



**Have you ever wanted to make
a positive change to people's
lives with music?**

**You could become a Nordoff Robbins music
therapist with a Sony Music bursary.**

**Attend one of our
digital open evenings
through Zoom.**

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Enriching lives through music therapy

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Who are Nordoff Robbins?

At Nordoff Robbins music therapy charity we are passionate about enriching lives through music therapy.

We are the **UK's largest independent music therapy charity**. Every year our music therapists make skilful use of music-making to help enrich the lives of **thousands** of the country's most vulnerable people.

Our two-year, internationally renowned full-time Master of Music Therapy (MMT) programme has been running **since 1974**, and is validated by Goldsmiths, University of London. Graduates of the programme are eligible to apply to the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) for registration as a music therapist, the legal re-requisite for working as a music therapist in the UK.

Thanks to Sony Music, we are offering **two bursaries** worth **£10,000** each for the 2021 intake of our **Master of Music Therapy programme**, removing barriers for individuals who may have previously faced challenges that meant undertaking our Master of Music Therapy programme was not an option.



Why Study with Nordoff Robbins?

The Nordoff Robbins approach to music therapy is sometimes described as “music-centred”. It is highly practical and interactive, and based in the shared making of music. We operate our training from three bases in London, Manchester and Newcastle. We offer you the opportunity to:

- Learn how to use your musical skills flexibly to enrich the lives of people experiencing a wide range of life situations, including life-limiting illness, isolation, disability, or social exclusion.
- Understand how music and music-making impact on a person’s experience of health and wellbeing, individually, in groups and communally.
- Gain practical experience through three different placements over a two-year period.

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It’s been an intense and life-changing two years. I still can’t believe how lucky I am to have found something where I get to use music in such a meaningful way and meet so many inspirational people.

Frances Thomson – Nordoff Robbins MMT Graduate

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What are we looking for in you?

- We welcome musicians of all ages, walks of life and musical backgrounds who want to use their skills to help others.
- This is a Masters degree: if you don't have a degree already then you will need to show us that you can think critically about things you read and hear, as well as about your own experiences, both verbally and in written form.
- You don't have to be classically trained or able to read music. We will assess your musical skills and capacity for musical companionship at audition. As a guide we are looking for the equivalent of grade 8 on your first instrument, plus the equivalent of grade 6 on a harmony instrument – but you don't actually have to have taken any music exams.
- We like you to have experience of working with people who might benefit from music therapy – e.g. people with disabilities, chronic illnesses, who have suffered head injury or people who are dying. For example, care work is a great preparation for training.
- To be eligible for the bursary, you'll need to demonstrate how you meet our requirements and how the bursary would enable you to undertake the training. These requirements can be found on our webpage at the bottom of this flyer.
- You'll need to be ready to train in Manchester or Newcastle starting in September 2021.
- Most important is your belief in the power of music-making and its ability to improve lives.

Why are we offering these Sony bursaries?

We believe that our workforce of music therapists should reflect the diversity of backgrounds and experiences found in our society, ensuring the most appropriate care is offered to everyone we provide music therapy for. That's why we want to minimise the financial barriers to training, and in particular support people who might otherwise find our training inaccessible.

If a career in music therapy sounds interesting to you, attend one of our digital open evenings using Zoom.

You can sign up here: nordoff-robbins.org.uk/courses/

If you'd like to apply, ask any questions or see if you're eligible for the bursary please email education@nordoff-robbins.org.uk or visit nordoff-robbins.org.uk/training/our-master-of-music-therapy-programme

Closing date for applications: **18/1/2021**

