

1. About the R W Barnes Bursary Fund

Thanks to a generous legacy gift from Ron Barnes, a South West based businessman and scientist with diverse commercial interests, a bursary programme has been created through Quartet Community Foundation in his name: The R W Barnes Bursary Fund.

Ron was deeply committed to creating opportunities for young people. This fund has supported over 400 students with grants totalling £406,740 to help them access and complete their university studies.

The R W Barnes Bursary Fund now continues this legacy by offering financial assistance to undergraduate students studying Engineering, Maths, Physics, Astronomy or Oceanography at selected UK universities. Support is provided subject to specific criteria and exclusions.

2. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, you must meet **ALL** of the following criteria:

- You live/or lived before starting university, in one of these postcode areas: BS, BA, TA, DT, SP3, SP7, SP8, SN10, SN12, SN13, SN14, SN15 or GL9.
- You are a UK national by birth.
- You are starting an undergraduate degree in September or October 2026 or you are already studying as an undergraduate at a UK university.
- At least 60 percent of your degree content is in Mathematics, Physics, Engineering (Aeronautical, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical and Manufacturing), Astronomy or Oceanography.

3. What you can apply for

You can apply for living costs or tuition fees.

4. Grant Awards

- Awards of up to £2,500.
- Awards are subject to a confirmed university offer or end of year results (if already at university), AND satisfactory academic references.
- Awards are made for one year initially and may be reapplied annually for up to four years (excluding placement years), subject to satisfactory progress.
- If you leave your course during the award year, part of the funding may be reclaimed. Quartet Community Foundation retains full discretion when interpreting eligibility criteria.

5. How to apply

If you satisfy the eligibility criteria and want to apply, please complete an online application form.

6. How applications will be assessed

First priority will be given to:

- Students meeting the above eligibility criteria.
- Current or prospective students at the University of Bath, University of Cambridge or Imperial College London.
- Students from families whose household income is below £45,000. Consideration will be given to families supporting other children in higher education.

Secondary priority will be given in the following order to:

- Current or prospective students at other Russell Group universities (Go to [Our universities | Russell Group](#)).
- Current or prospective students at other universities ranked within the top 40 in The Complete University Guide (go to [University Rankings and League Tables 2026](#)).

We aim to let you know as to the outcome of your application by late August 2026.

7. Reporting on your bursary grant

If awarded a grant, you will be required to submit a written Feedback Report at the end of the academic year following the award of the bursary grant. We will also ask your university to confirm your progress.

8. Need more information?

If you need more information, please contact:

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This fund is administered by Quartet Community Foundation, and all correspondence should be directed to the Foundation.

How we collect and hold your data

The personal information collected via the application form is collected to process applications for grants from Quartet. All information is collected in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA), and the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 (GDPR). For further information see our Privacy Policy at <http://quartetcf.org.uk/privacy-policy/>

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