BURSARY GUIDE

A guide to bursaries at UCFB

If you have any questions about the contents of this guide or would like to go through it with a member of staff, please email AWP@ucfb.ac.uk

Bursaries at UCFB

Our bursaries are intended to help level the playing field for undergraduate students from lower income, disadvantaged and traditionally under-represented backgrounds. There are two bursaries:

Low-Income Household Bursary

The Low-Income Household Bursary is for students from low-income households; it aims to ensure that finance is not a barrier for students from less affluent backgrounds to pursue higher education.

Eligibility

- Hold an offer to study on a UCFB Undergraduate degree course.
- Be a UK resident paying home rate tuition fees.
- Household income threshold will be confirmed when applications open.

Bursary Terms

£1000 per year for each year, split into 2 payments of £500.

Care Experienced/Estranged Bursary

The Care Experienced / Estranged Student Bursary is for students who face specific barriers accessing Higher Education. Payments will continue throughout the student's undergraduate degree programme

Eligibility

- Hold an offer to study on a UCFB Undergraduate degree course.
- Be a UK resident paying home rate tuition fees.
- Have spent at least 13 weeks of the last five years, in local authority care, prior to the start of your course.
- Under the age of 25 years and have had no contact with parents/guardians for at least 12 months before the start of your course and be unlikely to have a relationship with them again.

Bursary Terms

£2,000 per year for each year, split into 2 payments of £650 and a final payment of £700.

Support Payments

Support payments are targeted packages of one-off financial support offered in conjunction to a Bursary, designed to help remove barriers to education.
The available support payments are:

1. Care Experienced/Estranged Pre-Enrolment Support Payment
2. Care Giver Support Payment
3. Student with Disabilities Support Payment
4. Global Majority Support Payment
5. Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Minority Support Payment
6. Independent Learner Support Payment
7. Women in Sport Payment

How to Apply

Here is a step-by-step guide on how to apply for the UCFB Bursaries and Support Payments through the Learner Hub:

1 

Review our bursary offer
We recommend you look at this in detail and ensure you meet the eligibility criteria

2 

Access the Learner Hub
After submitting your application to study at UCFB you will be granted access to the Learner Hub. This is where you can submit your application.

3 

Review your application
Take time to review that all necessary information and documents are included.

4 

Upload your supporting evidence
Upload any supporting documents required in support of your application via the Learner Portal. You can still do this after submission.
Your application may be rejected if evidence is not provided before the deadline.

5 

Submit before the deadline
Once you are satisfied with your application, submit it via the Learner Hub. Ensure you complete it before the application deadline.

Frequently Asked Questions

If I meet the criteria for a support payment; can I still apply even if I'm not eligible for a bursary? Unfortunately, we do not offer standalone support payments. You must be eligible for either the Low-Income Household Bursary or the Care Experienced / Estranged Student Bursary, to apply for a support payment.

How do I provide evidence for the Bursaries and Support Payments? The team will request evidence from you after you submit your application via email, and will detail what evidence is needed. You will be asked to upload this evidence to the Learner Hub.

What if I am eligible for both bursaries? The team will assess you and award you the bursary with the higher payment amount.

How will I know if my application is successful and what happens next? The Access and Widening Participation team will email you the outcome of your application. If you are eligible for a bursary and have completed your enrolment, further communications around opportunities and payments will be sent to your UCFB email.

When will I be paid my bursary? If you are eligible for a bursary and any support payments, this will be split into either two or three payments each year, depending upon your bursary. With instalments happening in November, April, and June.

Need Further Guidance?

For more information on our current bursary offerings, please scan the QR Code to visit the Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries page on our website

If you have any further questions, you can contact the Access and Widening Participation (AWP) team on AWP@ucfb.ac.uk