UCS Bursaries and Scholarships: support to help you thrive

At University Centre Sparsholt, we want every student to feel known, valued and supported. Our bursaries and scholarships are designed to make higher education more accessible, reduce financial worries and help you focus on your course, your future and your UCS experience.

1. Main UCS Bursary: support for the duration of your course

The main UCS Bursary is based on your individual circumstances, not your grades. If you are eligible, you could receive financial support each year for the duration of your course, helping with the costs of university life while you study with us.

You may be eligible if any of the following apply to you

- Your household income is below £25,000.
- You have previously received Free School Meals.
- You are a care leaver or are estranged from your family.
- You are from a military family.
- You will be the first generation in your family to study at higher education level.
- You have a physical disability or long-term health condition.
- You are from an ethnic minority background.

Main bursary amount	Eligibility
£250 per year	Meet one main eligibility criterion.
£500 per year	Meet two main eligibility criteria.
£750 per year	Meet three or more main eligibility criteria.

2. First-year scholarships and targeted awards

Alongside the main UCS Bursary, some students may also be eligible for a first-year scholarship or targeted award. These awards recognise achievement and support progression into higher education and help attract talented applicants into key subject areas.

First-year awards at a glance

These awards are normally available in the first year of study only. They are subject to eligibility, attendance and the overall annual funding limit.

Award	What it is	Why we offer it	Who it is for	Amount
Fisheries targeted award	An additional first-year bursary for students joining our Fisheries courses. It is awarded to those applicants who meet or exceed their offer grades.	We are celebrating 50 years of fish courses at Sparsholt. This award is designed to attract and support students taking this industry-leading course, reduce financial barriers and encourage more applicants to consider a future in fisheries.	Students joining Fisheries courses at UCS.	**Up to £500**
Veterinary Nursing and Equine targeted award	An additional first-year bursary for eligible students joining Veterinary Nursing or Equine courses who meet the required entry grades.	Veterinary Nursing and Equine courses tend to attract more female than male applicants. We want the talent entering these sectors to reflect the full talent pool by encouraging and supporting a wider range of students to consider Veterinary Nursing and Equine study.	Eligible male students joining Veterinary Nursing or Equine courses at UCS.	**Up to £500 in the first year.**
Agriculture scholarship	A first-year scholarship recognising strong academic achievement and potential for those who exceed their entry tariff for the BSc course..	As one of the UK's leading land-based higher education providers, we want to attract and support high-achieving students to join our sector-renowned Agriculture course.	High-achieving students joining the BSc (Hons) Agriculture at UCS.	**£500 in the first year.**
Sparsholt Internal	A first-year scholarship for students progressing from	We want to support students who already know Sparsholt and are	Eligible students progressing from Sparsholt further education into	**£500 every year of**

Progression Scholarship	further education at Sparsholt into UCS.	ready to continue their journey with us at higher education level.	an undergraduate course at UCS.	**your course.**

3. Payment terms and conditions

- **Payments are made directly to the student.** Bursary and scholarship payments cannot be paid to another person or organisation.
- **Payments are normally made in two instalments.** The first payment is made in January and the second payment is made at Easter.
- **You must remain enrolled and eligible.** Payments depend on you continuing on your course and continuing to meet the relevant eligibility criteria.
- **You must maintain at least 70% attendance.** If your attendance falls below 70%, future payments may be withdrawn.
- **The maximum annual support is £1,000.** This is the most any student can receive through UCS bursaries and scholarships in one academic year.

Why check your eligibility? This support could reduce financial pressure, recognise your potential and make it easier to take your next step into higher education. If you are thinking about applying to UCS, it is worth checking whether you could receive bursary or scholarship support.

Indicative awards timeline: Indicative allocations for the main bursary and decisions on scholarship awards will be made no later than the UCAS deadline date, provided we have the information needed to assess eligibility.