

What is the VetPartners Bursary?

It's an annual award of £1,500 for veterinary undergraduate students, given out each year of their degree (typically five years).

The total value of the bursary is £7,500, and we offer up to 15 new bursaries each autumn.

Who can apply?

Students applying need to meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in the first year of a full-time undergraduate veterinary degree at a UK vet school¹.
- Haven't previously completed an undergraduate degree in the UK or overseas.
- Have Home Funding Status².

If you've met these requirements, the following criteria will then be considered:

- Care experience or care leaver – A young person aged 16 to 25 years old who has been in the care system at some point since they were 14 years old, and was in care on or after their 16th birthday. This is the government's standard definition.
- Students who are young carers.
- Those with a household income below the median disposable UK household income of £32,000 (January 2023)³.

Non-traditional entry to vet school, for example through one of the following:

- Completion of a Gateway or foundation course.
- BTEC.
- City and Guilds qualifications.
- Contextualised A-level grade offers (e.g. ABB instead of A*AA).
- Other non-traditional routes of entry will also be considered.

Not all of these criteria are required. Students that meet the initial qualifying criteria need to meet at least one of these criteria to apply for consideration.

¹See <https://www.vetschoolscouncil.ac.uk/> for list of UK Vet Schools

²Home Student must be ordinarily resident in the UK for the three-year period prior to the start of their course

³Household income as defined by the Office for National Statistics

We'll keep you updated

If your application is successful, you'll be notified in writing no later than four weeks after the submission deadline.

Successful applications

Successful candidates may be asked to participate in VetPartners events and/or publicity promoting and celebrating the benefits of the bursary, and share their vet school experience and how the bursary has specifically assisted them in their studies.

We may also ask bursary recipients to share opportunities at VetPartners, such as EMS or graduate roles, with their year group.