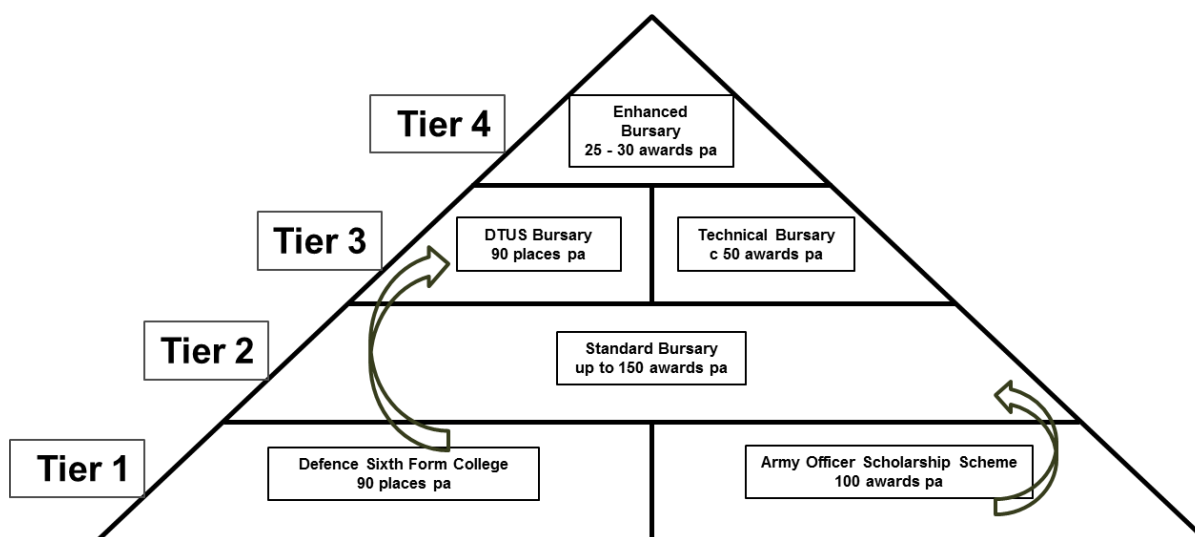


## UNDERGRADUATE BURSARIES

If you have passed Army Officer Selection, intend to join the Regular Army and you have a place at university, you are eligible to apply for an Army undergraduate bursary. The Army offers a range of undergraduate bursaries in a tiered scheme. Whether you are studying for a 3 or 4 year degree, you may be eligible to apply for the Standard, Technical or Enhanced bursary (or all three). We welcome applications from those in their Gap year with a confirmed place at university. The Awards Board sits in January of each academic year which will assess all bursary applicants. The Standard and Technical bursaries are awarded at the board and a shortlist is drawn up for Enhanced Bursary awards.



## ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

**Applicants for all army bursaries must meet the basic officer eligibility requirements, have passed Army Officer Selection and apply before the December of their final year of study.**

### **Standard Bursary AUB (S). £6,000-7,000**

There are up to 150 Standard Army Undergraduate Bursaries available each year, typically with a value of £6,000 each (based on 3 years at university with a bursary throughout, although students on a 4 year honours degree with a bursary throughout will receive £7,000 in total). The full bursary award will be paid before a candidate enters RMAS on the Regular Commissioning Course; so typically £2000 per year for 3 years. An award made in the second year of university will result in 2 payments of £3000. Army Scholars are awarded a provisional Standard Bursary but may wish to apply for the other bursaries.

### **Technical Bursary AUB(T). £16,000**

There are up to 50 Technical Army Undergraduate Bursaries available each year. This award seeks to encourage candidates who seek a commission in one of the 4 Technical Corps (RE, R Signals, REME, RLC) via an engineering / science/ mathematical<sup>1</sup> degree. AUB(T) will be awarded to candidates who have a confirmed place to read one of the Army endorsed engineering or

<sup>1</sup> Advice should be sought from the Bursary Team for eligible degrees for the Technical Bursary.

science degrees at a UK university. The total financial value of an AUB(T) is £16,000, paid across the remaining years of study.<sup>2</sup>



### **Enhanced Bursary AUB (E). £15,000 - £24,000**

There are up to 30 Enhanced Army Undergraduate Bursaries available each year. This upper tier seeks to attract the highest quality candidates who must not only show strong academic performance, but must also demonstrate the wider qualities expected of a potential officer. This tier of the awards scheme is highly competitive. The AUB(E), which will comprise a series of annual payments and an incentivised final lump sum on graduating with a 2:1 or better.<sup>3</sup>

#### ○ **Value of Award.**

- A maximum of £24,000 for any course length – up to £18,000 payable at University, and £6,000 on graduation provided a 2:1 or better is achieved.<sup>4</sup>
- Applicants in their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2nd year of study (3rd for a 4-yr degree) will have £18,000 distributed across their remaining years of study
- Applicants in their final year will only receive £9,000 at university and £6,000 upon graduation with a 2:1 or higher.

#### ○ **Eligibility / Selection**

- AUB(E) applicants must have/show the potential to achieve a minimum of 128 UCAS points (320 UCAS points pre-2017) from 3 A levels or equivalent, and demonstrate the capability of achieving a 2:1 degree (this equates to ABB at A level).
- Applicants must have passed Army Officer Selection
- The Awards Board draws up a shortlist of Enhanced bursary candidates. With consultation with the RMA Enhanced Bursary Interviewing Panel, some candidates are given a direct award, whilst others are invited for interview.<sup>5</sup>
- AUB(E) is awarded to candidates intending to enter RMA Sandhurst on the **Regular** Commissioning Course<sup>6</sup>. Those entering as Professionally Qualified Officers are not eligible.<sup>7</sup>
- Members of the Defence Undergraduate Technical Scheme (DTUS) are eligible to apply as long as they meet the criteria.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

- You should indicate your desire to apply for an Army Undergraduate Bursary as soon as you apply for Officer Entry and discuss this at the first opportunity with your Candidate Support Manager (CSM). Once you have passed Main Board, ask your CSM for a bursary application.

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<sup>2</sup> The DTUS course list is used for guidance for eligible degrees. The Board will make the final decision of eligibility in all cases

<sup>3</sup> This will normally be tenable for a maximum of 4 years, including Post Graduate Certificate of Education for AGC (ETS) candidates.

<sup>4</sup> If a candidate has already received payments from the Standard, Technical or DTUS bursary – these payments will be taken into account when working out the overall award. The £18,000 maximum award for undergraduate study includes previous bursary payments.

<sup>5</sup> The decision whether to invite a candidate to interview or to give a direct award, is based upon the quality and range of evidence rather than the quality of the candidate.

<sup>6</sup> It is possible to do the Reserve Commissioning Course whilst still at university and then do the Regular Commissioning Course after graduation – as long as a candidate's final intended destination is as Regular Officer, a candidate is eligible for the Enhanced Bursary.

<sup>7</sup> This includes physiotherapist, lawyers, nurses, dentists, doctors, vets and padres. PQO candidates may be eligible for one of the medical bursaries. Please contact the bursary team.



- Army Scholars will need to inform their CSM of their university plans and will have to complete the Bursary paperwork in order to have their Standard Bursary confirmed. Scholars will need to make a full application in order to apply for the Technical and Enhanced bursaries. Previous bursaries will be taken into account when working out the overall amount awarded. The maximum award for a Standard Bursary holder is £8,000, a Technical £16,000, and Enhanced is £18,000 (before the graduation payment).
- The closing date for application for all Army Undergraduate Bursaries is 11 December (this includes candidates applying in their final year of study.)
- You can apply for all three bursaries if you are eligible.

## **CONDITIONS OF THE BURSARY**

- That you serve a minimum of 3 years on a Short Service Commission (SSC) after the 44 week Commissioning Course at RMAS (unless you join The Army Air Corps, when you must serve for 8 years due to the investment in your pilot training).
- That you join the University Officers Training Corps (UOTC) (DTUS Squadron for DTUS bursars) as a full training bursar (a minimum of 45 days training in your first year) or the Army Reserve. You will be paid for the training you do (even adventurous training) at the appropriate Army Reserve rates.<sup>8</sup>
- That you agree to enter RMAS on the first Commissioning Course after graduation, which is to be before your 30th birthday.
- That you study at a university within the United Kingdom.<sup>9</sup>

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact 0345 700 1700

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<sup>8</sup> It is possible to join the UOTC as an administrative bursar who does not train with the UOTC, with agreement with the CO in exceptional circumstances.

<sup>9</sup> Placement years abroad or in industry are acceptable, but the bursary may not be paid in a placement year.