



Awards and Grants

Support for students at the Crichton Campus



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The Crichton Foundation aims to:

Increase access to higher and further education.

Help students to achieve their true potential.

Help our academic partners on the Campus with key projects.

Improve the facilities and opportunities for study.

Regenerate the Crichton Estate as a public asset to be enjoyed by all.

Raise awareness of the importance of the Crichton University
Campus to the prosperity of the whole community.

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Crichton Foundation Awards and Grants

The Foundation is a charity which supports a diverse Campus and innovative centre for learning and enterprise in Dumfries and Galloway. The Foundation funds a series of awards and grants schemes for students attending the academic institutions at the Crichton Campus. This help includes support to individual students and academic partners. These funding schemes are supported by the generosity of Friends and donors and the various fundraising events organised by the Foundation.

When and how to apply

Applications can be made at any time during the academic year and are assessed at the next meeting of the Awards and Grants Committee. In some cases the awards and grants are administered direct by Student Services at the College or Universities which can advise on eligibility as well as how and when to apply.

The eligibility conditions for each of the current award or grant schemes are summarised in this brochure and on the Foundation's website. The website also lists the deadline dates for receipt of applications. Funds are limited and applications are considered on merit with priority given to those students who have not previously received an award and those who submit applications of a high standard.

Students must use the Foundation's Application for Student Funding and completed applications should be submitted to the Foundation office unless otherwise stated. Applications must include details of how the award will help with your studies and be accompanied by an academic reference from your course tutor or adviser of studies. Applicants are welcome to contact the Foundation regarding their application, please contact us to arrange a convenient appointment.

All Awards and Grants will be paid by cheque, which must be collected from the Foundation Office by the applicant. Successful applicants must present valid student identification when collecting their cheque. Students will be required to submit a very brief report to the Awards and Grants Committee stating how the funding has helped with their studies.

Before completing your application, please read the information in this booklet relating to the particular grant or award for which you are applying. It is your responsibility to ensure that the information you provide adequately covers the eligibility criteria.

If you are applying for any of the following awards:

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
CARSON REACHING POTENTIAL
CRICHTON VISION
GENERAL EDUCATION

You should submit your completed application form to:

Crichton Foundation
Browne House
Bankend Road
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or email to: mail@crichtonfoundation.com

Tel: 01387 702047

Office hours: 9:30am to 3:30pm Monday to Thursday

Please supply evidence of the following to support your application, for example highlighted bank statements:

(please send photocopies as original documents will not be returned)

SAAS Award Letter (all pages)
Details of current wages/salary
Tax Credits Award letter
Details of all benefits received
Rent/mortgage payments
Academic transcript or printout of most recent grades achieved
Academic reference from your course tutor or adviser of studies

Incomplete forms or applications with missing evidence will not be considered. All correspondence from the Foundation relating to your application will be through your student email (home, work or private email addresses will not be accepted). The Foundation will inform students of the outcome of their application.

The Crichton Foundation gives awards to celebrate academic excellence and reward individual achievements. Grants are also awarded to individual, or groups of, students who clearly demonstrate the need for support. The Foundation also pays grants to address valid cases of individual hardship.

The following funding is available:

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Students should note that submitting an application for funding does not guarantee payment of an award or grant. Students may only make one application for help within each academic year unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Carson Reaching Potential Awards

Value of award

Up to £500

These awards are available to students who have completed at least one full year of study at Dumfries and Galloway College and who are enrolled on an undergraduate course at the Crichton University Campus. As well as demonstrating a need for additional funding it is important that applicants describe their aspirations and what they hope to achieve by furthering their education at the Crichton Campus. Details of how the student will use the award and how it will help them to reach their potential should be included in the application. Applicants do not have to apply for the maximum student loan in order to qualify for this award.

Students must use the Foundation's Application for Student Funding and completed applications should be submitted to the Foundation office along with all evidence and an academic reference.

Crichton Vision Award

Value of award

Up to £500

Open to all undergraduate students studying at one of the Universities on the Crichton Campus and who are able to demonstrate the need for support. This is a discretionary award and successful candidates are chosen by the Committee with regard to the strength of the case presented and available funds. Details of how the student will use the award and how it will help them to achieve the vision they have for their studies and future career should be included. Prior to application, students must have applied for the maximum student loan.

This award celebrates the vision of Elizabeth Crichton and the Crichton University of Southern Scotland Action Group's (CUSSAG) efforts to secure a University Campus at the Crichton. The grants are intended to help students who live and study in the region to achieve success. Successful applicants will be presented with a copy of *Crichton University – A Widow's Might* by Alexandrina Anderson.

Students must use the Foundation's Application for Student Funding and completed applications should be submitted to the Foundation office along with all evidence and an academic reference.

Crichton Foundation General Education Grants

Value of award

These are discretionary payments. The amount of any award is decided by the Committee with regard to the strength of the case presented by the applicant and available funds.

Grants may be available to undergraduate or postgraduate students at the Crichton Campus whose case for funding does not meet the criteria for any of the other awards funded by the Foundation. Open to all students who are able to demonstrate the need for support. Details of how the student will use the award and how it will help them with their studies should be included in the application. Prior to application, students must have applied for the maximum student loan.

Examples of General Education Grants can be found on the Foundation's website.

Students must use the Foundation's Application for Student Funding and completed applications should be submitted to the Foundation office along with all evidence and an academic reference.

Crichton Foundation Academic Excellence Awards

Value of Award

Up to £500

These awards are open to any undergraduate or postgraduate student studying at one of the Universities on the Crichton Campus. These awards are made to recognise academic excellence and achievements. Applicants must provide evidence that they are consistently achieving very good or excellent grades. Details of how the student will use the award and how it will help them with their studies should be included in the application.

Students must use the Foundation's Application for Student Funding and completed applications should be submitted to the Foundation office along with all evidence and an academic reference.

Crichton Foundation Student Hardship Grants

Value of award

Discretionary grant of up to £350

Open to all undergraduate or postgraduate students who can provide evidence of hardship and are able to demonstrate the need for financial help. These grants are available to help students who experience financial hardship as a result of unforeseen or ongoing difficult financial circumstances and who are studying at the Crichton Campus. Prior to application, students must have applied for the maximum student loan and any additional funding that may be available to them through their University.

Students should book an appointment with a student funding advisor at Student Services who will then provide the Foundation with details of students who are eligible to receive a grant. The Foundation will let students know the outcome of their application. For more information and to apply for this funding you should contact Student Services:

Tel: 01387 345828 or 345825

Email: studentservices-dumfries@uws.ac.uk

Students must apply for this funding through Student Services, they may not make direct applications to the Foundation for this funding.

Crichton Foundation Discretionary Fund

Value of award

The value of each award is determined by Dumfries and Galloway College. As this fund is cash-limited, allocation of grants will be on a 'first come first served' basis. The grant is discretionary therefore students who are eligible for help from these funds are not automatically entitled to this support.

Open to full-time Further Education students who fall into one of the following three categories:

- Emergency payments for students aged 25 years and over who do not fit the criteria for support under College Bursary, Discretionary or Childcare Funds as allocated by the Scottish Funding Council (applications are means tested using the same criteria as College Bursary scheme).
- One-off emergency payment for students aged 19-24 who are no longer living in the parental home or have supported themselves for 3 years by means of benefits/employment and are having a particular difficulty in obtaining evidence to access College Bursary funding.
- Assistance with costs of living in supported accommodation for vulnerable young students under 19 years of age and under care of social work department.

Applications and advice are available from the Student Funding Section of the College. Full documentation must be provided in support of any application. Students may apply at any time during the academic year. Applications and advice are available from the Student Funding Section of the College. Full documentation must be provided in support of any application.

For more information about this Fund you should contact a member of the Student Funding Team:

Tel: 01387 734336 or 734061

Email: studentfunding@dumgal.ac.uk

The Crichton Foundation Prize and Shield

Value of award

One or two awards of up to £500 each

This prize is funded by the Crichton Foundation and is awarded to up to two outstanding students from Dumfries and Galloway College at the College Awards Ceremony held in November each year. The students are also presented with a shield which celebrates their achievements.

An award may be presented to a student whom the College judges has achieved excellence in their Higher National studies. An additional award may be presented to a student whom the College considers to have overcome adversity in order to progress. It is anticipated that the recipient(s) will have enrolled on a course of Higher Education at one of the Universities at the Crichton.

The recipient(s) of the Prize and Shield are selected by Dumfries and Galloway College. Students may not make direct applications to the Foundation for this funding.

Elizabeth Crichton Postgraduate Award

Value of award

Up to £1000

This annual award is given to celebrate the fulfilment of Elizabeth Crichton's desire to found a University at the Crichton. The award will be made to a student who shows potential for progressing their career by continuing their studies in Health and Nursing. Both new and continuing students who enrol on a relevant postgraduate programme at Dumfries Campus will automatically be considered. An academic panel from the University of the West of Scotland will review eligible applications taking into account academic success, personal attributes, potential and, if relevant, success in practice.

The recipient of the Elizabeth Crichton Postgraduate Award is selected by the University of the West of Scotland. Students may not make direct applications to the Foundation for this funding.

Dame Barbara Kelly Fellowship

Value of award

£25,000 per annum for three years

Applications may be on behalf of a named potential student or may be made subject to finding an appropriately qualified student. The student must complete their doctoral studies at a University on the Crichton Campus.

This prestigious award, made in honour of Dame Barbara Kelly's contributions at the Crichton, takes the form of a doctoral studentship. The successful candidate will be subject to annual assessment and will be expected to present a review of their work to the Foundation each year.

Applications should be made in writing including details of the subject matter of the work to be undertaken and the available academic supervision expertise and practical support available for the student on the Crichton Campus. Applications must be restricted to two sides of A4 and submitted in writing to mail@crichtonfoundation.com with the subject heading Dame Barbara Kelly fellowship. Applications will be assessed by a selection panel established by the Crichton Foundation, which will include an independent academic assessor.

The award is made every three years and you should contact the Foundation for information about when the award will next be open for applications.

Help to the Universities to provide a Summer School

The Foundation provides a grant to the Universities to help with the costs of delivering a summer school at the Crichton Campus. This Summer School provides opportunities for school leavers and others from Dumfries and Galloway and out with the region to gain a taste of a range of Higher Education Degree studies at the Crichton. Subjects vary from year to year and the Summer School has an excellent record of attracting students to enrol on undergraduate courses and access the opportunities provided by the University of Glasgow and University of West of Scotland at the Crichton Campus.



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