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HERIOT-WATT UNIVERSITY

Finance Guide

FOR STUDENTS FROM ENGLAND,
NORTHERN IRELAND AND WALES

A DEGREE THAT GETS YOU WORKING

Heriot-Watt University

- ❖ WORLD CLASS TEACHING IN EDINBURGH - ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL CITIES
- ❖ EDUCATIONAL HERITAGE STRETCHING BACK 190 YEARS
- ❖ OVER £6 MILLION IN STUDENT BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS AT UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE LEVEL
- ❖ LEADING LINKS TO INDUSTRY PROVIDE REAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES
- ❖ INTERNSHIPS, WORK PLACEMENTS, INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE
- ❖ FLEXIBLE ENTRY OPTIONS INCLUDING THREE YEAR HONOURS DEGREE PROGRAMMES, AS WELL AS TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH FOUR YEAR HONOURS PROGRAMMES
- ❖ GENEROUS BURSARY AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME
- ❖ INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION FOR CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH
- ❖ OVER 92% OF OUR GRADUATES ARE IN FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT OR FURTHER STUDY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF GRADUATION WITH THREE QUARTERS OF THOSE GOING STRAIGHT INTO GRADUATE LEVEL JOBS
- ❖ CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN TEXTILES AND DESIGN IN SCOTTISH BORDERS

For more information visit: www.hw.ac.uk/2012fees

At Heriot-Watt University we provide so much more than a degree

With a heritage stretching back 190 years we know the value of linking our teaching and research programmes to the needs of industry and getting our graduates into work. We offer a wide range of flexible entry options including both three-year and four-year Honours degree programmes – check out our generous bursaries and scholarships.

Join an elite alumni making a difference to society's global challenges.

Key Facts

Our generous bursaries combined with the flexibility to enter your Honours degree programme directly into Level 2 makes Heriot-Watt an attractive option for A-Level and other entrants from England, Northern Ireland or Wales.



Message from the Principal

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At Heriot-Watt we view a university education as an investment in an individual's future. That is why we are committed to easing the burden of increased tuition fees for students from England, Northern Ireland and Wales by introducing a flexible and attractive range of bursaries and scholarships - in addition to those available from local and national government.

As the introduction of increased tuition fees for 2012 sets to change the landscape of the UK university sector, potential students and their families face an ever increasing level of uncertainty and complexity as they investigate options and opportunities to study. I would like to make clear that at Heriot-Watt no student will face more than £27,000 total tuition fees for a four-year programme - and for many it will be less.

We have a long tradition of welcoming A-Level students from England, Northern Ireland or Wales – many of whom enter their chosen programme at Level 2 (year two) - thus allowing them to complete their Honours degree in three years. This is a position we want to maintain and develop further through offering generous bursaries and scholarships combined with our commitment to providing an excellent student experience.

Our award winning Careers Advisory team at Heriot-Watt has a strong track record of securing internships, work placements and industry experience. Our world class research and international links to industry both in the public and private sectors provide students at Heriot-Watt with a head start to making their degree work for them. The fact that over 92 per cent of our graduates are in work or further study within six months of graduation, with three quarters of those going straight into graduate level jobs, are figures that speak for themselves.

As one of our students featured in this Guide, now working in the oil and gas sector, puts it: “Student tuition fees and loans will apply wherever students choose to study. So I would encourage them not to let geography restrict their choices and be guided by the university and the course that really interests them.”

I would endorse that sound advice.

Professor Steve Chapman FRSE, FRSC, CChem, PhD
Principal and Vice-Chancellor

Heriot-Watt University's Tuition Fees 2012

Heriot-Watt University's tuition fee for students from England, Northern Ireland or Wales starting a full-time undergraduate programme in 2012 will be £9,000 per year. The same tuition fee applies to our full-time undergraduate programmes in all subjects.

As a university in Scotland, Heriot-Watt offers four-year Honours degree programmes for the large number of our Scottish students who enter on the basis of Scottish Highers qualifications.

For students from England, Northern Ireland or Wales entering mainly on the basis of A-Level qualifications, we

also offer three-year Honours degree programmes in all our subjects and we encourage well qualified A-Level entrants to follow this route.

Our four-year Scottish Honours degree programme also allows the flexibility for students from England, Northern Ireland or Wales to choose, if they wish, to enter our first year, Level 1, as their first year of study.

Heriot-Watt University will support students from England, Northern Ireland or Wales who wish to make that choice by entirely discounting the tuition fee for Level 1, such that the tuition fee costs for the remaining duration of the student's

programme will be the same as those of any comparable university elsewhere in the UK. This means that at Heriot-Watt no student will be charged more than £27,000 total tuition fees for a basic four-year programme - and for many it will be less.

To help students from England, Northern Ireland or Wales meet the increased costs of study from 2012, Heriot-Watt University is offering a generous package of financial support, in the form of Bursaries and Scholarships tailored mainly to help students from lower income backgrounds, and also to support students with exceptional academic achievements in terms of their entry qualifications.

It is important to note that:

- ✘ No tuition fees are paid upfront or while you are studying
- ✘ Student loans for tuition fees are available for all eligible students
- ✘ If eligible, the government will lend you the money to cover the full cost of tuition fees for every year of study. The loan is known as the Tuition Fee Loan and you apply for this through your relevant Student Finance body
- ✘ The Tuition Fee Loan is paid directly to the University by the government
- ✘ You only start to pay back the loan when you are earning over £21,000 a year (England); or £15,795 (Northern Ireland). Wales to be confirmed
- ✘ Repayment is based on what you earn NOT what you owe
- ✘ All outstanding debt is written off after 30 years (England); or 25 years (Northern Ireland). Wales to be confirmed
- ✘ Government loans and grants are available. It is expected that up to a quarter of undergraduate students will benefit from extra financial support of at least £2,000 per year from 2012.

Financial Support

Your living costs while a student will vary depending on your situation, but at Heriot-Watt our advice is that you should budget for about £7,000 on living expenses during each academic year (9 months). This is only a guide figure and, of course, the amount you actually do spend is very much down to lifestyle choice.

Student Support can offer more advice on what financial support options may be available to you.

For more information visit our website:

www.hw.ac.uk/financialsupport

Bursaries and Scholarships

At Heriot-Watt we believe that a university education is an investment in your future. That is why we are offering generous financial support that does not need to be paid back to encourage and support well qualified, ambitious students to come to Heriot-Watt. If you have the talent, ability and drive to study with us, we want to make sure you make the most of the opportunity, regardless of your financial circumstances.

We appreciate the investment students will make in their education. To help ease this financial burden, we offer a range of scholarships to those who qualify.

For more information visit: www.hw.ac.uk/scholarships

In addition to government loans and grants, here's what's on offer:

What's New for 2012?

Heriot-Watt Foundation Bursary

A £9,000 fee discount, plus some additional support for living costs, for any eligible student from England, Northern Ireland or Wales who opts to enter their first year of study at our Level 1, which is available as part of the traditional Scottish four year degree programme structure. This means that the remaining total tuition fees over the duration of the programme will be identical to those of similar degree courses elsewhere in the UK.

**£9,000 fee discount
(discounted by £2,250 in each of the four years of study)
plus
£1,500 additional payment for living costs in the first year of study**

If you are accepting an offer at Level 1 at Heriot-Watt University in 2012, the application to your Student Finance body should be for fees at the level of £6,750 per year.

This bursary is available only to Level 1 entrants from England, Northern Ireland or Wales. It is not income-related and there is no need to complete an application form as these awards will be made automatically, with the payment for living costs, made as a BACS (automated bank transfer) payment direct to your bank account.

Heriot-Watt University Bursary

This income-related bursary, of up to £3,000 per year, is available to students from England, Northern Ireland or Wales entering their degree programme at Level 2 to take a three-year Honours degree. The Heriot-Watt University Bursary is designed to be similar in value and qualifying criteria to the typical packages provided from the National Scholarship Programme in England, and is intended to help and encourage students from lower income backgrounds to choose Heriot-Watt. There are two levels of support depending on household income as assessed by Student Finance England, Northern Ireland or Wales:

Household Income	Award
Up to £25,000	£3,000 per year payment for living costs
£25,001-£42,600	£2,000 per year payment for living costs

These awards will be automatic to students who meet the eligibility criteria based on your application and assessment by your relevant Student Finance body and payment will be made directly to your account through BACS.

Please visit the websites below for current information on grants and student loans.

Students from England
www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance
Students from Northern Ireland
www.studentfinanceni.co.uk
Students from Wales
www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

Heriot-Watt Academic Scholarship

As a University internationally recognised for excellence in teaching and research, Heriot-Watt seeks and attracts many high-achieving students. The Heriot-Watt Academic Scholarship seeks to encourage and reward talent and hard work. The Scholarship comprises:

£1,000 bursary per year

The level of entry grades or scores qualifying for the Heriot-Watt Academic Scholarship will be advised to applicants and potential applicants by our academic Schools and varies across programmes, above a minimum level of 340 UCAS tariff points.

This award may be in addition to the Heriot-Watt University Bursary.

The A-Levels required to win a Heriot-Watt Academic Scholarship for your programme are published on the website. The continuation of the Academic Scholarship after the year of entry is subject to continued high performance.

For more information visit: www.hw.ac.uk/scholarships

Why Heriot-Watt University?

Over 92% of all Heriot-Watt graduates are in work or further education within 6 months of graduation. That is because we are a University with first class links to industry and our award winning Careers Advisory Service is focused on getting our graduates into work.

NAME: Emma Mazer

LOCATION: County Durham

PROGRAMME: MA in International Management

CURRENT JOB: Account Coordinator, Berlin Packaging, Atlanta, USA

"I graduated in 2008 with a Master of Arts in International Management. As part of my course, my third year was spent studying abroad at Massey University in New Zealand. It was there where I met my (now) husband (he was also studying at Massey University as an exchange student). Today, I'm living and working in Atlanta, for Berlin Packaging in the Packaging and Containers industry.

"At Heriot-Watt I analysed business cases which helped me to think objectively about business problems, use reasoning and problem-solving abilities to understand the underlying cause of a problem, and formulate the steps that needed to be taken to implement a solution. Also, I developed knowledge of Asian, Australasian, and American business practices which greatly enhanced my ability to offer an international perspective to an increasingly interconnected global market. After graduating from Heriot-Watt, I entered the workforce with strong research, analytical, and problem-solving skills that have certainly given me a distinct advantage."

What our Graduates say

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NAME: William Baird

LOCATION: Belfast

PROGRAMME: MEng in Chemical Engineering

CURRENT JOB: Process Engineer, XODUS (oil and gas consultant group), Aberdeen

Making the effort to 'cross the water' and come to Edinburgh for university education is the best advice that Heriot-Watt graduate, William Baird from Regent House Grammar School, near Belfast could send to his fellow Irish students thinking about studying in Scotland. "Student tuition fees and loans will apply wherever students choose to go," said William, "so I would encourage people not to let that restrict their choices and go with what really interests them."

William 'crossed the water' in 2006 and went straight into a second year place in Chemical Engineering at Heriot-Watt. He had already secured a place at another Northern Ireland university but he felt the Heriot-Watt programme offered more scope in areas of particular interest to him. "I would have been happy with the place on offer," he admits, "until I visited Heriot-Watt. The lecturers were so enthusiastic and encouraging. It was clear from the outset that the industry contacts Heriot-Watt command offer significant prospects – particularly for me with my specialisms in the energy sector. The campus, just on the edge of the city of Edinburgh, was very attractive with everything you could possibly need on your doorstep.

"The careers guys were brilliant at getting companies in to talk to us and helping us with 'mock' interviews. As a result of that I secured two summer placements; one in Grangemouth with INEOS and one in Aberdeen with Talisman. Without doubt this industry experience has played a big part in securing the role I am in now. I would encourage my fellow Irish students to make the move."

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What our Graduates say

In Ten Years Time...

Right now it seems a lifetime away. But with a Heriot-Watt degree and the right attitude this could very well be you. One graduate tells us how he achieved success and even fame!



NAME: James McQuillan

ACHIEVEMENT: Starred in the BBC's 'The Apprentice' 2009

PROGRAMME: MA (Hons) Economics 1999

CURRENT JOB: Head of Pre Pay Mobile Phones for a Leading Global Retailer

Sitting face to face with Lord Sugar is no doubt a daunting experience but one which Heriot-Watt Alumnus James McQuillan managed with both humour and humility. The summer of 2009 brought the nation many of his memorable one-liners with James' appearance on The Apprentice (a British Broadcasting Corporation TV series). Who could forget in his final showdown, "I've such a wealth of experience. You're not reinventing the wheel... you just need to fix a couple of spokes".

Let's rewind 15 years to when James moved up to Edinburgh from his native London to study Economics. He was initially attracted to Heriot-Watt as he had visited the city before and was struck by its history, beauty and the fact that it has a reputation as being student friendly. He was also attracted to the size of the University and the small but reputable

Economics department which offered small class sizes and easy interaction with the Academics.

James' rise to the 'Board Room' (both on- and off-screen) has been swift and, at 34, he has a CV that demonstrates a driven individual with business and commercial acumen. Following graduation he joined Centrica-Onetel where he rose through the ranks from the call centre to Business Development Manager, winning the Centrica Telecoms Managing Director's award for 2003 as well as UK Outsource Award 2003, along the way. Following senior positions at Cable and Wireless and TalkTalk, James recently joined a leading retailer where he manages their prepay solutions.

But how has his experience on the high profile BBC series impacted on his work? For James, this has only been a positive

experience. He is now an Ambassador for the National Childbirth Trust, following his demonstration of his parenting skills during a task at the Earl's Court Baby Show. His other passion is horse racing where James presents a weekly programme at Kempton Park on behalf of the Jockey Club, giving hints and tips to race goers and corporate clients.

James also gave our students the benefit of his wisdom at Fresher's Week 2010, where he ran a seminar as part of the University's prestigious Leadership Programme aimed at encouraging entrepreneurship and leadership.

Find out more:
www.jamesmcquillan.co.uk

Heriot-Watt Bursaries and Scholarships Summary

- ❖ Fees for a basic four year degree at Heriot-Watt University are capped at £27,000
- ❖ Substantial bursaries and scholarships are on offer to eligible students
- ❖ We welcome individual financial enquiries to help you understand how much a university education will cost based on your own personal circumstances
- ❖ The annual fee of £9,000 also applies to the final year (Level 5) of enhanced first degrees such as MEng, MPhys, MChem, MMath.

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