

Progression Bursary 2018/19*

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who is eligible?

The main points of eligibility are below. However, the following FAQs clarify more detailed questions regarding eligibility.

To be eligible you need to meet the following criteria:

- Successfully complete a University of South Wales accredited HND or foundation degree with one of the colleges listed below in Summer 2018, specifically:
 - Bridgend College
 - Cardiff and Vale College
 - Coleg Gwent
 - Coleg Y Cymoedd
 - The College, Merthyr Tydfil
 - NPTC Group
 - Gower College Swansea
 - Blackburn College
- Apply for a full time eligible undergraduate honours degree entering year 2** or 3***, based at a University of South Wales campus starting in September 2018 by the **1st of July 2018**
- Apply for the progression bursary by **1st of August 2018**
- Accept our conditional or unconditional offer of a place by the **1st of September 2018**
- Be a UK, home student liable for the UK home rate of tuition fees.
- Be enrolled on a full time eligible course at point of payment

**Dependent upon the degree subject area.

*** This includes **joint delivery** with Coleg Gwent for BSc Veterinary Nursing Science (top-up) and BSc Animal Health and Welfare (top up) added 1st November 2017

2. How do I apply?

The application process will open from January 2018 onwards. Once you have applied to enter year two** or year three of a full-time eligible undergraduate degree and been offered a place, you will be sent a link by email to apply for the bursary online.

3. What are considered to be the University of South Wales campuses?

The University campuses are as follows:

- Pontypridd (Treforest and Glyntaff sites)
- Cardiff
- Newport City

4. How much is the bursary worth?

You will receive £500 paid directly into your bank account by BACS in your first term by the end of November 2018. **Please note:** Eligible students must be in good academic and financial standing with the University e.g. they must not be a debtor without a payment plan.

5. How will I know if I am successful?

The Student Money Advice Team will notify you of your eligibility via your **University email address** by the end of October 2018.

6. Do I have to be enrolled on an eligible course at the time of payment?

Yes.

7. Will I receive payment in subsequent years on my course?

No, this bursary is payable in your first year only.

8. I meet the criteria for the Progression Bursary and another University scholarship or bursary – can I receive more than one scholarship or bursary?

Yes.

9. I have previously completed a HND or foundation degree at a college where I completed this course before June 2018, will I be eligible?

No. The bursary is for students who will be completing a HND or foundation degree at a listed college in the 2017/18 academic year and progressing on to a full time eligible undergraduate honours degree entering year 2** or 3 at a University of South Wales campus starting in September 2018.

10. I was going to apply to the University for 2018 entry but am now considering a gap year, will I still be eligible?

If you are planning to start your course in September 2019, you will need to check the details of any bursary or scholarship scheme available to new students starting in September 2018 and fulfil the eligibility criteria relating to that scheme, including making an application if necessary. Details regarding any 2019/20 scheme that might be offered are expected to be announced in summer 2018.

11. What courses are eligible?

The bursary is available for full-time eligible undergraduate Honours degree students entering year three (or year two on specific eligible courses) based at a University of South Wales campus starting in September 2018.

12. I am a part time student; will I be eligible?

If you are currently studying your HND or foundation degree part time in your college you are eligible to apply for the Progression Bursary as long as you **apply** for and **enrol** on to a **full time eligible** Level 6 Higher Education course in September 2018.

13. Am I eligible to receive the Progression Bursary if I study a part time top up degree at the University?

No. The Bursary is only for new students starting a new **full time eligible** Level 6 Higher Education course in September 2018.

14. What happens if I transfer courses in my first year?

Providing you transfer to another eligible course and continue to meet the bursary criteria, you will still be eligible to receive payment at the intended time.

15. What happens if I leave/ am suspended/ excluded from the University?

-If you leave before payment in the first term, you will not be eligible to receive the bursary.

-If you decide to leave us after your £500 payment has been made you are entitled to keep the payment.

16. If I receive an overpayment, will I have to repay it?

Yes. By accepting any payments you are agreeing to repay any amounts that are subsequently found to be overpayments or incorrect payments. Any overpayments that are not repaid will result in the debt being referred to the University Finance department and appropriate action taken.

17. Is it repayable if I leave?

No, there is no requirement for you to repay the Bursary, unless payment has been made in error, in which case please see the FAQ above regarding overpayments.

18. I want to study a University of South Wales course at an accredited/associate college. Will I be entitled to this Bursary?

No, however you may be eligible for any scholarships or bursaries offered by the college. Please contact the accredited/associate college direct.

19. Can I appeal against any decisions regarding my eligibility?

All students have the right to appeal decisions made by the Student Money Advice Team regarding their eligibility for the Progression Bursary.

Full details regarding the Scholarship / Bursary Appeal process are available here:

<http://southwales.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/scholarship-bursary-appeal-process/>

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