



**Ustinov College**  
Durham University

# Global Citizenship Programme and Scholarships 2023-2024



# Welcome to Ustinov College

Ustinov College is Durham University's exclusively postgraduate College, situated in Sheraton Park since September 2017. We are proud to enhance the multi-disciplinary graduate student experience through opportunities for intellectual and personal development. Our College is a vibrant, international and welcoming scholarly community supporting academic excellence, and is the place for postgraduate students to call home.

## Our vision

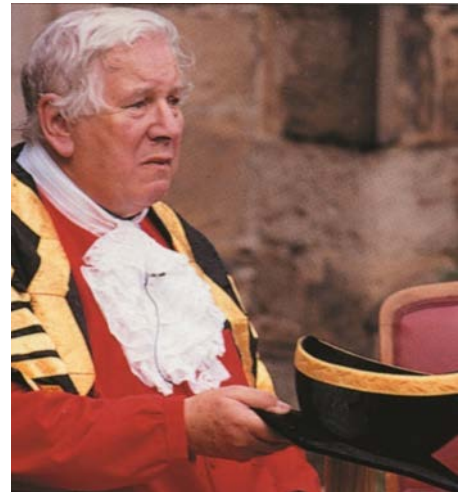
Our vision is to be an exemplar of a postgraduate community that celebrates the strength arising from diversity, interdisciplinarity and collegiality, and makes a substantive contribution to the intellectual life and reputation of Durham University.

## Our mission

Our mission is to provide a safe, motivating and enjoyable environment that nurtures global citizenship, enables College members to grow intellectually and socially, and facilitates the development of an enduring and mutually rewarding relationship with the College, University and people and communities of the North East.

## Our values

Central to our ethos as a collegiate community are the cornerstone values of respect, trust, responsibility, fairness, integrity, humility, open-mindedness and objectivity. Allied with these values we openly celebrate leadership, creativity, innovation, teamwork, diversity, and excellence.



**Sir Peter Ustinov**

Ustinov College is named in honour of Sir Peter Ustinov, former Chancellor of Durham University, actor, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, and humanitarian. Today, Ustinov College advances his legacy.





# Ustinov College Global Citizenship Programme

The Global Citizenship Programme (GCP) was established to develop a strong academic community and scholarly programme at Ustinov College. It supports our thriving postgraduate community, whilst providing students with intellectual and professional development and networking opportunities.

The GCP offers funding opportunities and leadership roles for Ustinov College students, who are able to advance their research through community engagement, and acquire a set of transferable skills for academic and non-academic fields.

## Aims of the GCP

The purpose of Ustinov College's Global Citizenship Programme is to create an environment that facilitates all members of the Ustinov community to:

- critically reflect upon their position in the world and the legacies that shape it;
- rethink the past and imagine futures different to the present;
- take informed, responsible and ethical actions, and;
- expand their frames of reference for living and working together in an increasingly complex world.

Further information about the GCP can be found on the College webpages or by emailing [ustinov.gcp@durham.ac.uk](mailto:ustinov.gcp@durham.ac.uk).

## Get involved!

In 2023-2024, Ustinov GCP has opportunities across key themes.

There are seven scholarships available within the GCP focussing on events and activities aligned with particular topics.

Additionally, there is a scholarship available for the combined Editorial position of our College Magazine, The Ustinovian, and our annual scholarly journal, Pantomath.

There is also a scholarship available for a GCP photographer who supports the team at events and activities, and works closely with the Editor of The Ustinovian to ensure good quality photographic content.

Interested? We would love to hear from you!



## Defining the global citizen

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While the concept of global citizenship is not a new one, it is becoming ever more important in our expanding and increasingly complex world. While our national identities are assigned to us at birth, a global citizenship takes time to develop.

Global citizenship is not something that is artificially created and imposed at Ustinov College. We already celebrate the rich, diverse and different cultures in our community and through looking at local identity and its relationship nationally and globally. Global citizenship at Ustinov arises from dialogue and debate, by creating space for voices from across diverse fields, cultures and personal perspectives to be heard.

We offer a range of ways for members to explore and think critically about complex issues in today's world, and to use insights and experiences to drive practical initiatives in local and global settings. We are all buffeted by political and economic forces - but that is no reason why you shouldn't be active in shaping the world you want.

## Intellectual community, professional skills

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Durham is a research-intensive university. The GCP complements and communicates that research. As part of the GCP team, you will formulate ideas and themes for interdisciplinary seminars and conferences, and learn how to communicate your research to a wider audience. You will develop and enhance networking skills as well as presentation technique. You will be working as part of a focussed and effective team which also further develops interpersonal and team work qualities.







### Diversify your network

You will meet new students, staff and experts across a wide range of different disciplines and areas. You'll also collaborate with local and national charities as well as community groups.

### Understand our challenges

You will be able to put your academic interests into a wider global context, and get a better understanding of our most pressing problems, and be pivotal in finding solutions.

You will engage with world-leading experts in the design and delivery of interdisciplinary events and activities to address these global challenges.



### Develop new skills

You will learn new professional and academic skills across a range of workshops and team projects.

You can gain an enviable set of interpersonal skills, including leadership, teamwork, planning, public speaking, networking and problem-solving.

### Get ready for your career

The multidisciplinary nature of the programme, and the experiences you'll get developing crucial communication and collaboration skills, can help you stand out to future employers.



# Scholarships available

2023/2024





# GCP Structure

Imagine organising seminars and activities, leading community initiatives, networking with leading academics, and on top of all that, receiving support towards your living costs!

The GCP offers a number of opportunities. The team comprises five scholars who will work together as part of a multi-disciplinary team to create and deliver seminars and activities under our five core projects :

- Cafe des Arts
- Cafe Scientifique
- Cafe Politique
- Ustinov Intercultural Forum
- North East Local History Project

There is an expectation that there will be a minimum of one event under each theme delivered each term.

There are a further two positions for scholars who will focus on organising and delivering volunteering activities in College. The minimum expectation would be two volunteering events to be delivered each term.

As a core group of seven, the team will also deliver the Ustinov Annual Conference (held in June) and will offer support with the Ustinov Art Exhibition (typically held in the summer each year).

Each GCP scholar will receive a £3000 scholarship for their contribution to the GCP across the full academic year.

## Editorial and photographic scholarships

One £4000 scholarship is available for the position of Editor of The Ustinovian and Pantomath. The Ustinovian is the College Magazine and is published three times every year. Pantomath is the College's scholarly journal and is published once a year, in the summer.

One £1000 scholarship is available for a GCP photographer who will be expected to attend GCP events and ensure good quality photography is available for College promotional purposes as well as contribution to The Ustinovian.

## Additional information

Scholars are not required to live in College accommodation but it is encouraged. If scholars live in College accommodation, their scholarship will be paid against their College accommodation fee unless otherwise requested.



## Café Scientifique

Café Scientifique was set up to bring science and technology out of the lab and into the café. Participants don't come just for a public lecture, but to take part in a public conversation. The typical format involves presentations around a particular theme, followed by a Q&A session and refreshments. Your brief to communicate scientific issues to a non-specialist audience puts you in contact with speakers from the University's science departments as well as leading science communicators.



Events range from seminars to visits to local sites of interest.

Previous events organised by Café Scientifique include:

- Learning about Machine learning: from Archaeology and Geography to Distant Galaxies
- Searching for Ocean Giants
- Magic of Neuroscience
- Stargazing at Durham Observatory
- The Life of a Researcher
- Women in Science
- The Equation of the Universe
- Brain Biases and the Mystery of our Minds

### *Hear from Reece:*

'As a member of Café Scientifique and the wider GCP, I have had the amazing opportunity to network with culturally diverse and intellectually like-minded individuals. By chairing discussions and hosting guest seminars, I will leave Café Scientifique a more capable public speaker, a more well-connected person, and with a reinforced confidence in the ideals of global citizenship and international mindedness. It has worked well alongside my Master's studies and has offered opportunities for events and discussions directly related to my field of study.'

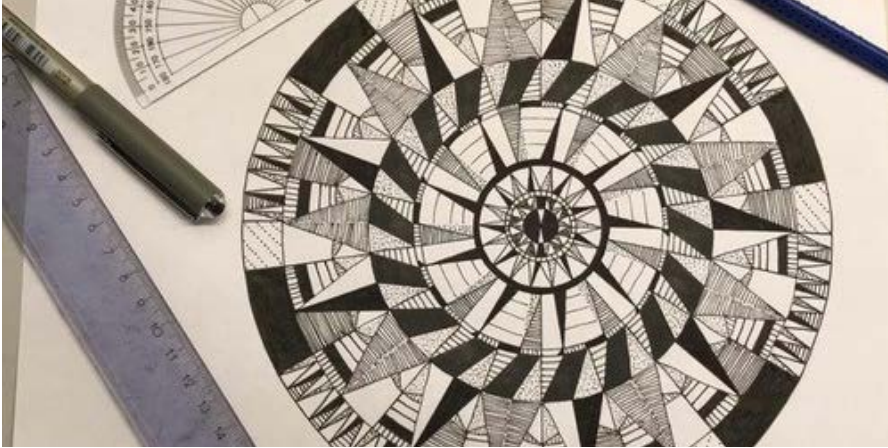
*Reece, GCP 2021-2022*





## Café des Arts

Café des Arts provides a cultural space that challenges perceptions about the role of the arts in our culture, asserting that the arts are more than just relevant - they are vitally influential in our society. The team aims to bring in high-profile speakers, postgraduate students, and performers so members of the Ustinov community can find innovation and inspiration in art, culture, and literature.



Café des Arts co-ordinates arts activities and seminars.

Previous events organised by Café des Arts include:

- Crafts for Wellbeing
- Lunar New Year celebration with the Oriental Museum
- Journeys: Reading the World
- History of crime and justice in Durham
- Peace, conflict and the arts
- The art of Japanese urushi
- Decolonising academia
- Café des Arts Journal Club: Are the Arts and Humanities falling into decline?

### *Hear from Teodora:*

'I have been involved with the GCP as part of the Cafe des Arts team. Having the opportunity to put on events that enrich the experience of my fellow students, host speakers and gain valuable experience has been amazing. I've enjoyed every moment of my time, and believe the GCP has made me not only a better scholar, but also a more mindful person in my day to day life.'

*Teodora, GCP 2022-2023*



## Café Politique

Café Politique is the premier politics discussion forum in Durham outside the School of Government and International Affairs (SGIA). Starting in 2007, Café Politique has provided a focus for debate and discussion on the topics of the day - from area studies, international relations and security, elections, global finance, to the politics of football. Café Politique has successfully held its events out of college and around campus which has attracted a wide following of students. Use your interpersonal skills to network with academics, politicians and activists to find speakers, while building closer links with a number of academic departments.



Café Politique arranges lectures and discussion groups.

Previous events organised by Café Politique include:

- The legal status of Taiwan
- The new scramble for Africa
- China and the New World Order
- Women in protest movements in Africa
- What does Brexit mean for Britain
- Women in the war in Yemen
- Venezuela: why the humanitarian crisis matters
- All about the children; seminar on children's rights related postgraduate research

### *Hear from Janelle:*

'We pushed the boundaries of knowledge production and promoted vibrant spaces for dialogue between speakers and the audience. As a GCP scholar, I gained valuable skills and experience in leadership and organization, interpersonal and verbal communication, and collaboration with the supportive GCP team.'

*Janelle, GCP 2022-2023*





# Ustinov Intercultural Forum

Ustinov's college motto is *Diversitate Valemus*: strength in diversity - which is apt as students from more than 65 countries around the world live here, making us one of the most multicultural and multinational student communities in the UK. Through the UIF, you help prompt exploration and celebration of our many social, cultural, national and religious traditions.



Ustinov Intercultural Forum arranges events across Durham City.

Previous events organised by the Ustinov Intercultural Forum include:

- International Dress Party
- International Mother Language Day
- International Cook Along
- International Music & Dance Festival
- Oriental Museum - Celebrations Around the World
- Cinco de Mayo

## *Hear from Madhumanti:*

'As a GCP scholar, the Ustinov Intercultural Forum (UIF) has been an excellent platform to celebrate the unity in diversity of our college, and the experience has been memorable. We organised various events highlighting the diverse cultures and traditions that were educational yet entertaining and could contribute to the student community. From organising events like Mexican Christmas to International Mother Language Day, UIF was a remarkable way to express and appreciate cultural diversity, to interact with people and discuss their culture, which developed a sense of community that transcended boundaries, which is the true essence of the GCP.'

*Madhumanti, GCP 2021-2022*



# Ustinov Seminar & Annual Conference

The Ustinov Seminars provide opportunities for external speakers to deliver talks on topical themes, as well as providing an interdisciplinary forum for postgraduate students across the university who meet to share their research and friendship. The Ustinov PG Research Seminars typically include three or four 20-minute presentations from a range of disciplines, grouped around a common theme to prompt discussion. Students come along to rehearse potential conference papers, practice presentation skills in a relaxed and friendly environment, or simply enjoy introducing their research and ideas to students from various disciplines. Seminars featuring invited speakers are also held each term, are open to the wider University and the general public, and cover a wide range of interesting themes.

Previous events organised by Ustinov Seminar include:

- Research Round Table
- Postgraduate Research Seminars
- Online learning in the age of Covid-19
- Indigenous people, land rights and artistic copyright



The Ustinov Annual Conference was set up in 2015 as an interactive and engaging space for dialogue between students, academics and practitioners to explore questions of global citizenship at the intersection of academic theory and real life practice.

It provides the student organisers with a great opportunity to gain transferable skills in event management and team building, as well as to develop interdisciplinary academic thinking. For conference participants, Ustinov College offers an ideal environment in which to discuss current academic trends and questions of global significance.

Ustinov Annual Conference critically assesses key issues in global citizenship.

Previous themes for the Ustinov Annual Conference include:

- Global Migration in practice: rights, policies and gender
- Global Health and Human Rights: Exploring Contemporary Experiences of Women
- Immigration, global citizenship and the refugee crisis
- Citizenships to achieve sustainable development
- Global citizenship, nationalism and new paradigms
- Establishing the global citizen: multidisciplinary perspectives
- What makes interdisciplinarity work?
- Re-imagining knowledge production and access
- Powering the future we want: Global innovative approach in sustainable energy and environment

## Hear from Arjmand:

'Being a research student in renewable energy, I have always considered the significance of development impacts of my research work so the idea of a global citizenship program really inspired me to be part of it.

I am currently working with the team organising the annual conference; it will provide an opportunity for postgraduate students and early career researchers to showcase their research work as oral or poster presentations. It's a great experience and has improved my leadership, managerial and communication skills.

I encourage postgraduate students to be a part of this program; it is an amazing opportunity for professional development.'

*Arjmand, GCP 2022-2023*





# Ustinov Volunteering

Ustinov Volunteering gets staff and students out and about in the wider local community and raises awareness of the opportunities available within the volunteer sector. Our volunteers support charities and foundations in and around Durham; activities range from creating mosaics with art therapists to organising a fun run and tea party for the Alzheimer's Society!

The team also provides a host of volunteers for all kinds of college events such as the Summer BBQ as well as family events at Christmas and Easter which are enjoyed with members of the local community.



Ustinov Volunteering is student-led, so if there is something that you would like to organise, let us know!

Previous events organised by Ustinov Volunteering include:

- Silver Talk
- Woodland Trust
- Neville's Cross Christmas Festival
- Chinese schools volunteering project
- Australian bush fire relief fundraising
- Night Walk for charity
- Food bank collections for the Trussel Trust

## *Hear from Jessica:*

'Taking on the role as a GCP volunteering fellow has been a rewarding experience. Over the last year, I have been able to not only hold my own events within college but have also acted as a point of contact to connect students with volunteering opportunities beyond college. My role has provided the space to develop my skill set in communication and organisation while engaging in meaningful work. It has also awarded me a sense of community within Ustinov College which has been invaluable to me as a liver out.'

Jessica, GCP 2021-2022



## Media and Publications

If you enjoy writing, social media, photography, graphic design, filming and editing, the GCP invites you to bring your skills and ideas to College life.

The GCP offers one Editorial position which would make you responsible for both of the key College publications, *The Ustinovian*, and *Pantomath*. This is a key role within the team and requires a proactive, well organised and creative approach. The post attracts a scholarship of £4000 for the full year and requires three editions of *The Ustinovian* and one edition of *Pantomath* to be designed, created and published on time and to a high quality. This role works closely with members of the College team, as well as an external publishing company who support with design elements of the process.

The GCP also offers one Photographer position. In this role, you will be responsible for GCP photographic content. This will involve you photographing GCP and College activities and events and ensuring that effective imagery is then provided for use in College social media, as well as College publications. A creative and flexible approach is vital for this role as is a commitment to be maintain a presence at as many GCP or College events as is reasonably possible.



As noted above, the College has two key publications:

**The Ustinovian** reports on College life and news and is distributed to a wide audience including current students, staff and alumni. The *Ustinovian* is produced termly and the Editor is involved in the design, editing, and production of the magazine, as well as the collation of material. There is an expectation that the Editor will recruit a small team of volunteers to assist, as well as working closely with the GCP Photographer in terms of photographic imagery.

**The Pantomath** is a relatively new venture which features a wide range of scholarly articles by current and former *Ustinovians* from all academic disciplines. The *Pantomath* demonstrates the breadth and depth of research activity undertaken in our community. The *Pantomath* is produced annually and the Editor is involved in the design, editing, and production of the journal, as well as the collation of material. There is an expectation that the Editor will recruit a small team of volunteers to assist.

### *Hear from Kate:*

'Working within Media and Publications has been an amazing experience. I have enjoyed expanding and developing my editorial and publishing skills, as well as gaining experience in this area. The GCP team has an infectious passion which is shown through how they have worked incredibly hard to set up events that demonstrate the diversity within the college.'

*Kate, Editor 2022-2023*





## North East Local History

The North East Local History seminars and activities focus on local North-East history. Durham City and the wider County Durham region form an important part of North-East England and these seminars aim to reflect and celebrate culture, history and experience relevant to this fascinating and culturally rich part of the United Kingdom.

We would like to enable stories, memories, events and topical themes to be explored, discussed and enjoyed by the widest audience. This may include collaborating with partners within Durham University and externally, with local regional partners or the wider community. Activities and events may include seminars, regional trips, external speakers, discussion groups and museum excursions, with a specific focus on enhancing our existing relationship between College and the wider local community.

This is a relatively new addition to the GCP, and is an exciting opportunity; we welcome input and creative suggestions as to how the team will approach the 2023-24 academic year.

Previous events organised by the North East Local History team in 2022-23 include:

- Redhills: Memories from Coal in the North East
- Binchester Fort: Roman Legacy in the North East
- Coal and Cloths; The Miners' Legacy



### Hear from Maddy:

'Being part of the GCP's Local North East History Project has been an extremely rewarding experience. Through our events, I have been able to interact with students and members of the local community and encourage them to explore the unique history of the North East! The GCP has allowed me to make friends in the College and utilize my skills as a historian.'

Maddy, GCP 2022-2023



# How to apply

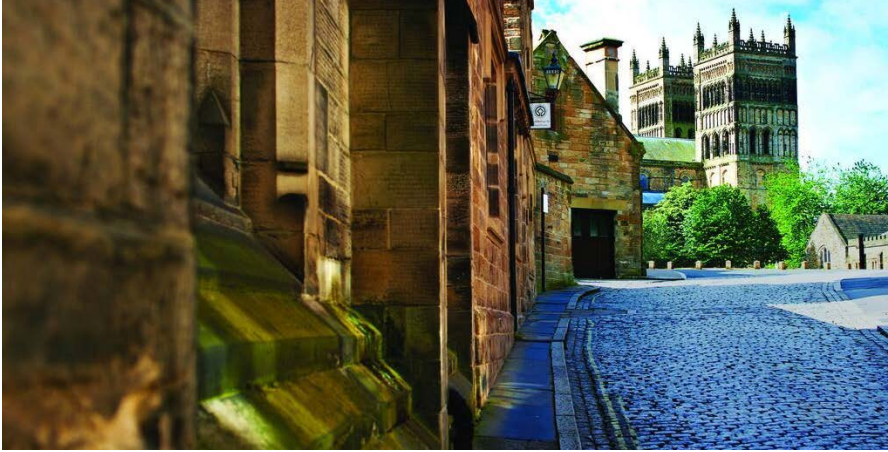




The Global Citizenship Programme and Scholarships are open to all current postgraduate full-time members of Ustinov College, from any subject or discipline.

The application process for the Global Citizenship Programme and Scholarships opens in early June and closes 31st July 2023. Decisions are communicated in mid August.

Applications are accepted throughout the year for non-funded (voluntary) positions in the Global Citizenship Programme.



### Eligibility Criteria

To take up a scholarship, you must have been accepted onto a full-time programme of postgraduate study at Durham University and be a member of Ustinov College. Your registration status must have reached Final Acceptance (FA) stage. If you have any queries over your registration status in relation to your GCP application, please email [ustinov.gcp@durham.ac.uk](mailto:ustinov.gcp@durham.ac.uk)

Positions and awards are open each academic year to Ustinov College members, from any subject or discipline, including taught and research students.

Students in receipt of a full studentship, such as a Research Council studentship or Durham Doctoral Fellowship, or substantial funding from another source to the approximate value of a full studentship can be considered, but preference may be given to students who are without full funding.

Existing award holders are welcome to re-apply for a position/award for the next academic year.

### Opportunities for volunteers

Students are welcome to take part as GCP volunteers which is a lesser commitment but provides valuable opportunities to contribute to the GCP.

If you wish to volunteer, send an expression of interest to [ustinov.gcp@durham.ac.uk](mailto:ustinov.gcp@durham.ac.uk).

In addition, Ustinov College GCP Awards Committee may use its discretion to appoint only a portion of the awards in the summer round, and re-open the application process later in the year to invite further applications from GCP volunteers and new students.





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