

BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS 2012 ENTRY



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As you would expect from a university that places great emphasis on student support, we are keen to offer extra help to students. From September 2012, Bangor University will be offering a range of bursaries and scholarships worth over £3M to new and returning students.

What's the difference between bursaries and scholarships?

The bursaries offered at the University are **awarded according to certain criteria** - for example, the Bangor Bursaries are awarded to those whose household income makes them eligible for such a bursary payment. As long as you meet the criteria and have completed the necessary student support form, then you should automatically receive the relevant bursary award.

However, the majority of the Scholarships offered by the University are **awarded upon merit**. For example, those who excel in the University's Entrance Scholarship examinations can be awarded Merit Scholarship awards worth up to £3,000; while Excellence Scholarships worth up to £5,000 are awarded to those entrants with the highest academic attainment upon entry.



BANGOR BURSARIES

2012 ENTRY

The University aims to provide additional support for those from lower income families, and the **Bangor Bursary means you could receive up to £4,500 in extra financial help over the duration of a three-year course.** Bangor Bursaries are available on top of any state-funded maintenance grants and loans, as well as any other University bursaries you may be eligible for.

Your eligibility for a Bangor Bursary depends on:

- your household income: all those with a household income below £40,000 will get a **bursary of either £1,500 or £750 a year from the University**
- and
- the course you are studying; you must be **studying on a full-time undergraduate course¹** with a tuition fee of £9,000 payable to Bangor University.

The bursaries are available to students from all parts of the UK and the EU² and do not have to be paid back.

Your eligibility for a Bangor Bursary will be assessed as part of the statutory means test carried out by your Local Education Authority / Student Finance England, when you complete the student finance application form to apply for a maintenance grant, etc. This means that you will not have to apply directly to the University for a Bangor Bursary - you will automatically receive it provided you meet our criteria and have provided the necessary information.

¹ Please note, students in receipt of other bursary payments (e.g. NHS, Health & Social Care Council) will not be eligible for the Bangor Bursary scheme.

² Students from the EU should contact the Money Adviser for guidance on bursary assessment procedures, e-mail: moneysupport@bangor.ac.uk

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- If your household income is below £25,000 you will receive a Bangor Bursary of £1,500 a year.
- If your household income is between £25,000 and £40,000 you will receive a Bangor Bursary of £750 a year.
- As you need to complete the student finance application form every year, then the amount of Bangor Bursary you may be eligible for may also change from year to year.
- Depending on household income and the subject area studied, some PGCE students will also be eligible to receive Bangor Bursaries. This will apply to PGCE students with a household income below £40,000 who are not eligible for ITT training grants (currently these are students training for primary teaching, and those studying the following secondary subjects: Art, Music, Outdoor Activities, Physical Education, and Religious Education).





OTHER BURSARIES

START-UP BURSARIES

Start-up bursaries of £1,000 are available for those entering the University from care. The start-up bursaries are **intended to cover course related costs such as books, equipment, travel and study aids**. These are one-off, non-repayable bursaries which will be paid in the first year only.

WELSH-MEDIUM STUDY BURSARIES

As part of the Welsh Government's drive to increase the number of students studying through the medium of Welsh, Bangor has bursaries to support those who choose to study all or part of their course through the medium of Welsh. For details on these, see the Welsh-medium version of the Bursaries leaflet.

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REMEMBER

- To be eligible for any of the bursaries offered by Bangor you must complete the student finance application form – this is the method used to assess eligibility for student loans, maintenance grants etc, and in the same way your eligibility for the bursaries offered will be assessed on the basis of this form.
- Bursary payments will be administered and distributed by the Student Loans Company on behalf of the University – so you must complete the student finance application form³ to be able to receive a bursary payment from Bangor University.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Bangor offers one of the most generous undergraduate scholarship schemes in the UK, with around £150,000 awarded each year to new undergraduate students. With the exception of the Excellence Scholarships, **you must apply for all of the Scholarships.**

ENTRANCE & MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

As part of Bangor's Entrance Scholarships scheme, there are **approximately 40 Merit Scholarships of up to £3,000 available** to those who excel in the University's annual Entrance Scholarships examinations.

To be considered for the Merit Scholarships, you have to:

- complete an Entrance Scholarships application form (closing date January 15, 2012 for the 2012 Entrance Scholarships)
- sit an examination in the subject of your choice, (with the exam being held at your school/college on Wednesday, February 1, 2012).

Entrance Scholarship examinations are currently offered in the following subjects: Art, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computing, Economics, English, Electronics, French, German, Geography, History, Law, Mathematics, Media Studies, Music, Physical Education, Psychology, Sociology, Sport & Exercise Science, Technology, Theatre Studies, Welsh (First or Second Language).

The successful candidates will receive the Merit Scholarship in the first year, with the award being made at a presentation ceremony usually held at the end of the autumn term.

In addition to the Merit Scholarships, Bangor's **Entrance Scholarships include a number of trust fund scholarships, several scholarships awarded by local authorities in Wales, and subject scholarships** such as the School of Law Scholarships and the School of Electronic Engineering Scholarships. Several of these are awards which are made on an annual basis, with the first payment received at a presentation ceremony held at the end of the autumn term.

For more information about the Entrance Scholarships (including the Bangor Merit Scholarships), please request a copy of the Entrance Scholarships Handbook from the Student Recruitment and Marketing Unit.



SCHOLARSHIPS

EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Bangor's generous scholarship scheme includes the Vice-Chancellor's Excellence Scholarships.

There are **14 Excellence Scholarships, worth up to £5,000 each**, available in several subject areas for those starting at Bangor in September 2012. These awards will be awarded to the UK/EU students coming to Bangor with the highest academic attainment in the relevant subject areas.

The Excellence Scholarships will be available for entrants to the following academic Schools/subject areas (number of £5,000 awards potentially available indicated in brackets):

- Law (1)
- Modern Languages (1)
- Music (1)
- Natural Sciences: Biological Sciences, Environment & Natural Resources, Ocean Sciences (2)
- Physical Sciences: Chemistry, Computer Science, Electronics (2)
- Psychology (2)
- Sport Science (1)
- Welsh (1)
- Welsh-medium Studies (3)

Please note:

- The Excellence Scholarship Awards are worth up to £5,000 and the award may be shared between two or more students.
- Excellence Scholarships are non-means tested and payable in the first year only.
- A student can only receive one non-means tested Scholarship (i.e. an entrant could not receive a £5,000 Excellence Scholarship and £3,000 Merit Award - the higher prize would take precedent).
- However, students awarded Scholarship prizes are still eligible to receive any relevant bursary payments, such as the means-tested Bangor bursary.



OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Bangor's Sports Scholarships scheme aims to help you achieve your full potential, whatever your sport and whatever your academic subject.

The Sports Scholarships have been set up by the University to recognise and support sporting excellence and achievement and are worth up to a maximum of £2,000 a year.

To be eligible for consideration you will need to:

- satisfy the academic entry requirements for your chosen course
- be able to demonstrate excellence in your chosen sport, or show promise of excellence for the future
- be committed to promoting sport at Bangor University
- complete an application form, outlining your sporting achievements and potential
- be willing to attend regular review meetings in order to monitor requirements and performance
- be willing to submit an annual report on your progress.

To apply for the 2012 Sports Scholarships you need to complete and return the application form by July 1, 2012. Application forms are available from the Student Recruitment Unit by e-mailing marketing@bangor.ac.uk (see back cover for further contact details).

TALENT OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAMME (TOP) SCHOLARSHIPS

In line with the Welsh Government's aim of widening participation into Higher Education, the University's Talent Opportunities Programme is a widening access programme which operates across North Wales. The schools involved are located in areas which have been identified as having socially-disadvantaged or deprived communities under the Welsh Government's *Communities First* programme. Details of the *TOP* Scholarships will be sent directly to the schools and pupils involved in Year 12 and 13.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Some Academic Schools/departments at Bangor offer their own scholarships, for example: Music, Chemistry, Computer Science, Electronic Engineering, Linguistics and English Language. Details of these are available directly from the Schools involved.



Over £3M in bursaries and scholarships for September 2012, including:

- **Bangor Bursary** to support those from lower income families: receive up to £1,500 a year depending on your family income.
- **'Start up' bursaries** of £1,000 for those entering university from care.
- **Merit Scholarships** of up to £3,000 for those who excel in the annual Entrance Scholarships examinations.
- **Excellence Scholarships of up to £5,000 are available in several subject areas for those starting at Bangor in September 2012.** These awards will be made to the UK/EU students coming to Bangor with the highest academic attainment in the relevant subject areas.



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