

## Care Experienced and Estranged Students Bursary | 2023-24

### Terms and Conditions

#### What is the Care Experienced and Estranged Students Bursary?

1. The Care Experienced and Estranged Students (CEES) Bursary comprises of a non-repayable £2,000 payment, per progressive year of study, which will be paid in four instalments of £500.

The bursary is available to students from the following groups outlined in section 2. Recipients of the bursary will need to apply directly to ICMP using the application form.

#### Eligibility Criteria

2. Students will only be eligible for an award if they are from one of the following groups:

- a. **Care Leavers and Care Experienced**

*Care Leavers who enrol at ICMP and have been assessed as 'home' for fee purposes are eligible to receive a non-repayable bursary of £2,000 per progressive year of study. Please note that this is in addition to any other entitlement to financial support you may have. We will also consider offering financial support to care-experienced students that do not meet the official care leaver definition. You will need to provide evidence from your Local Authority confirming your status as a care leaver or care experienced.*

- b. **Estranged Students**

*If you're under the age of 25 and have been classified as an independent student on the ground of estrangement by Student Finance, you may be eligible to apply for the bursary. Estranged students who enrol at ICMP and have been assessed as 'home' for fee purposes are eligible to receive a non-repayable bursary of £2,000 per progressive year of study. If you are unsure of your eligibility or are a current student, please contact [studentwellbeing@icmp.ac.uk](mailto:studentwellbeing@icmp.ac.uk) to discuss your situation.*

Applicants must also meet the following core criteria, in order to be eligible:

- a. Be under the age of 25 on the 1<sup>st</sup> September of the year of entry onto their course.
- b. Be enrolled on a full-time undergraduate course at ICMP (CertHE included).
- c. Not be repeating a year of study and instead on a progressive year of study.
- d. Have 'Home' funding status. The student finance companies (e.g., Student Finance England, Wales, Northern Ireland, or the Student Awards Agency for Scotland) assess residency status. A Home student must have been ordinarily resident in the UK for the three-year period prior to the start of their course.
- e. Have applied to Student Finance, had a full financial assessment, and consented to share this information with ICMP.

#### Providing Evidence

Evidence is required to ensure that the applicant meets the necessary eligibility criteria. Relevant evidence must be provided as an application cannot be processed without it. **Get help and support with evidence of your family estrangement.** If you are having difficulty understanding the evidence, you need to supply to Student Finance then please contact [studentwellbeing@icmp.ac.uk](mailto:studentwellbeing@icmp.ac.uk)

#### Application Process

*This is a limited fund and bursaries will be allocated on a first come first served basis.*

3. Eligible students can apply at any point in the academic year and payments will be backdated to the start of that academic year.
4. Payments will not be backdated for previous years of study.
5. Unsuccessful applicants can still apply for additional funding through ICMP's Additional Support Fund which is available to any student who is experiencing financial hardship.

*Receipt of this bursary does not affect eligibility for other bursaries or financial support offered by ICMP.*

### **Payment Details**

6. The Care Experienced and Estranged Students Bursary will be paid in four instalments of £500 by BACS (Bankers Automated Credit System) by ICMP.
7. The payment will only be paid if students have committed fully with the conditions of admittance, ICMP's regulations including meeting expected thresholds of attendance, engagement, and the student code of conduct.
8. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the bank details they provide to Student Finance or ICMP are correct. Incorrect bank details may cause delays in payment. If bank details have not been provided by the end of Semester B, the award for that year may be cancelled without further warning.
9. If you have overdue debt to ICMP, the bursary will be used as a debt relief to any outstanding debts.

### **General Terms and Conditions**

10. All information supplied by the applicant as part of their application will be held and maintained in accordance with the provision of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).
11. For any enquiries related to this bursary, please contact Student Wellbeing – [studentwellbeing@icmp.ac.uk](mailto:studentwellbeing@icmp.ac.uk)
12. The bursary cannot be exchanged for an alternative award.
13. Receipt of this bursary does not affect eligibility for other bursaries or financial support offered by ICMP.
14. If the student's status changes during their study as a result of information not being provided, and the student becomes ineligible, ICMP reserves the right to revoke the bursary and claim back any payments incorrectly made to the recipient.
15. If a student breaks ICMP's regulations and is withdrawn from study, the bursary will be immediately terminated, and no further support will be available. Bursaries paid out will not be reclaimed.
16. A complaint is normally a specific concern related to a procedural error, irregularity, or maladministration of your bursary, please contact us in the first instance so that an informal resolution can be sought. This may be done by emailing [complaints@icmp.ac.uk](mailto:complaints@icmp.ac.uk)