

Care Experienced Bursary Application Form 2025-26

Queen's University Belfast is committed to providing support for students who are care experienced. The University provides a financial bursary to undergraduate and post graduate students who can demonstrate that they meet set criteria below.

As an undergraduate student, the bursary is available if you are:

- Ordinarily resident in the UK (also available to students from Republic of Ireland, subject to funding)
- normally under 25 years*
- pursuing a full-time undergraduate degree at Queen's University Belfast
- able to demonstrate that you were in the care of a Health and Social Care Trust or Local Authority for three months or more at any age**

As a postgraduate student, the bursary is available if you are:

- Ordinarily resident in the UK (also available to students from Republic of Ireland, subject to funding)
- normally under 25 years*
- pursuing a full postgraduate course at Queen's University Belfast
- have completed an undergraduate degree **within the last two years**
- able to demonstrate that you were in the care of a Health and Social Care Trust or Local Authority for three months or more at any age**

**Students who are over 25 years, and meet all the other criteria of the Care Experienced Bursary, can apply to be considered for the bursary payment if they are in financial difficulty. Staff in Widening Participation Unit will consult with Student Finance and look at each application on a case by case basis. You may be asked to submit further information/evidence in support of your application.*

***evidence can be submitted by any professional body if Health & Social Care Trust or Local Authority cannot provide evidence to WPU in timely matter*

Section 1: Personal Information

First name:	
Last name:	
Term Address:	
Postcode:	
Contact telephone number:	
Queen's Email address:	
Date of Birth	
Student Number	
Level of Study (e.g. Undergraduate or Postgraduate)	
Year of study (e.g. 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd 4 th)	
Course:	

Section 2: Eligibility Criteria

To receive the Queen's Care Experienced Bursary, you have to be able to demonstrate that you have been in the care of a Health and Social Care Trust (HSCT) or Local Authority for three months or more at any age (see criteria at start of application).

Please tick the relevant Health and Social care Trust

Belfast Trust	
Northern Trust	
South Eastern Trust	
Southern Trust	
Western Trust	
If you are from England, Scotland, Wales or the Republic of Ireland please name the Local Authority.	

When submitting your application please enclose a letter from your social worker/personal advisor confirming that you are care experienced. The letter must:**

- Be on headed paper.
- Contain your full name and date of birth.
- Provide the contact details of the social worker writing the letter

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Social Worker / Personal Advisor Contact Details:

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone Number:

Email:

Please scan a signed copy of completed form to **Sinead O'Kane** s.okane@qub.ac.uk or
Rhiannon McStocker r.mcstocker@qub.ac.uk

Alternatively, you can leave the form at the Information Desk on the first floor of One Elmwood Student Centre in an envelope marked '**confidential**' and addressed to **Sinead O'Kane, Widening Participation Unit**

Or post a copy of the form to: Sinead O'Kane, Widening Participation Unit, Level 3, One Elmwood Student Centre, Queen's University Belfast, University Road, Belfast, BT7 1NF