

RAF UNDERGRADUATE SPONSORSHIP

LET US INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE





YOUR FUTURE IN THE ROYAL AIR FORCE...

We are inviting the best and brightest of your generation to join us – in return we offer high rewards and outstanding benefits.

We can give you a challenge, variety, travel, sport, adventure, in addition to responsibility and career development. As a member of the RAF you will be a skilled professional, a leader and a manager – and we will give you the opportunity to prove yourself sooner than your contemporaries in civilian jobs. In return, we will expect you to use your initiative, make decisions under pressure and lead by example.

The RAF offers several academic Sponsorship schemes, depending on your age, qualifications and chosen Profession or Specialisation in the RAF. Further details are contained in this document and on the RAF Careers web-site

WWW.RAF.MOD.UK/RECRUITMENT



WE WILL INVEST IN YOU

While we are sponsoring you, we will get to know one another. Not only will you be able to gain experience of the kind of challenges you'll face working with our aircraft, technology and people, but you will also have the opportunity to develop the leadership and management qualities we are looking for.

DEFENCE STEM UNDERGRADUATE SPONSORSHIP (DSUS) SCHEME

A scheme for STEM undergraduates who plan to join the RAF as an Engineer/Cyberspace.

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A scheme for undergraduates who plan to join the RAF for a number of Professions and Specialisations

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DEFENCE STEM UNDERGRADUATE SPONSORSHIP SCHEME (DSUS) FOR POTENTIAL ENGINEER/ CYBERSPACE OFFICERS



"THE FRIENDSHIP, SPORT AND ADVENTUROUS TRAINING ARE ENOUGH TO MAKE IT WORTH JOINING STEM - BUT ALSO GETTING PAID A BURSARY FOR DOING ALL THIS IS AN ADDED BONUS!"



We could provide a bursary of £5,000.00 per academic year and tuition fees currently up to £9535.00, plus up to £55.00 per day for 30 days of training. If you:

- have a GCSE at Grade C/4 or Scottish National 5 at Grade C in English Language
- are studying an accredited Bachelor's or Master's degree in an appropriate engineering subject (AeroSystems) or appropriate technology or scientific subject (Cyberspace). See RAF Careers website for further details on acceptable Engineer/Cyberspace.
- you could be applying as you start year 1 of university, for sponsorship to begin at the start of year 2, or you could be applying during your penultimate year, for sponsorship in your final year (including a Masters).

In return, we expect you to:

- become a member of your nearest University Air Squadron if you haven't already joined. **Interested students are encouraged to apply to join their local UAS on arrival at university, as this should allow them to be fast-tracked through selection.**
- spend up to 45 days per year on work and training experience with the RAF, including:
 - adventurous training in the holidays.
 - flying training opportunities.
- work placement opportunities at an RAF base in the summer holidays.
- join the RAF after you graduate from university on a 12-year initial commission (although you can apply to leave the RAF 3 years after completing professional training if you so wish).
- attend Initial Officer Training at RAF College Cranwell followed by Engineer/Cyberspace Specialist Training at RAF Cosford.

Bursaries may be suspended or terminated if the Bursar fails to make adequate academic progress, fails to participate on a regular basis, fails to respond to administrative or disciplinary actions issued by the RAF, becomes medically unfit for service or fails the RAFFT. A suspension for other than medical reasons will normally result in the Bursar repaying that which has been paid.

Applicants must ensure that they have alternative arrangements in place to pay their tuition fees at all times, in case the application is unsuccessful or if a Bursar needs to leave the scheme for whatever reason.



TO APPLY

Apply on-line via the RAF Careers Website when you are at university or about to start university from the 1st of September. For sponsorship to start in the next academic year, the very latest date for applications is 31 March, but you are strongly encouraged to apply by the previous Christmas to give you the best chance of completing selection in time. We may ask for an academic reference and you'll be interviewed on-line, before attending a medical with a contracted GP in your area and a Fitness Test at a local gym. Selection involves a full day of exercises and interview at the Officers and Aircrew Selection Centre at the RAF College Cranwell.

YOUR UNIVERSITY AIR SQUADRON

Can offer you excitement, adventure, a great social life and free flying lessons. There's a training session one evening a week and other RAF-led activities so you can familiarise yourself with life in the RAF. You won't be expected to wear uniform in your day-to-day life as an undergraduate, but you will need to be able to manage your time to fit in both your academic studies and activities with the squadron. If selected to be a bursar and not already a member of a University Air Squadron (UAS) you will automatically join your nearest UAS Sqn.

UNIVERSITY AIR SQUADRON (UAS) BURSARY



"ADVENTUROUS TRAINING HAS REAL BENEFITS IN TERMS OF DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP, SELF-CONFIDENCE, SELF-RELIANCE, ALL SORTS OF THINGS."



We could provide a bursary of between £3,000 and £6,000 per year, plus up to £1,500 for 30 days of training, if you:

- gain entry to a UK university for a degree course; and aim to join the RAF as a:
 - Weapon Systems Operator
 - Air Operations Officer Control
 - Weapon Systems Operator (Linguist)
 - Air Operations Officer Systems
 - Intelligence Analyst (Linguist)
 - Medical Officer
 - Logistics Officer
 - Intelligence Officer
 - RAF Regiment Officer
 - Pilot
 - People Operations Officer
 - Musician
 - Air Traffic and Weapons Controller
 - Engineer Officer (CE)
 - Engineer Officer (Aerosystems)
 - RAF Police Officer
 - Weapons Systems Officer

Depending on your course, we could sponsor you for between one to four years.

For future Engineer/Cyberspace Officers see the DSUS scheme. DSUS cadets could get up to 45 days paid per year starting at about £55.00 per day.

In return we expect you to:

- join the University Air Squadron, where you will have the opportunity to undertake flying training and adventurous training;
- Interested students are encouraged to apply to join their local UAS on arrival at university, as this should allow them to be fast-tracked through selection.
- join the RAF after you graduate from university on a 12-year initial commission (although you can apply to leave the RAF 3 years after completing professional training if you so wish).
- attend Initial Officer Training at RAF College Cranwell followed by your professional training.



TO APPLY

When at university, we recommend that you apply on-line via the RAF Careers Website. You do not have to already be a member of a UAS. You can apply from the 1st of September. For sponsorship to start in the next academic year, the very latest date for applications is 31 March, but you are strongly encouraged to apply by the previous Christmas to give you the best chance of completing selection in time. We will ask for an academic reference and you'll be interviewed on-line, before attending a medical with a contracted GP in your area and a Fitness Test at a local gym. Selection involves a full day of exercises and interview at the Officers and Aircrew Selection Centre at the RAF College Cranwell in Lincolnshire.

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MEDICAL SPONSORSHIP

"I'VE GOT A LOT OUT OF MEDICAL SPONSORSHIP. I'VE LEARNT TO FLY, I'VE BEEN SKIING AND I'VE ALSO DONE WORK EXPERIENCE WITH THE RAF - INCLUDING SHADOWING DOCTORS ON AEROMEDICAL EVACUATIONS TO ASCENSION ISLAND, KOSOVO AND CYPRUS."



We can sponsor you through university if you:

- are on a degree course at a UK medical school
- aim to join the RAF as a Medical Officer.
- please note not all specialities are available e.g. paediatrics, geriatrics, obstetrics or gynaecology and speciality options may vary each year.

As a sponsored medical student, you can receive a bursary of £3,000 a year during year three of your medical degree, plus up to £1,500 for 30 days of training on the University Air Squadron. In your third year, you can apply to be upgraded to a cadetship for your final 2 years at university.

As a medical Cadet, you can receive pay of approximately £18,000 in your penultimate year and £20,000 in your final year at university, in addition to payment of your tuition fees, registration fees and an allowance towards books.

In return we expect you to:

- join the University Air Squadron, where you will have the opportunity to undertake flying training and adventurous training;

TO APPLY

we recommend that you initially contact the Medical and Dental Recruitment Team on 01400 266811 or CRN-RecruitSelect-MDLT-Grp@mod.gov.uk to arrange attendance at one of their Medical Sponsorship presentations; it is recommended that this is done early in the year preceding sponsorship.

FIND OUT
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"MY FINAL TWO YEARS OF UNIVERSITY ON A BURSARY WERE SUPERB. THE ESPRIT DE CORPS, SOCIAL LIFE AND FLYING ALONGSIDE MY DEGREE GAVE ME THE ENTHUSIASM TO STUDY KNOWING THAT I HAD AN EXCELLENT CAREER IN THE RAF TO LOOK FORWARD TO."

More information about the RAF can be found at
www.raf.mod.uk/

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT RAF
CAREERS AND HOW TO APPLY CAN BE
FOUND AT

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/>
or by calling 0345 605 5555

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT UNIVERSITY
AIR SQUADRONS CAN BE FOUND AT

[https://www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/
university-air-squadrons/](https://www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/university-air-squadrons/)

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RELATING TO MEDICAL SPONSORSHIP,
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For more information about careers in the RAF, visit
raf.mod.uk/recruitment or call **0345 605 5555**.





RULES OF THE SCHEME

Whatever scheme you apply for, you must have been resident in the UK for the three years immediately preceding your application, however, applications will be considered on a case by case basis if you have been resident in the UK for less than this period.

THE RAF VISION

The RAF's role, in conjunction with the Defence organisations, is to deliver the UK Defence vision:

- Defend the UK and its interests.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The RAF is an equal opportunities employer that recognises the value of an individual's ability regardless of their gender, colour, race, nationality, ethnic or national origins, background, religion

You (or your parent/guardian, if you are under 18) must agree to pay back any money we give you if you fail to complete your studies or leave the RAF, other than for medical reasons, before serving three years productive Service in the RAF following completion of your training.

- Strengthen international peace and stability.
- Be a force for good in the world.

or belief, sexual orientation or marital status or civil partnership. The RAF believe that harnessing the talents and skills of individuals from different groups enhances operational effectiveness.

WELFARE IN THE RAF

To find out more about the RAF's commitment to the care and welfare of its personnel, visit www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/parents-guardians/

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