



Jordans and The Prince's Countryside Fund Sustainable Agriculture Bursary

Jordans Cereals and The Prince's Countryside Fund are dedicated to caring for nature and the environment and we can only do that with the support of passionate people who care about sustainable farming and agriculture. This is why, back in 2019, we created the Sustainable Agriculture Bursary, an exciting opportunity for students studying at either the University of Reading or the Royal Agricultural University.

The bursary is known as an 'experiential bursary' – meaning funding will be used for events, conferences, webinars, agricultural shows, and trips abroad that help you develop your understanding and passion for sustainable agriculture.

In your first year of study, £3,000 is contributed by The Prince's Countryside Fund and Jordans Cereals. Following this, £1,000 will be contributed by the Royal Agricultural University and the University of Reading in both the second and third years of your course so that you can continue your interest in the sector.

Eligibility

- Entrants must be aged between 18 – 35.
- Applicants must have a conditional or unconditional offer for either an undergraduate agricultural degree at the Royal Agricultural University or an undergraduate degree at the University of Reading's School of Agriculture, Policy and Development, **starting in September 2021**.
- Either the Royal Agricultural University or the University of Reading must be your first choice university for your application to be considered.
- All applicants must live in the UK.
- All applicants must have a genuine and demonstrable interest in sustainable agriculture.

Terms and Conditions

1. The closing date for entries is 12pm (midday) on Sunday 29th August 2021. Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.
2. Applications will be judged by a panel of assessors. Shortlisted applicants will be informed and will be asked to schedule an interview by Friday 10th September 2021. Interviews will take place week commencing 13th September and week commencing 20th September.
3. Following the interview, applicants will be notified by Friday 24th September 2021 whether they have been successful or not at this stage.
4. Owing to the volume of applications we are unable to let unsuccessful applicants know. If you have not heard from us by Friday 10th September 2021, please assume your application has been unsuccessful.
5. Only information within the application form will be considered. Please do not send any supplementary documentation.
6. You must be accepted to the relevant university in order to be accepted on the bursary scheme.
7. You are expected to attend a bursary launch event each year. The event will be 1 day during the working week. You will be given plenty of notice. In 2021, this may be a virtual event.
8. At the end of each year, you will be required to complete a report, documenting how the bursary has helped you in your studies.

9. In your second and third years, you will be paired with a mentor. You are expected to invest in this relationship and make the most of the opportunities you are presented with. We will do our best to match you with a mentor as close to your interests. In some circumstances, this may not be possible.
10. Successful beneficiaries will be asked to support the promotion of the bursary in following years by submitting video or written content. Applicants may also be asked to attend open days at their respective university.
11. Successful beneficiaries will receive £3,000 at the winter 2021 term, followed by an additional £1,000 in both the second and third years of undergraduate study.
12. If a successful applicant is deemed to act inappropriately, miss an unreasonable number of lectures and/ or tutorials or secure less than a 2:2 overall in the first year of study, the respective university holds the right to discontinue financial support in the second and third years of undergraduate study. In some circumstances, you may be asked to repay the funds.
13. You are required to keep a log of how you spend the funds, which will be monitored throughout the year. If this is deemed inappropriate or does not align with the expectations set out at the end of this document, the bursary will cease, and you may be asked to re-pay the scholarship. Please see a list of approved spending and a suggested table to track your spending below.
14. Successful beneficiaries will be asked to submit a report at the end of each year outlining how your knowledge of sustainable agriculture has developed.
15. When spending the bursary (events, travel abroad etc.), you will be required to send in pictures and write up your experiences to help us advertise the bursary. If you take a longer trip, such as to visit farms abroad during the summer, we may ask you to create a video diary to log the trip. You are also required to send The Prince's Countryside Fund a brief update and photo each term with how you are getting on.
16. Jordans, The Prince's Countryside Fund, the University of Reading and the Royal Agricultural University do not accept any liability for any applications which are lost, delayed or corrupted as a result of any technical malfunction whether through a website failure, virus or other technical malfunction.
17. Personal data will be taken where necessary from all applications received but shall be limited to those details reasonably necessary for the administration of the bursary. This information may be shared with any other third party reasonably involved in the bursary without liability to The Prince's Countryside Fund or such third parties.