



**Higher education bursaries and
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HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS – HND/HND/DEGREE COURSES

Discretionary Fund

The purpose of the Discretionary Fund is to assist students who endure financial difficulties while attending college. Students need to have exhausted all other funds before applying to discretionary, for example taken out the maximum student loan. It is used mostly to assist students who have their own accommodation and require assistance in paying their housing costs and associated expenses.

Students need to be aware that funds are cash limited and any award made, will likely be insufficient to cover your full housing/rent costs. Students who apply must be able to provide official documents to support any claim for additional financial support.

The amount each student receives will be dependent on their personal circumstances.

Students do not need to repay this fund; however, money is limited so not all applications are successful.

Centenary Bursary

The Centenary Bursary fund has been established primarily to enable enrolled Higher Education students to receive financial support from SRUC in order to progress their education with us. Eligible students will be those who have limited or no other sources of funding available to them.

Applications can be made between enrolment and mid-October. Students do not need to repay this fund; however, money is limited so not all applications are successful.

Childcare Fund

If you have children, then you can claim assistance with your childcare costs. They must be a registered nursery/childminder and you can only claim costs for the days when you are timetabled to be in college or in a mandatory work placement as part of your course.

Payments will not be paid if you do not regularly attend class / work placement. Applications for support from the Childcare Fund are income assessed.

Lone parent students who pay all or part of the cost for registered childcare can receive up to £1,215.00 a year in the form of a Lone Parent Childcare Grant. This is not income assessed however a student must provide proof that they are a lone parent with registered childcare expenses.

Students who receive childcare funding from any other source should not apply for this grant (e.g. childcare element of working tax credits).

If lone parents have childcare costs in excess of £1,215.00 then they will be considered for additional support from the Discretionary Childcare Fund, however this element of support will be income assessed.

Change Your Path Bursary – application form on SRUC Website

This bursary fund of up to £1000 is available to new SRUC students, to help with the costs associated with fitting study into your life. Applicants must be over the age of 25 and looking for a career change or to re-train. There is a maximum of 20 bursaries available, and a small committee will rank all valid applications on the strength of their personal statement.

This Bursary fund is open for applications once a year in the summer and applicants will be made aware of the funding through the Admissions and Recruitment teams. Students do not need to repay this fund; however, money is limited so not all applications are successful.

The Gregor Thomas Royan Lamb Bursary for Future Farmers

Gregor Lamb had a passionate commitment to agriculture. He was not from a farming background but from an early age knew where his future lay. He was working hard at school to take up a place at SRUC to study for the HND in Agriculture. Sadly, Gregor never had the opportunity to pursue his dream

Gregor's family want Gregor's enthusiasm to benefit others and have generously provided the funding to set up a Bursary programme in Gregor's memory.

Applications are invited from those students who are embarking on their Agriculture Higher Education career. A maximum of two years of bursary funding is available, with £1,000 paid each year. The award is made termly, direct into your bank account, and will depend on satisfactory engagement with your learning, achievement on units and progression to year two. Applications can usually be made between (pre)enrolment and mid-October. Students do not need to repay this fund; however, money is limited so not all applications are successful



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