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CARE LEAVERS & ESTRANGED STUDENTS BURSARY

Terms and Conditions 2025/26

1. Overview

The Care Leavers and Estranged Students Bursary is a specific package of support developed for care leavers and young people who are estranged from their parents. The package of support includes specialist pre-entry support, year-round accommodation, annual bursary of £1000 per academic year and a dedicated staff contact. Eligible students will also be granted the [Study Life Award](#) (please see Study Life bursary [terms and conditions](#)).

2. Eligibility

To be eligible for this support package you must be either a care leaver or an estranged student, according to the below definitions. If you are unsure whether you meet either of the definitions, or if you did not declare either status on your UCAS application, but believe you may be eligible, please contact Emma at ecook@cardiffmet.ac.uk who can arrange a call with you to discuss further.

a. Who is a Care Leaver?

A care leaver is defined as a person aged 25 or below, who has been looked after by a local authority for at least 13 weeks since the age of 14.

b. Who is an estranged student?

An estranged student is defined as a person aged 25 or below, studying without the support of a family network and who is irreconcilably estranged from their parents. This might be biological, step or adoptive parents. Estranged students have no communicative relationship with either their adoptive or biological or step-parents. You must meet this definition of being an estranged student before the start date of your course.

In either circumstance you must also:

- a. be a permanent UK resident
- b. be classed as a 'Home' student (for Tuition Fee purposes)
- c. be a new student, applying through UCAS, and entering a full-time undergraduate course at year one or foundation level. Or, be entering your second or third year directly from another provider
- d. be fully enrolled at Cardiff Met University
- e. be aged 25 years old or under at the start of each academic year (1st September)
- f. provide details of your support worker, or a professional who knows you and has been aware of your situation
- g. provide any further evidence requested to show how you meet the above criteria

3. Application process

If you declare on your UCAS application that you have care experience or you are estranged from your parents, our dedicated staff mentor, Emma Cook, will contact you before the start of the course to invite you to complete a short application form, and discuss any further evidence that you may need to provide, along with any specific support needs you may have.

4. Limitations

- a. the number of bursaries is limited and is subject to budget availability
- b. bursaries are awarded on a case-by-case basis, at the University's discretion
- c. you must successfully progress onto the next year of your course to remain eligible for this bursary.
Subsequent year awards are discretionary for re-sitting students. You are not eligible for the bursary if you are re-sitting without the requirement for attendance
- d. you are not eligible for this bursary if you have been adopted
- e. bursary instalments will not be paid if you have withdrawn or suspended your studies (or have been suspended)
- f. bursary instalments may not be made if your engagement with the course is unsatisfactory
- g. you will only be permitted to receive the bursary for one undergraduate degree at Cardiff Met
- h. you are not eligible for this bursary if you are studying at a partner franchise college. Please contact your local college to discuss bursaries and scholarships available

5. Bursary payments

- a. the total bursary amount is up to £1,000 per academic year
- b. the bursary is paid in installments across the academic year, subject to satisfactory engagement with your course
- c. payment will be made to your nominated bank account
- d. you must inform us immediately if there are any changes to your bank details
- e. incorrect or out of date bank details may lead to delayed or cancelled payment

6. Other

- a. You must let us know if your circumstances change (i.e. you reconcile with your parents) as this may affect your ongoing eligibility.
- b. you may be referred to the university Retention team for further support if there are issues with engagement and attendance
- c. Terms and conditions are subject to change.

7. Privacy

Information about how your information is processed can be found in the [student services privacy statement](#)

8. Welsh Language

Dyfernir y grant/cymorth ariannol hwn yn unol â gofynion ein Polisi Iaith Gymraeg, a gyhoeddwyd er mwyn sicrhau cydymffurfiaeth â Rheoliadau Safonau'r Gymraeg (Rhif 6) 2017, o dan Fesur y Gymraeg (Cymru) 2011.

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