate with your application. If you haven't, don't do anything about it now: we'll sort this out with the successful applicant.

Name of test and date taken		Scores (for speaking, listening, reading and writing)	
Extent to which secondary and university education carried out in English			

Employment experience (including significant periods of vacation work)

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Employer</i>	<i>Type of work, the nature of your role</i>

Contributions to student life at university (including active participation in university or student committees, representative posts held, involvement in community action programmes, leadership of sports teams, etc.)

Contributions to the community outside university (especially voluntary work for community groups, charities, health or educational projects, campaigning organizations, etc.) Please specify the nature of each activity, its impact, and the degree of responsibility and leadership that you have undertaken. If you have (or have had) a paid job that involves working in such areas, explain how you have shown initiative, leadership and commitment beyond the requirements of the job.

Reasons for applying to take this Master's course at Durham (How will it build on your previous study/experience and develop your leadership capacity? How do you envisage putting enhanced skills and knowledge to good use on your return to your home country?) Try to be as specific and realistic as possible in describing your aims and plans for employment, voluntary work or further study.

Other information in support of your application (especially your suitability for graduate study and for the role of ambassador abroad for your country). If you did not have sufficient space on page 3, say more here about the relevance of the course you wish to take at Durham to your ambition for developing your capacities and making a difference in your society. If you wish to apply for the **MBA** programme, you should give further details here of your professional experience: type of business/organization, your specific job role(s), level of managerial responsibility, extent to which you have worked as part of a team and as a team leader, experience with budgets (planning & managing).

Signature (if sent in hard copy)	Date
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Referees

Give details of two persons able to supply confidential references about your suitability for this scholarship. Please give one of the reference forms to each referee. Your application cannot be considered until both references have been received.

	Academic referee (should have a good knowledge of your <u>academic</u> performance and potential)	Non-academic referee (should be familiar with your <u>community work or employment</u>)
Name		
Address		
Telephone		
E-mail		

Please make sure that we receive all of the following before the closing date:

- the completed application form (may be submitted by post, fax or e-mail)
- two references (by post, fax or e-mail)
- original transcripts of university examination results (by post or fax, or scans of the originals sent as e-mail attachments)

If you have not completed your course at the time of application, please submit a transcript of results achieved so far. If further results are confirmed before the end of April, these should also be sent and may be taken into account.

The selection process will not be completed before the end of May. The name of the successful applicant will be announced on our website (we are unable to send individual notifications to unsuccessful applicants).

Enquiries should be e-mailed to: m.p.thompson@durham.ac.uk

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Applicant's name	
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Academic Reference

The applicant is a candidate for a Ruth First Scholarship to enable him/her to pursue a one-year taught Master's Degree course at the University of Durham in the academic year 2013-14. The Trustees would be grateful if you could evaluate his/her **academic ability to pursue such a course.**

Please return this form, in confidence, by mail, fax or e-mail before the deadline of 1 March. Ideally, type in the box below, print the form and sign it; then scan the signed form and send the scanned image by e-mail attachment. If you have difficulty using this form, a reference in the body of an e-mail (with your name, job title and institutional address at the bottom) will be acceptable. The application cannot be considered until your reference has been received.

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Name

Position

University,
Department

Signature if
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Date _____

Thank you for your help

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Applicant's name	
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Non-Academic Reference

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Name

Position

Organization
or company

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Thank you for your help.