

# WiC 1325 Fellowship Application Form: July 2026 Cohort

*This is a PDF of the application form for applicants to review questions and documentation before applying. All applications must be submitted via the [Application Form](#). Please contact the team if you have any questions.*

## **Background**

The Women in Conflict 1325 Fellowship, run by Beyond Borders Scotland and the University of Edinburgh Law School, and funded by the Scottish Government, is based on the principles of foundational UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325) which "*reaffirms the role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflict, peace negotiations, peacebuilding, peacekeeping, humanitarian response and in post-conflict reconstruction, and stresses the importance of their equal participation in all efforts for the promotion of peace and security*". For more information about the history of the Fellowship, please visit Beyond Borders Scotland's [website](#).

The WiC 1325 Fellowship Programme aims to:

- enable the sharing of experiences in relation to UNSCR 1325 and the global Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda; women's roles in peace building and conflict resolution; and gender equality;
- facilitate peer to peer learning, providing a safe space for Fellows to learn from each other through sharing experiences, ideas and challenges faced in their different contexts;
- explore the equal and meaningful participation of women in peace building, peace processes, and more widely in society, including identifying challenges and entry points;
- facilitate a network of women engaged in an on-going learning and experience-sharing process, building a sustainable and evolving Alumnae Network and Community of Practice;
- provide guidance, expert perspectives, and resources on various topics including: WPS, conflict analysis, mediation, transitional justice, the climate-gender-conflict nexus, arts as a tool for peacebuilding, and trauma-informed practice and self-care;
- give an insight into Scottish culture, history, and experiences of political devolution.

## **The July Programme**

The July programme will focus on women's meaningful participation in peacebuilding. The week-long residential programme will include sessions and experiences on the topics outlined

above, as well as an opportunity to develop connections and solidarity amongst the cohort. There will be some online sessions both pre- and post-residential Fellowship to expand the learning and facilitate sessions delivered by the global Fellowship Alumnae.

- The programme will take place over a week in Edinburgh and the Scottish Borders from 20th-25th July 2026 (with travel on 19th and 26th);
- It will involve workshop-style sessions and some cultural experiences;
- The programme in Scotland will be conducted entirely in English;
- The programme is fully funded and supported including travel, accommodation, sustenance, and visa application costs. The BBS and ELS teams cannot guarantee Fellows will be granted visas but will support thoroughly during the application process;
- In total, 15 applicants will be selected for the July cohort.

### **Eligibility**

The teams at BBS and ELS believe that a diverse range of perspectives and experiences strengthen peacebuilding efforts for all and welcome applications from individuals of all backgrounds. Those with accessibility needs are especially encouraged to apply.

The programme is open to women from conflict-affected countries working to promote peacebuilding and/ or women's rights and relevant/ adjacent fields. Those with an arts background are also encouraged to apply.

### **How to apply**

To apply, please complete the below application form. You can download a PDF version of the application form to review questions before completing it on our website.

The form will ask you for personal details including your name, contact information, nationality/ country, current professional position and organisation (including contract length), level of English language, and some questions regarding the UK Visa process.

The form will then ask core questions about your expectations and potential benefit from the Fellowship, followed by a selection of thematic questions relating to core Fellowship topics.

Finally, you will be asked to upload\* PDFs of:

- your most up-to-date CV;
- a reference letter *for the Fellowship*;
- and a copy of your passport.

\*You will need a Google account to upload these.

While the teams understand that AI may be used for expression in written English, we are most interested in your authentic voice and getting to know you through the application. The Fellowship team will not review applications clearly relying on AI to write responses.

The deadline for applications is **20th May 2026**. The BBS and ELS teams reserve the right to close applications early in the case of an overwhelming number of applications.

If you have any questions about the Fellowship or application form please contact our team on [fellowship@beyondbordersscotland.com](mailto:fellowship@beyondbordersscotland.com)

## **Application Form Questions**

### **Section 1: General information**

- Your full name (as appears on your passport)
- Email address
- Phone number for WhatsApp (include country code)
- Nationality (on your passport)
- Country (where you would be travelling from for the Fellowship)
- Current professional position and organisation
- Duration of your current professional contract
- Do you need to apply for a visa to enter the United Kingdom? (Yes/ No)
- Have you previously applied for a visa to enter the United Kingdom? (Yes/ No)
- If you have previously applied for a UK visa and been rejected, please let us know why. (Note that your response will not affect your application.)
- Please describe your level of English (e.g. 'fluent professional proficiency')
- Have you taken part in the WiC 1325 Fellowship before? (Yes - in person/ Yes - online during Covid-19/ No)

### **Section 2: Core Questions**

1. Please explain why you are interested in applying for the Women in Conflict 1325 Fellowship Programme? . With reference to the knowledge, skills, and perspectives you hope to gain from the Fellowship; how do these relate to your work or context? (300 words)
2. How do you plan to apply the learning from the Fellowship in your community or professional context within the next 6–12 months? Please describe a concrete initiative, approach, or change you intend to implement. (200 words)

3. What experiences, skills, or perspectives would you bring to the Fellowship cohort and ongoing alumnae network, and how do you envision contributing to peer learning and collaboration beyond the programme? (200 words)

**Section 3: Thematic Questions** (select **only two questions**, maximum 250 words each question)

1. In your context, what are the main barriers to women's meaningful participation in peace processes, and how could these be addressed in practice in relation to the Women, Peace and Security agenda?
2. What does sustainable peace mean in your context, and what role should local actors—especially women—play in achieving it?
3. Describe a situation where dialogue or mediation could transform a conflict dynamic in your context. What approaches would you use to ensure inclusivity and trust-building?
4. What forms of justice (formal or informal) are most relevant in your context, and how can they better reflect the experiences and needs of women affected by conflict?

**Section 4: Documentation**

Please upload the following documents as a PDF/ photo file (you will need a Google Account to upload these):

1. Your most up-to-date CV.
2. Your reference letter.
3. Your passport (which you will be using to travel to the UK e.g. *if* you have dual nationality please provide the passport which does not require visa application.)