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New Academic Year: New Round of Student Grants from the Ulrike Michal Foundation for the Arts

The Trustees of the Ulrike Michal Foundation for the Arts would like to announce the opening of their second funding round for student grant applications.

The Foundation is able to offer six student grants of up to £250 each to assist students pursuing courses in the fine and decorative arts.

Applicants for the student grants should either be living and studying in north Wales, Merseyside and the border counties of Cheshire, Shropshire and Herefordshire, or be resident in those areas prior to the start of their art course.

David Brown, Chair of the Trustees said *“Following the very successful first round of funding, the Trustees of the Ulrike Michal Foundation for the Arts are pleased to announce a second round of grants for students in the areas covered by the Foundation to apply for funding. Full details are on the Foundation’s website and the Trustees look forward to finding out about their interesting and exciting plans and projects.”*

The deadline for Round 2 Student Grant applications is November 12th 2021.

The Trustees of the Foundation reserve the right to alter the number of grants depending on the quality of the applications.

There will be announcement about the Round 2 Core Grants in early 2022.

For more information, contact: info@umffta.org

To apply, please see the foundation website: www.umffta.org/grant-applications

Background Information

The Ulrike Michal Foundation for the Arts exists “to promote, encourage and extend the love, appreciation, enjoyment, understanding and practice of fine, decorative and applied arts among people of all ages through experiences at museums, art galleries, historic properties and in the community at large, both as individuals and communally, as participants and spectators,” across north Wales, Merseyside and the border counties of Cheshire, Shropshire and Herefordshire.

Ulrike Michal moved to England in November 2006 from her native Switzerland to work as a veterinary neurologist and surgeon at the Chestergates Veterinary Hospital, situated between Ellesmere Port and Chester. While there she established an international reputation among dog and cat owners for her expertise in veterinary medicine and her skills as a surgeon.

Alongside her professional career, Ulrike had a lifelong love of art, gaining much pleasure as a practising artist, as an active member of the Liver Sketching Club, pursuing her interest in the artists of the Italian Renaissance, and as a part-time fine arts student at the University of Bangor, north Wales. Ulrike Michal died from cancer on April 6th 2016, aged 39.

The Foundation has chosen the region of north Wales, Merseyside, Cheshire, Shropshire and Herefordshire for its activities because these are the places Ulrike knew best and loved.