

Royal Television Society Bursaries 2023
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General Terms

Acceptance of a Royal Television Society bursary offer will be taken to mean that you agree to these Terms and Conditions

The initial offer of a bursary is subject to confirmation by the University named on your application that they have awarded you a place, you have met the conditions of any offer and that you are enrolled on the course.

The award is also subject to confirmation that your household income is below £35,000 per annum before taxation. You will need to provide your Student Finance award letter as evidence of this if you are selected for a bursary. The Royal Television Society (RTS) may accept other evidence at its discretion if this is not possible. You will need to provide this evidence by 31 October 2023.

The value of the bursary is £1000, per year of study, for the stated duration of your course. If you are on a sandwich course, it will not normally be paid in the year of industrial placement.

If you receive a bursary, you will be entitled to call yourself a 'Royal Television Society Bursary Scholar' and we would encourage you to do so.

We expect all successful applicants to be positive ambassadors and role models for the Society. If you do anything which brings the RTS into disrepute we may, at our discretion, withdraw the bursary at any time.

Keeping in touch

The Royal Television Society wishes to keep in touch with bursary recipients. We may publish information about your progress on our website and through the media. We may ask you for information about your results and your career for this purpose throughout your studies and after you graduate.

We will communicate with you about your progress, events and a range of other matters. We will normally use email as our first option to contact you. We expect you to read emails from us and respond to all our communications in a timely manner. A persistent failure to reply to communications, or engage with the

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opportunities offered by the RTS (e.g. mentorship) may result in the bursary being withdrawn.

Each year, and at the end of your studies, we also require a short report and will ask you to keep us informed after you graduate about your career. We will send further details about the format of this report in summer 2023. Payment in second and subsequent years will be conditional on you submitting a satisfactory report by the deadline of 31 December 2023.

If your contact details change, including your bank account details, it is your responsibility to keep us informed.

If you change course or leave your college or university, you must tell us immediately. Depending on the circumstances and the course, we may withdraw the bursary and cease payment of future instalments. You are only permitted to change course once.

We will contact your tutor in January/February each year to check that you are still attending and that your end of year results mean you are on track to successfully complete your degree. Your acceptance of this bursary is taken as your consent to your tutor providing this information. You will need to tell your tutor that you give your consent to this. This is a requirement of the bursary and should your tutor fail to confirm your attendance this may result in withdrawal of the bursary.

Bursary Payments

The bursary payment will normally be made directly into your bank account in February during each year of study. We will ask you to provide your bank details and confirm that these have not changed each year and to acknowledge receipt of the funds.

If you are in receipt of any benefits or other bursaries that are subject to an income test, you are responsible for declaring that you receive the RTS bursary. You are also responsible for declaring the bursary for tax assessment, if appropriate.

The RTS does not specify how bursary recipients will use the cash bursary. However, it is worth bearing in mind that some industry events which you will have the opportunity to attend do not cover travel and accommodation – so it may be useful to set aside some of the cash to cover such expenses.

Membership of the Royal Television Society

Royal Television Society Bursary Recipients will be entitled to membership of the Society during your studies and for one year after you graduate. Membership will run from July in your year of graduation and will be subject to completing an application and adhering to the rules of the Royal Television Society. For more information see <http://www.rts.org.uk/membership>.

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Should we withdraw the bursary from a bursary scholar for reasons of inappropriate behaviour, dishonesty or other unacceptable or illegal behaviour, we are likely to withdraw membership of the RTS also, as this is granted as an additional benefit of the bursary award.

Summer Tour and Events

The Royal Television Society may invite you to take part in various activities during your course of study, which will give you the opportunity to learn more about possible careers in the television industry and make connections with industry professionals. For students in receipt of a Digital Innovation Bursary, this includes a Summer Tour of the industry, which takes place in early July. We would like you to participate in other events where reasonable and practical to do so.

Your behaviour

We expect students to behave professionally at all times, including at events, particularly where alcohol is provided. We have a code of conduct which applies to all members of staff, trustees, students and mentors. The code of conduct states:

Code of Conduct

All RTS event attendees and members are expected to act in a considerate manner at all times and follow these guidelines to ensure a positive experience and respectful environment at all RTS events.

The Royal Television Society will not tolerate any disrespectful behaviour that could bring the Society into disrepute, including, but not limited to:

The use of abusive language related to religious beliefs, race, ethnicity, physical appearance, disability, sexual orientation, age, gender, gender identity and expression

The use of offensive or sexualised materials, images or content on social media or within the venue of the event

Stalking or aggressive and harmful behaviour towards event attendees, speakers and RTS staff

Photography of an inappropriate nature

Unwelcome sexual attention or physical contact that is inappropriate

Details can be found here: <https://rts.org.uk/code-conduct>

Data protection and publicity

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As part of the application form, we ask you to confirm that you have read and accept our data protection statement and agree to the retention of your contact details and publication of your name, course and hometown in connection with the award of a bursary. The RTS will release these details to the media once all bursaries have been awarded each year and will ask you to provide a photograph for this purpose also.

If you have any questions about these Terms and Conditions, please contact bursaries@rts.org.uk