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SUPPORTING  
EDUCATION

# FUND UNIVERSITY

WITH A CAREER THAT  
MAKES A DIFFERENCE

6th FORM  
SCHOLARSHIPS

MEDICAL  
BURSARIES  
UP TO  
£75,000

FULLY  
FUNDED  
DEGREES

UNDERGRADUATE  
BURSARIES  
UP TO  
£42,750

HOW THE ARMY CAN  
HELP YOU WITH THE  
COST OF STUDYING

Army Fund University 

  
**ARMY**  
BE THE BEST



# THE ARMY INVESTS IN ITS PEOPLE

The cost of university can seem daunting, but the Army has many ways to help students like you fund your education.

Once you have graduated, you will start an exciting career in the Army, without such a large burden of student debt.

There are opportunities for development and learning for everyone in the Army. Here, you'll find out about the support for degree-level qualifications before or just after you start your Army career. Some of these financial awards are available to potential Officers, some to potential Soldiers, it depends on your job role once you join the Army.

EARN OVER  
£23,000  
AFTER TRAINING  
AS A SOLDIER

EARN OVER  
£37,000  
AFTER TRAINING  
AS AN OFFICER

## COULD IT INVEST IN YOU?

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Tahir: "Having a Scholarship reduces the financial pressure of studying."

## SCHOLARSHIP

If you have your heart set on becoming an Officer and are still at school, the Army has a scheme to support you through school and university. The Army Officer Scholarship Scheme (AOSS) is offered to high quality students who have the potential to make excellent Army Officers.

Apply before 31st March in Year 12 (S5 Scotland, Y13 Northern Ireland). If you're successful, you'll be given an award of **£3,000** when you're in Year 13 (S6 or Y14 NI).

At university you'll get a Standard Bursary worth **£6-7,000**. You can apply to upgrade to another bursary such as an Enhanced Bursary, Defence STEM Undergraduate Sponsorship (DSUS) or Medical Bursary if you are eligible.

You'll have your career as an Army Officer secured for when you've finished your education.

Army Scholarship



APPLY Year 12  
(S5, Y13 NI)  
before March

PASS  
Scholarship  
selection July

YEAR 13  
(S6, Y14 NI)  
receive £3,000

UNIVERSITY  
receive £6,000+  
Bursary

TRAIN at  
RMA Sandhurst

### FAQ: CAN YOU UPGRADE TO ANOTHER BURSARY IF YOU ARE AWARDED AN ARMY SCHOLARSHIP?

Yes – you automatically get the Standard Bursary if you are awarded a Scholarship. If you are eligible, you can apply to upgrade to a Enhanced or Medical Bursary, or the Defence STEM Undergraduate Sponsorship once you are at university.



# INTERNSHIPS

**You'll have unique, exceptional leadership training and experiences, as well as an unrivalled insight into the life of an Army Officer.**

You'll have the same world-class leadership training at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst as our Officers and then further training afterwards, depending on your role.

After 2 months' training at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, you'll spend 10 months attached to a regular Army unit, in the UK and on routine duties around the world, shadowing the daily role of an Army Officer, learning to lead a team of up to 30 soldiers. Army units cover a range of different career streams, including Engineering, IT and Communications, Logistics, Medical, HR and Finance, and Combat. You can take up an internship before, during or after you go to University.

You'll be paid throughout and take part in sports, Adventurous Training and military training exercises but you will not deploy on operations. On completion of the Internship, there is no further commitment to the Army, but should you choose an Army career after your studies you can fast-track in.

To qualify, you must have a firm place to read a first degree at a University/College or have graduated within the last 2 years. You must also be aged between 17 years 10 months and 28 years old by mid-September of the year you will start training at Sandhurst and hold or be predicted to gain 72 UCAS points (or equivalent) and have 35 ALIS points, including a C/4 or above in English language, maths and a science or foreign language. You also need to pass a basic fitness test.

[Army Internships](#)

# FULLY FUNDED

## OFFICER ENTRY NON-GRAD OFFICER DEGREE

Instead of heading off to university, you can get a fully-funded degree with the Army. Your 44 weeks' training at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst counts towards a BSc in Leadership and Strategic Studies, from the Henley Business School and the University of Reading. You can carry on with your studies alongside your career beyond the academy, and you will not have to pay any fees.

If you've already got a degree, you could apply for a place on the Army's Masters programme. This follows the same path as above but earns you a MSc in Leadership and Strategic Studies, at the start of your Army career.

[Degrees while you serve](#)

[Army Higher Education Pathway](#)



There are also many opportunities to study for a degree as a Soldier, for example, as a **Biomedical Scientist, Environmental Health Technician, Geographic Technician or Radiographer.**

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OFFICER ENTRY

# ARMY UNDERGRADUATE BURSARIES

**Are you at university or about to go, and looking for an employer who will help you meet the costs of studying?**

Apply as a student to be an Army Officer, and we could give you financial support while at university. When you graduate, you will start your Army career training at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

You should apply to be an Officer before your final year at university in order to be considered for a Bursary. It can take 6-12 months to go through the Army Officer selection process, so apply as early as possible to get through to the Army Officer Selection Board (but no later than the December of your final year of study).

After selection as an Army Officer, you will be considered for a Bursary. If you are successful, your payments are split across your remaining years of study.



## STANDARD BURSARY

**£6,000 / £7,000** for students on a three/four-year degree course. If you apply in your final year, you will get the full amount as a single payment.



## ENHANCED BURSARY

For students with 128 UCAS Points from 3 A levels or an equivalent qualification. **£24,000** when awarded in your first or second year of study; **£15,000** when awarded in your final year.



## DEFENCE STEM UNDERGRADUATE SPONSORSHIP

Up to **£42,750** (£5k yearly bursary + tuition fees) for students on STEM degree courses commissioning into the Royal Engineers, Royal Signals, Royal Logistic Corps, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers or Intelligence Corps.



APPLY Army Officer

PASS Army Officer Selection

APPLY for Bursary

RECEIVE Bursary and GRADUATE

TRAIN at RMA Sandhurst



## CASE STUDY

### CATHERINE: DEFENCE STEM UNDERGRADUATE SPONSORSHIP (DSUS)

"The DSUS Bursary allowed me to put some money aside to participate in Adventurous Training (AT) and save up to travel in my gap year. I was able to gain my Ski Foundation 1 on the Unit's Ski trip, as well as gain my Kayak Foundation and Quality Mountain Days on an AT trip I organised in Scotland. I plan to use some more of the funds to travel around Australia and East Asia, exploring the world and different cultures."

## FAQ: ARE OFFICER ARMY UNDERGRADUATE BURSARIES ONLY GIVEN TO EXCEPTIONAL CANDIDATES?

If you have passed Army Officer Selection, then you **are** an exceptional candidate with great leadership potential. Anyone who has passed Officer selection before the December of their final year at university is eligible to be considered for a bursary.

# MEDICAL BURSARIES



We could help fund your study and training with a bursary of up to £75,000.

## OFFICER ENTRY

### MEDICAL, VETERINARY, PHARMACY, DENTAL STUDENTS

Apply in your first or second year of your degree. You could receive **£10,000** (**£5,000** for Vet and Pharmacy students) in each of the final three years of your studies, work your foundation years as a medical cadet, and receive a lump sum of **£45,000** (or **£36,000** for Pharmacists) when you complete the short course at RMA Sandhurst.

## OFFICER ENTRY

### NURSING STUDENTS

There are two ways to fund your nursing degree: either with an Officer Nursing Bursary, or by studying nursing as a paid Soldier.

You can apply for an Army Officer Nursing Bursary with an unconditional offer to study nursing (at a University of your choice) and you'll receive a **£5,000** bursary per year. Upon completion of your initial military training, you will receive a lump sum of **£27,000**.

Army Medical Bursary



## CASE STUDY

### HAYAAT: MEDICAL BURSARY – MEDICAL STUDENT

"I wanted to be an Army doctor because of the variety of experiences I would have within an emergency setting, the different countries I could travel to, as well as all the adventurous training. Now that I've got the medical bursary, I feel even more motivated about my career and can just focus on my studies, as the bursary funds my living costs. Even though I didn't have to, I'm serving in the Army Reserve while at university to help with my leadership skills and interaction style with soldiers."

## SOLDIER ENTRY

### SOLDIER STUDENT NURSE

As a soldier studying nursing, not only will your tuition fees be paid by the Army, but you'll earn a yearly salary of around **£23,000**.

After applying to become a Soldier, you will then complete basic Soldier training, before starting a BSc (Hons) in Adult or Mental Health Nursing at Birmingham City University. You'll need at least 120 UCAS points and meet the eligibility requirements of the BSc.

Army Nurse

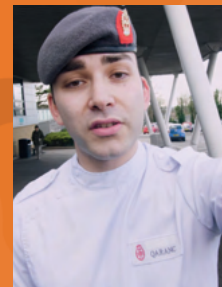


APPLY to be a Soldier Student Nurse

COMPLETE Soldier Basic Training

STUDY nursing degree as a Soldier

GRADUATE and work as an Army Nurse



## CASE STUDY

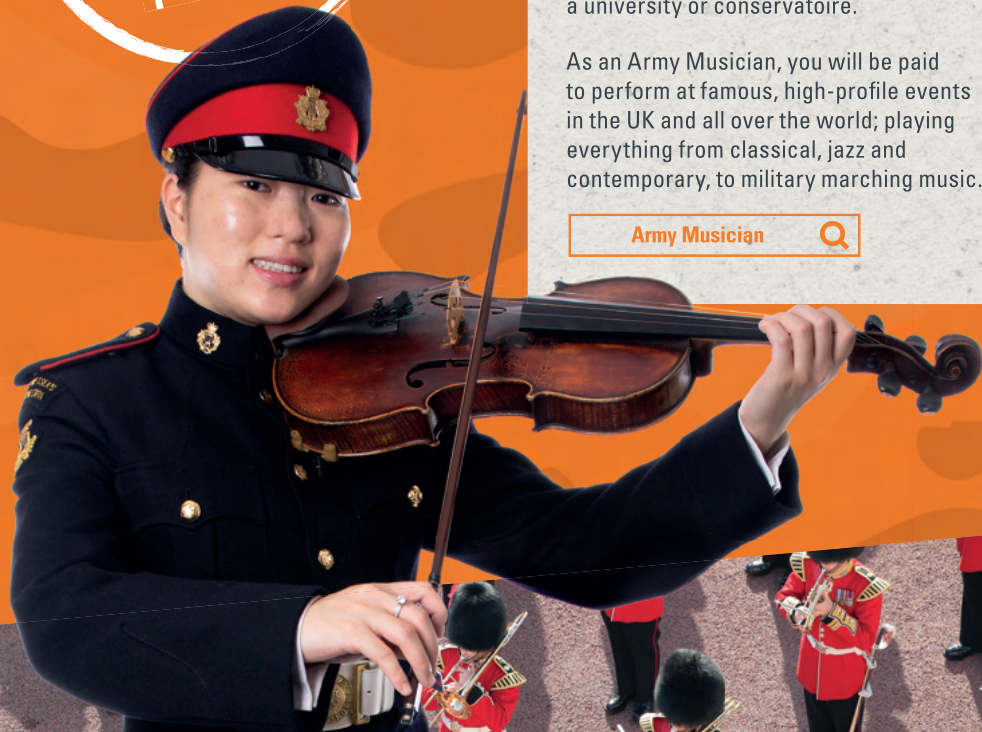
### GEORGE: ARMY NURSE

"I did my degree in Adult Nursing at Birmingham City University, which the Army paid for as well as giving me a wage. This meant I graduated with no student debt. I'm now working in an NHS hospital, but about to deploy overseas."

In Army Medical Services, you can also get a fully-funded degree whilst on a soldier's salary in these job roles: **Biomedical Scientist, Environmental Health Technician and Radiographer.**

Army Jobs

We could sponsor you up to £9,250 per year



**SOLDIER ENTRY**

**MUSIC BURSARY**

Are you an aspiring musician, looking for an exciting and varied career with music performance at its heart? We could sponsor you up to **£9,250** per year, if you are studying a BMus in performance at a university or conservatoire.

As an Army Musician, you will be paid to perform at famous, high-profile events in the UK and all over the world; playing everything from classical, jazz and contemporary, to military marching music.

Army Musician



**MUSIC BURSARY**

APPLY online: Army Musician

PASS music audition & Soldier selection

RECEIVE Bursary at UNIVERSITY

START initial Army training

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS?**

In the Army, we use 'scholarship' to describe the funding we give in the sixth form, and 'bursary' to describe the funding we give for university.

**HOW DO I APPLY FOR AN ARMY BURSARY?**

First, you must apply to join the Army through the online application process, telling us early on that you are interested in a bursary or scholarship. You will go either through the Officer or Soldier selection process, depending on which bursary you wish to apply for. You must apply early enough in your degree to allow time to get through selection, or you can apply in your gap year.

**DO I HAVE TO JOIN THE ARMY AFTER I GRADUATE?**

You must join the Army when you graduate and complete at least four years – as a Regular (full-time), not a Reservist. You can change your mind, but you will need to pay back any money you received.

**WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN OFFICER AND A SOLDIER?**

Officers are selected and trained as leaders, and go straight into leadership roles after training. Soldiers train to become experts in their trade, and work towards promotion into leadership and management roles.

**ARE ALL JOB ROLES OPEN TO MEN AND WOMEN?**

There are a huge variety of roles in the Army, all of which are open to women, where you can expect equal pay, equal opportunities and equal expectations.

**DOES THE ARMY OFFER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS?**

The Army does not currently offer degree apprenticeships in entry-level roles. However, there are many roles in the Army where you can get a degree as part of your training, with fees fully paid for. See Soldier Student Nurse (page 08) and Fully Funded Degrees (page 05).

Find out more about  
becoming an Officer



Or contact your local  
Army Careers Adviser



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