



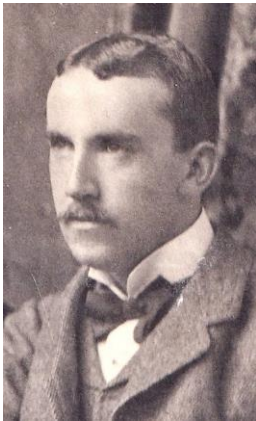
# Adam Smith Scholarships

Part of Fife College



FLOORING SYSTEMS

## JH Guild Forbo Flooring Systems Scholarship – Student Guidelines



### **What is the JH Guild Forbo Flooring Scholarship?**

We are delighted to launch this new scholarship in 2025 which is funded and supported by Forbo Flooring and the family of JH Guild.

This exciting new scholarship will enable two students to travel fully funded to Forbo's Head offices in the Netherlands or England, to learn more about the design and manufacture of sustainable eco-flooring.

The family of JH Guild, who have been the catalyst in creating this opportunity and partnership, will also support this scholarship with a financial payment awarded to successful students.

This amazing scholarship is being launched as part of Fife College's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the founding of the College.

### **JH Guild**

James Harrower [Harry] Guild (1871-1951) was born at Lindores near Newburgh, Fife. He attended Perth Academy and after university worked as a lawyer in private practice in Edinburgh. He became Chairman of the Board of Governors of The Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Incurables and the Liberton Hospital in the City, as well as sitting on the Boards of various major financial institutions based in Scotland, including General Accident, formed and for many years headquartered in Perth. He purchased his first shares in Tayside Floorcloth Coy in 1914, was on the Board for 20 years, helping to guide the company through the difficult years of the 1940s, serving as Chairman for 12 of those years. In 1946 he launched the company's Long Service Bonus Scheme in the Tayside Institute, which itself had been funded and built by the Company as a recreation club for its employees. He was a keen photographer, angler and curler, being a member of Abdie Curling Club on Lindores Loch.

### **Forbo Flooring Systems**

Kirkcaldy became the world centre for linoleum thanks to Michael Nairn, a canvas trader from Kirkcaldy who realised that floor cloth was a growing market. He borrowed £4,000 to set up Scotland's first factory of its type in his home town of Kirkcaldy in 1847.

Now known as Forbo Flooring Systems (previously known as Forbo Nairn) the company is still a leading global player – today it produces high-quality, commercial floor coverings in various sites across the world and to this day has a factory in Kirkcaldy.

### **Who Can Apply?**

Full-time students at Fife College studying:

**HNC/HND Furniture**

**HNC/HND 3D Design (interiors)**

**HNC/HND Visual Communication**

**HNC/D Art and Design**

Students should be committed to their course, have high levels of attendance and be keen to use their qualifications to enhance their career prospects.

### **What Do You Receive if Successful?**

Two students will be awarded £1,000 each and the amazing opportunity to visit Forbo Flooring factories in the Netherlands (Assendelft and Coevorden) **or** design centres in England (Bambridge and Ripley) May/June 2025, for three days and two nights - dates to be confirmed.

Netherlands – focus is resilient products, colour and furniture  
England – focus is textile/carpets/design

### **What Can You Spend the Financial part of this scholarship on?**

The scholarship should be used for resources or materials that would help you with your studies or take that next step in to future studies or employment such as books, art materials, laptop, software, travel, home study items. It can also be used to help you attend events or opportunities to complement your studies such as gallery visits, interviews and trips.

### **How to Apply**

A link to the application form is available on the Fife College website in the Scholarship section – if you require a hard copy form please get in touch. Please remember to explain clearly why you should be considered for a **JH Guild Forbo Flooring Systems Scholarship**.

### **What Happens Next?**

**References** We may ask a staff member who knows you for a reference.

**Interviews** We may wish to interview shortlisted candidates

**Award/Certificate:** If you are successful, we will email you and attach a form for you to complete your bank details so we can make your payment. We may also invite you to a small event to be presented with your award/certificate. We will also liaise with you to include full details of the trip to Holland and what is expected.

**Presentation:** Successful candidates will be expected to produce a short presentation after their trip to share their experience with fellow students, staff, our scholarship donors and others.

### **Key Dates**

Closing date for applications is **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025, midnight**.

### **Got a question?**

If so, just drop us an email, [scholarships@fife.ac.uk](mailto:scholarships@fife.ac.uk)

If you need any help completing the application form, please email [employability@fife.ac.uk](mailto:employability@fife.ac.uk)

