Apply now for Edinburgh Quartet apprenticeships

The Edinburgh Quartet held their first ever competition in 2016, as a result of which violists Emily Pond and Morag Robertson became joint winners, the Edinburgh Quartet are once again extending applications to the UK's top music schools and conservatoires.

Students between the ages of 18-25 are now invited to apply, with a limited number selected to go forward to participate in a live audition and workshop event at the Reid Concert Hall in Edinburgh on Sunday 11 February 2018.

The sessions are open to the public to come and go throughout the day, and there is free admission for all.

Entrants will be asked to take the place of a member of the Quartet, and perform two contrasting movements from a set list. By the end of the event, the Quartet will pick one person to come on board as their apprentice and form a quintet for an intensive period of rehearsal, mentoring and performances in the forthcoming season.

Mark Bailey, The Edinburgh Quartet's cellist, said: "This is a great opportunity to experience playing with one of Britain's foremost chamber ensembles, and provide a platform to help launch a professional career in chamber music".

Applications to the first round are open now, and will close on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

More information on the competition and how to enter are available from The Edinburgh Quartet's website: www.edinburghquartet.com, or by emailing chris@edinburghquartet.com.