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Information for prospective 2027/28 students

Social Work bursary rates in 2027/28 are expected to be the same as those advertised for 2026/27. Any changes will be updated on the website in Summer 2027.

Check with your university what your tuition fees will be for 2027/28. **Postgraduate students will pay their tuition fees from their bursary.**

To receive a Social Care Wales (SCW) social work bursary you must meet three eligibility criteria:

1. You have lived in the UK for the three years before you start the course and are ordinarily resident and have lived in Wales for 12 months before the start of the course.
2. You are not being sponsored to undertake the course by an employer, e.g. if they pay your tuition fees or provide you with paid time off from work to study or undertake your placement. **They can however, pay you a retainer, provided this isn't put towards your training costs.**
3. You must be attending an SCW approved course at a Welsh university. **We do not provide bursaries for any students studying outside of Wales.**

Not every student will be guaranteed a bursary. Each university receives a set number of bursaries, and they decide which students will receive a bursary.

Those students not initially selected for a bursary will be placed on a reserve list. They will receive a bursary if one becomes available.

The university will forward your details to SCW once you've accepted a place on the course and you will receive an email from the Registration Team inviting you to register as a Student Social Worker.

You must wait for this email. However tempting, <u>you must not create your own record through our website</u>. If you do this it will lead to long delays in your application process as the database doesn't like duplicate records for individuals.

Once your registration application has been processed, we will email you and ask you to apply for a bursary.

To receive your first bursary instalment, you must be enrolled on the course and be registered as a Student Social Worker.

Bursaries are paid three times a year. In September, January and March.

Please note

- **Provide up to date DBS information to your university when you enrol.** Not doing so will mean delays with your registration and receiving a bursary payment.
- If you will be working during your course, you must complete an Employer Declaration form to confirm that your employer will not be sponsoring you. **We cannot approve your bursary application form until we receive this.**
- Information on placement travel costs and additional income assessed grants for postgraduate students is provided on our web pages.
- Postgraduate students cannot accept a postgraduate loan from Student Finance Wales if they receive a Social Work bursary from Social Care Wales (SCW).
- You must pay back some of your bursary if you leave the course at any time. You are only entitled to a bursary up to your last date of attendance on the course.