

Guidelines:

RW Barnes Bursary Fund Grant 2024/25

What is R W Barnes Bursary Fund?

The R W Barnes Bursary Fund has been set up to offer financial assistance to undergraduate students on programmes of study based on Engineering, Maths or Physics, at certain UK universities, subject to certain criteria and exceptions. The fund is managed by Quartet Community Foundation, to whom all correspondence should be addressed.

Who can apply?

- You must live, before going to university, within the following Post Code Areas: All of BS, BA, & TA, DT plus SP3/7/8, SN10/12/13/14/15, GL9.
- You must be following an undergraduate degree programme in which at least 60% of the course material is in one or more of the following subjects: Mathematics, Physics, Engineering (Aeronautical, Electrical, Electronics or Mechanical), Astronomy, or Oceanography.
- You must be a UK citizen who is registered for a degree programme either commencing in September/October 2024 or you are already at a UK university as an undergraduate. These are in order of priority:
- Bath / Cambridge / Imperial College, London
- Other Russell group universities
- Other universities in the top 40 University Rankings as compiled by 'The Complete University Guide'.
- **Priority will be given to applicants:**
 - **With no family history of higher education**
 - **Attending Imperial College, Bath or Cambridge Universities**
 - **Studying Mathematics or Physics, Natural Sciences (Mathematics plus Physics only)**
 - **Living within Post Codes BA8, BA9, BA11.**
- **You must be able to show that your family income is less than £45,000. In assessing need we will take account of family expenditure on other siblings in higher education.**
- **Grants will not be awarded to applicants studying Biosciences, Chemistry, Civil or Chemical Engineering.**
- **Applicants must be UK nationals by birth.**

The Awards

Awards of up to £2,500 each will be available from the fund.

Awards are subject to satisfactory 'A' level results/university results/ university references as appropriate.

Interpretations of the award criteria shall be at the sole discretion of Quartet Community Foundation.

Awards will be made for one year in the first instance, but are renewable annually, subject to satisfactory reports on progress. You may receive an award for a maximum of four years (excluding any placement years) and only while you are an undergraduate.

Once you have completed your first year at university, applicants will be required to provide university results and a reference from either a tutor or course professor.

You may use the award to help with living costs or fees.

If you are successful, we will ask you to send a written report on your progress and achievements at the end of the year. We will also ask your university to confirm your progress.

If for any reason, you leave university during the year of the award, we may recover some of the grant awarded.

How to apply

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

Once you have completed the form please send or email it to Quartet Community Foundation at the address below. **The closing date for applications is 1pm on Thursday 27th June 2024.** Quartet Community Foundation will contact you regarding your application.

We will aim to let you know whether your application has been successful by early September 2024.

How we collect and hold your data

The personal information collected via the application form is collected to solicit and 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)*. By completing an application form, you are giving consent for the information to be collected and for Quartet to communicate with you/your organisation. We hold all personal information on our *secure Customer Relationship Management database*; grant related information is disclosed to grant panel members and to donors. We publish lists of grants awarded, and we use data in our publicity, but we anonymise details of any individual grantees. If you feel that any other information about your application or project should not be made publicly available, please contact us to discuss this.

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Need more information?

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