

Are You a Student with Care Experience?

What is Care Experience?

Anyone who has been or is currently in care or from a looked after background at any stage of their life, no matter how short. This care may have been provided in one of many different settings, such as in residential care, foster care, kinship care or looked after at home with a supervision requirement.

For information on what support is available to help students with care experience succeed at Heriot-Watt University turn over, or see our Care Experienced Students webpage.





Applying for University: Students with care experience are eligible for a contextual offer. Heriot-Watt aims to make an offer to any care experienced applicant who meets the minimum entry requirements. On your UCAS application remember to tick the box indicating you have spent time in care.



Accommodation: The university guarantees accommodation to all eligible first year students and students with care experience are also eligible for year-round access to university accommodation.



Get Ready For Success: Care experienced students are invited to attend a free 3 day event prior to Welcome Week which is an opportunity for students to get a head start at university. Students will develop key academic skills and learn about the university and it's resources.



Financial Support: Care experienced students are eligible for financial support at university including the Heriot-Watt Access Bursary which students can apply for prior to starting their studies and, if successful provides £1000 financial support. SAAS and other finance agencies also have support available for Care Experience students.

Who To Contact:

For pre-enrolment contact the Widening Participation team, WP@hw.ac.uk.

Care experienced students have a named point of contact during their studies, so if you are enrolled and would like support please contact:

Edinburgh Campus: Emma Smail, E.Smail@hw.ac.uk

Scottish Borders Campus: Gillian McLaughlin, G.McLaughlin@hw.ac.uk