

VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE GROUP

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WINTER CONFERENCE BURSARY – 2026

This year's winter conference is taking place on Saturday 10 January and Sunday 11 January 2026 at the University of Nottingham.

The purpose of the winter conference is to study Vernacular Buildings in Urban Contexts: the study of urban building types and integration with urban studies.

The Vernacular Architecture Group is able to offer two bursaries to attend this year's conference.

Applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Undergraduates, masters or doctoral students or those who have graduated within 5 years (with a preference for those studying vernacular architecture or a related discipline) or
2. Early career professionals working in the field or those with a junior professional role e.g. assistant heritage consultant, project officer or similar

Candidates will be expected to:

1. show evidence of an active interest in historic buildings, ideally vernacular architecture, including a list of relevant courses undertaken
2. show evidence that they are active in the field, e.g. by membership of the VAG or other relevant groups, or through relevant work experience
3. explain how they hope to benefit from attending the conference

Applications from students must be endorsed by a course tutor, and applications from early career professionals must be supported by a professional referee. Any other financial support available to the applicant for attending the conference should be declared.

Applications and tutor endorsements/references should be sent by email to the VAG Secretary, Jenny Bishop, email secretary@vag.org.uk to reach her no later than Friday 12 December 2025. The bursary will cover the full cost of the £235 residential conference fee but will not cover travel to or from the conference or any other expenses. Applicants who are already members of the Group and propose to attend the conference with or without the support of a bursary should ensure a place on the conference by booking in the normal way. Anyone who has reserved a place at full cost but subsequently obtains a bursary will receive a full refund.

Bursary recipients will be asked to write a resume of the conference for the VAG Newsletter. We hope that they will be sufficiently inspired by the conference to join the VAG if they are not already members. The VAG Committee would be grateful if you could bring this item to the notice of anyone who is eligible and whom you feel would benefit from attending the conference.



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