



The D-Day Story

Bursary scheme 2019 to 2020

Overview

The D-Day Story are offering grants of up to £500 to students and other researchers who would like to carry out research into The D-Day Story's archives.

We are passionate about increasing access to our collections. With this grant we want to enable people to carry out research and share their findings with others.

Applications are ongoing throughout 2020. The bursary can be claimed up to 31st December 2020.

What is The D-Day Story?

The D-Day Story tells the story of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. It holds over 10,000 items – preserving, researching and acquiring objects to share with the public through exhibitions, workshops and other activities.

What do we hold in our collection and archive?

We hold an astonishing and varied range of objects in our collection, from a tiny button compass to a genuine Second World War LCVP landing craft.

Our archive documents many aspects of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.

- Wartime maps of the beaches and areas further inland (mostly Allied, some German)
- Photographs taken by both official photographers and amateurs
- Written material including newspapers, letters and diaries
- Drawings and paintings created by veterans and other eyewitnesses
- Memoirs written by veterans in the decades since 1945
- Oral history interviews with Normandy veterans



We hold a range of 'special collections', groups of items that hold a wealth of original information often from one source – one business or organisation or one individual for example. A full list can be found on our website here: <https://thedaystory.com/discover/collection/special-collections/> and we welcome proposals to use them for research.

More information on our archive can be found here:
<https://thedaystory.com/discover/collection/>

As well as studying the history of D-Day and the Normandy campaign, the collection could also be used to examine veterans' memories of war and similar topics.

We recommend that you get in touch with us to discuss your research topic before you apply so we can advise on the relevant material we hold in our collection.

How do I apply?

Please send a short proposal (no more than 2 sides of A4) outlining:

Your application should include:

- Your name
- Contact details including address and phone number
- A short biography. You may like to include examples of previous research you have carried out, or your specific historical area of interest
- The institution you are connected with, for example your university
- When you plan to visit us
- What you hope to find out by carrying our research into our archives
- Which of our archive collections you wish to focus on
- How you plan to share your findings with other people. You must be willing allow us to share your research output (for example, your paper) with others
- A breakdown of how you will spend the money including approximate costs
- A reference on headed paper (for example, from your university tutor)



We will score applications against the following criteria:

- Relevance of your research to our subject matter
- How our archives will inform your research
- How you plan to share your research with others
- Use of the budget

What can the grant be used for?

This list is not exhaustive so please get in touch if you are unsure what the grant will cover before you apply.

- Travel to The D-Day Story
- Accommodation and subsistence whilst carrying out research at The D-Day Story
- Administrative costs such as copying documents

It cannot be used for travel to other archives, museums or historic sites.

The grant works on the basis that we will refund costs incurred, rather than provide costs upfront.

How do I apply?

Please email your application to Felicity Wood, Public Participation Officer and Andrew Whitmarsh, Curator at The D-Day Story.

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