

Your Future Plan Work Experience Bursaries 2019/20

The Your Future Plan Work Experience Bursaries are targeted funding for specific priority groups to enable all of our students the opportunity to access career-transforming experiences that they might not otherwise be able to afford.

To be considered for a bursary you **must** meet the criteria of a Widening Participation Student and be undertaking a placement module as part of your course. If you are undertaking Work Experience or volunteering that could be considered to be an Internship please contact futureplan@glos.ac.uk

3 types of bursary are available:

- £30 shadowing placement bursaries specifically for SW4002 Level 4 Social Work students only
- £300 for Level 4, 5 and 6 students undertaking work experience in the UK
- £1,000 for Level 4, 5 and 6 students undertaking international work experience.

Eligibility

- UK Home student
- Confirmed placement / internship either as part of their course or as separately arranged by the Your Future Plan team

Plus at least one of the following Widening Participation criteria:

- Local Authority Care Leaver
- Student with a disability including mental health problems, Specific Learning Difficulties and/or who are on the autism spectrum
- Mature Student (over 21 on entry)
- First generation of family to enter H.E.
- in receipt of means tested support and assessed by a Student Finance Authority (e.g. Student Finance England) as having a house hold income of less than £42,875 and consented to share their/their sponsors household income with their Student Finance Authority by 20 October 2019.
- From an area with low participation in higher education (Polar 3, Quintile 1)
- Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic

Meeting the eligibility criteria does not equate to entitlement. Bursaries are awarded following a competitive application process where a panel will select successful candidates based on eligibility criteria and their application form.

Further info

- Bursaries are restricted to one per academic year.
- You must claim your bursary in the same academic year that the Work Experience takes place.
- You can apply in advance of the opportunity providing it starts before 31st July 2020.
- Late claims cannot be forwarded to the next academic year.
- Once the annual fund is exhausted, no additional funds will be available until the start of the next academic year.
- Applications for bursaries will open on 1st November 2019 and close on 30th November 2019.
- Students will be asked two qualifying questions:
 - What will this Bursary allow you to experience that you couldn't otherwise? (min. 250 words) (What will be the added value for your employability and career prospects?)
 - What do you expect to spend this Bursary on? What practical barriers to work experience will it remove or opportunities will it open up? (min. 250 words) (Travel costs, childcare, clothing, accommodation etc.)
- Successful students will be advised of the outcome of their application in December 2019 / early January 2020.
- Payments are made in two parts: upon confirmation of successful application, a 2/3rds payment is made and at the end of placement, the final 1/3rd is awarded following completion of an evaluation questionnaire through the Your Future Plan portal where you may be asked to provide additional information.

How to apply

Please contact a Work Placement Co-ordinator via futureplan@glos.ac.uk