Title: Year in Employment Bursary
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The University prefers all students to undertake paid placements and recommends all placement providers pay an appropriate salary. However, in certain circumstances, we understand that unpaid or low paid placements offer an excellent career development opportunity within certain sectors.

Criteria that allows unpaid or low paid placement to be authorised as part of the Year in Employment programme:

1. The learning objectives offered by the placement fulfil the expectations of the Year in Employment
2. The specific placement is not available in a paid capacity
3. Similar placements in the same industry are also unpaid

We appreciate that undertaking an unpaid placement is a difficult decision and that it may be harder for certain groups of students. Therefore we have developed a bursary scheme for UK and EU undergraduate students that fall into one or more of the following categories:

1. Students from low-income backgrounds - these are those that have a current household income assessment by student finance of £25,000 or less.
2. Students that have received an award from the University’s Financial Support Funds during the current academic year.
3. Mature students - students over the age of 25 at the start of the academic year
4. Independent students - those estranged from their parents / guardians
5. Care-leavers
6. Students with disabilities
7. Students that were recruited through the Access to Southampton scheme

Bursary details

The total bursary fund is limited to £10,000 and eligible students undertaking an UNPAID placement may apply for financial support up to £2,500.

A bursary of up to £500 MAY be available to eligible students undertaking a LOW PAID placement. A low paid placement is a placement in which only expenses are paid.

Priority will be given to those students that are undertaking UNPAID placements, therefore in some instances, those on low paid placements may not receive a bursary. Only limited funds are available and will be allocated based upon a student’s circumstances. Once funds are exhausted, no further allocations will be made.
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How to apply

If you are interested in receiving more information, please contact the Careers and Employability Service via email: workexp@soton.ac.uk.

All applicants, successful and unsuccessful, will be notified within one week of the decision being made.

If you would like feedback on your application, we will be happy to do so.

Disclaimer

The information on these pages is solely for the purposes of clarifying the University of Southampton’s policies concerning allowing unpaid placements. These guidelines do not represent any authoritative statement of the law and acceptance or rejection of any placement under these guidelines should not be perceived as a statement regarding the legitimacy of any organisation or opportunity.