

Education Grants

Student Grants

Hints and tips



General information

How are grants awarded?

Grants are awarded through an open application process.

How many grants are awarded each year?

We award grants to over 100 people a year.

How do I apply?

Visit www.rcnfoundation.org.uk for application details.

When will the grants be open for applications?

RCN Foundation Student Grant applications open in the autumn.

Eligibility

Am I eligible?

	To apply for funding, you'll need to:	Who is not eligible?
The RCN Foundation Get Into Nursing grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a graduate in any academic discipline with an upper second- or first-class undergraduate degree • Be eligible to apply for a nursing/midwifery degree or postgraduate diploma course with an eligible start date, or have already started the course • Already have experience of healthcare of at least 500 hours in the last five years • Live in the UK and have firm intent to work in the UK 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered nurses/ midwives • Anyone who does not have a first degree • Anyone who did not achieve a 2.1 or above in their first degree • Anyone who has received a grant within the last 12 months
The RCN Foundation Leathersellers' Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting or already enrolled on your first UK undergraduate nursing/midwifery degree with an eligible start date • Starting or already enrolled on a full-time course • In any year of the degree programme • Able to demonstrate a commitment to work in the UK 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered nurses/ midwives • Anyone who has a first degree

What course start dates are eligible?

Courses starting between 1 September of the year of application and 1 September of the following year are eligible, please see website for more details.

What can I apply for funding for?

Our Student grants are for cost of living and do not cover course fees.

How much can I apply for?

The RCN Foundation Get Into Nursing grant	£2,500 per year of the course
The RCN Foundation Leathersellers' Grant	One-off payment of £2,500

What am I not able to apply for funding for?

Our Student Grants do not cover course fees.

What references do I need?

Get Into Nursing: You need one reference from your manager and another academic reference. These must be from different people. Please provide an academic reference from your undergraduate degree.

Leathersellers' Grant: You need one academic reference from your school/college.

Before I apply

Can I submit a hard copy of my form?	We only accept online applications.
What if I have a disability and can't complete the online application?	If you have a disability and find it difficult to complete the online application, please contact us on: grants@rcnfoundation.org.uk
Can I apply on behalf of other people?	No, the application has to be made by the individual who is doing the course.
Can I apply for more than one course per application?	No, if you are applying for more than one course, you will need to complete a separate application for each one.
Does the RCN Foundation accept incomplete applications?	No, all parts of the application must be completed.
Can the RCN Foundation help me to find a course?	No, we can't help you find a course. Unfortunately, we can't provide any type of career advice as we are a grant giving charity.
If my application is unsuccessful, will I receive feedback?	Unfortunately, due to the number of applications we receive, we aren't able to give feedback on individual applications.
Can I re-apply another year if my application is unsuccessful?	Yes, you can re-apply.

Completing the online application process

How long should my answers be?	Each section has a word limit.
I've started an online application and not submitted it yet. How can I continue my application?	Click on the application button. You will then be asked for your log in details, you should be directed to the application you have started.
I have forgotten my password, what shall I do?	You will be able to reset your password through the website.
I have submitted my application but I want to make a change to it. Can I?	No. Once you have submitted your application, you will not be able to make changes to it. So we strongly advise you to take the opportunity to review your application before submitting it.
I have missed the deadline due to an IT or technical issue. Can I still submit my application?	No. We can't accept any late applications submitted after the deadline. So we strongly recommend submitting before the deadline so that we can help you with any technical difficulties you may experience.
Will I receive a confirmation email?	Applicants will receive an email to confirm their application has been submitted. If not, please check your junk mail. If you still haven't received a confirmation email, please write to grants@rcnfoundation.org.uk
How long will it take to hear back about my application?	It would usually take up to six weeks after the application closing date to hear back.

Shortlisted applicants

Will I need to attend an interview?	You will need to attend an interview if you applied for a Student Grant and are shortlisted.
When do interviews take place?	Interviews will take place following the closing date and once applications have been reviewed. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted by email to inform them of the date.
If I am shortlisted for an interview and can't make that date, can I come on a different date?	No, if you can't make the interview, another date can't be arranged. We do offer Skype interviews if you can't attend in person.
If I am unsuccessful at the interview stage, will I receive feedback?	Unfortunately, due to the number of applications we receive, we can't give feedback on individual applications.

Successful applicants

What are the terms and conditions of my grant?	You will need to submit evaluation reports on your learning experience to the RCN Foundation. Full payment of the grant will not be made until we have received these. Successful applicants will receive the full terms and conditions with their award letter.
My course has increased in price, can you pay the new price?	Once a grant has been awarded, we can't amend the amount.
What happens if I am unable to complete my course or submit reports when required?	You may be asked to repay the grant awarded to you.
Can I join the alumni network?	Yes, all successful applicants will automatically be signed up to the alumni network.

Any questions not answered here, please do email grants@rcnfoundation.org.uk. Good luck!