

£1000 Bursary

2nd Instalment of the Queen's Care Experienced Bursary is coming soon £500 instalment (March)

Please email me: r.mcstocker@qub.ac.uk if your bank details have changed, otherwise payment will be made to the account you previously provided

SUQCESS FUND

SUQCESS is generously funded by a private donor to provide valuable support for students with experience of care. This assistance can include vouchers for books, help with groceries, support in accessing placements, and more. Applications are open year-round and can be found [here](#)

NNECL Celebrations

Queen's have successfully been awarded the National Network for the Education of Care Leavers (**NNECL**) Quality Mark! The first Uni outside of England to do so.

This award recognises our work and commitment to students with experience of care. An application was submitted at the end of October 2024 with an associated 3 year action plan to further develop our work.

On the **15th January** we hosted a celebratory event in the Blue Sky Room. **Thank you to all that contributed to making the event such a success!** Attendees included young people with experience of care, the HSCT's, Extern, VOYPIC, Foster Care Associates, Quilts for Care Leavers, Barnardo's, Queen's & SU staff and the Director of NNECL. Here are some pictures and a [video to watch.](#)



Want a chat?

Student Well-being
host drop-in sessions, Mon-Fri
from 11am - 3pm on the first
floor of One Elmwood. Click [here](#) for more info

Monthly Social Shout Out

Thank you to all who attended **February Social**.
It was lovely to share the afternoon with you all.
Eyes peeled for March's. If you have an idea for
a future social, give me a shout
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Important FYI's

Jetset Your Degree 2025

Study abroad this Summer ?
Faculty of Engineering and Physical
Sciences

Offering opportunities to Join International
Summer Schools

Applications Close: 7 March at 5pm

Study in the Netherlands this summer ?

Applications are open for Utrecht Summer School
Programme 2025, a great (funded) opportunity for
Pathway, Senior Academy and Care-Experienced
students.

**Submit applications before Monday 4 March
at Noon.**

Further information and a link to the application page
on MyFuture can be found here: [Utrecht Summer
School 2025](#)



Scholarship Opportunity !!

We would like to make you aware of a **Scholarship Opportunity**.

The Irish Youth Foundation Scholarships* of **£1000** will be awarded to each of 10 students from Northern Ireland who enrolled in an undergraduate course at Queen's in 2024/2025, either having completed the Queen's Senior Academy or Pathway Opportunity Programme and meeting certain widening participation criteria or being care-leavers/care-experienced.

The scholarship will provide the 10 selected students with an award of £1000 each, paid in April 2025. To be eligible for this scholarship students must meet either criteria 1 **OR** 2 below:

Have enrolled in an undergraduate course at Queen's, after having completed the Queen's Senior Academy or Pathway Opportunity Programme and are from a disadvantaged neighbourhood in Northern Ireland (Q1/Q2 as per the Northern Ireland Research and Statistics Agency) and are in receipt of a full maintenance grant from Student Finance NI (household income less than £19,204).

OR Be a care-leaver or care-experienced (foster/residential/kinship care, also to include those who have been adopted);

Apply for the awards using the link below:

[Irish Youth Foundation Scholarships Application Form](#)

Applications will close on Tuesday 4 March 2025.

Only applications received before the deadline will be considered.

Applicants will be asked to provide personal details along with a statement of no more than 500 words to outline why you should be considered for the award. This should include information about your personal circumstances and the impact the award will have on your life and your studies.

(Please note: The application must be completed in one session and cannot be saved. We would suggest, therefore, that you complete your statement separately and then copy and paste it into the application form.)

A panel of judges will meet to assess and shortlist applications and decide the awardees who will be announced in early March 2025 and may be asked to participate in publicity activities as well as potentially attending an awards event at the Irish Youth Foundation on **May 20th 2025**.



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