

London Philharmonic Orchestra

Foyle Future Firsts 2025/26 Information for Applicants

Qualifications

The Foyle Future Firsts Development Programme is designed for UK-based musicians who have completed an undergraduate or postgraduate performance degree or those at an equivalent playing standard.

You should **not** apply if you will be undertaking your undergraduate degree in 2025/26; you must have completed your undergraduate course before the September that you begin the Foyle Future First Development Programme with us. You may apply if you are undertaking a postgraduate degree in the same academic year.

If you **do not** have a performance degree but are able to perform to an equivalent standard then we require a written reference from your instrumental teacher to accompany your application. The form must be sent directly from your teacher, to be received by us by **Tuesday 6 May 2025**.

Teacher Reference Form

*Reminder: If you have a performance degree a written reference **will not be required**. This is only necessary for applicants who did not graduate with a performance degree.*

Residency Status

In order to participate in the scheme, you must have the right to work in the UK as a performer between September 2025 and August 2026.

If your application is successful, you will be required to show proof of your eligibility to work in the UK in advance of accepting a place on the programme. If you are unable to supply a copy of the necessary documents you will not be accepted onto the Foyle Future Firsts Programme. We cannot sponsor visa applications.

Further Requirements

We are able to offer each participant a training bursary of £1000, paid in two instalments, however we expect participants to be able to support themselves financially during their time as a Future First. The programme is not a full-time course nor is it considered equivalent to employment by the Orchestra. Please note that as a member of a training programme, we are unable to pay portage for any musicians. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

If you have any queries regarding your eligibility for the Foyle Future First Programme, please contact Lowri Davies, Education and Community Project Manager, on 07932 636 373 or email fff@lpo.org.uk

Deadline for applications: **Tuesday 6 May 2025, 11.59pm**