

# Hartpury University

## Summary of 2020-21 to 2024-25 access and participation plan

### What is an access and participation plan?

Access and participation plans set out how higher education providers will improve equality of opportunity for underrepresented groups to access, succeed in and progress from higher education. You can see the full access and participation plan for Hartpury University at <https://www.hartpury.ac.uk/media/5950/hartpury-university-access-and-participation-plan-2020-25.pdf>

### Key points

Hartpury gained Taught Degree Awarding Powers (TDAP) in 2017 and full university status in 2018. Today, the University enrolls more than 2,500 students studying at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. Although a relatively young HE provider, Hartpury has a history of Access and Participation since 2012 evidencing a commitment to ensuring parity and equity in relation to student access, experience and outcomes. Hartpury is a small specialist provider, offering higher education programmes of study in the fields of agriculture, animal, equine, sport, and veterinary nursing which, in combination with its rural location in Gloucestershire, present key challenges to recruiting a diverse student population (APP page 1). Our main areas of focus in our access and participation plan include reducing gaps (APP pages 9-11):

- Across the student cycle for students from low quintile areas according to the Governments indices of multiple deprivation (IMD),
- In access and attainment for students from ethnically diverse backgrounds,
- In continuation of mature students, and;
- In both access and continuation for those disclosing care experience, and where intersections between sex and IMD quintiles exist.

### Fees we charge (Student cohort eligibility 2022-23 onwards)

Course type	Explanation for the range of fees for the same course type	Full-time course fee (£)	Maximum fee charged for part time study in any academic year (£)
First degree		9,250	6,935
Foundation degree		9,250	6,935
Foundation degree	FdSc Horseracing Industry	8,000	N/A
Other	Diploma Professional Studies Veterinary Nursing	6,165	N/A
Sandwich year	For programmes without Royal College of Veterinary Surgeon (RCVS) accreditation	925	N/A
Sandwich year	All Veterinary Nursing Programmes accredited by RCVS	1,850	N/A

Further fee information can be found here [Finance | University | Hartpury University and Hartpury College](#).

## **Financial help available**

### *Bursaries*

Local Low Income Bursary: A £1,500 bursary, per year of study, to support living costs available to students from households with an income of less than £21,000 per year living in specific local areas/who may be applying from local schools.

Care-leavers and Independent Students Bursary: This bursary offers £1,500 to support study for the duration of the programme and is available to full-time students who have been in the care of a local authority for a period of 13 weeks or more or are able to provide evidence of estrangement/financial independence under the age of 25.

Low Income Bursary: A bursary of £1,000 per year of study for students coming from a household with an income of less than £21,000 per annum.

Full-time Carer Bursary: This bursary offers £1,000 to support study for the duration of the programme and is available to full-time students who have full-time carer responsibilities.

Hartpury Local Bursary: Available to full-time students whose home address is within Gloucestershire, South Herefordshire, and South Worcestershire. This bursary offers £500 cash per year of study to support living costs.

Progression Bursary: This bursary offers £500 cash per year for the duration of the programme. This bursary is available to:

- Further education students progressing directly from a Hartpury College further education course on to degree study at Hartpury
- Access to HE Diploma students progressing directly from a Hartpury College Access programme on to degree study at Hartpury
- For internal and external applicants enrolling onto a degree top up programme who have achieved a pass of 60% or equivalent in their qualifying award (cash payment)

Joe Henson MBE Bursary: Open to students who reside in the three counties of Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire, studying agriculture or related subjects. The Joe Henson Bursary supports up to a maximum of three years of study, with £1,000 per annum provided each year to two students.

John Oldacre Bursary: This bursary is open to students progressing from a Hartpury Agriculture based further education course onto a Hartpury University Agriculture degree programme. The John Oldacre Bursary offers up to £3,000 for each academic year of the programme.

Martin Baber Award: The Martin Baber Award is an international work experience bursary, available to support currently enrolled Hartpury students who wish to study or work abroad within the Agricultural sector.

### *Grants*

Hardship grant: Aims to support ongoing study by offering financial support towards living costs for those students experiencing financial hardship. The grant is not repayable and offers up to £2,000 support. Opens November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Veterinary Nursing Hardship Grant: Aims to support ongoing study by offering financial support towards living costs. Available to students studying either an FdSc or BSc (Hons) Veterinary Science course. To be eligible for this grant, you must have a reduced maintenance loan and/or be studying on an unpaid placement for 60 weeks or more.

Study Experience Grant: Aims to support access to study trips/activities linked to a module/programme. This grant is awarded on a sliding scale, up to 75% of the cost of the experience, dependent on household income.

### *Scholarships*

Glos NFU Farmers Trust Scholarship: A £1,000 scholarship awarded towards payment of residential costs whilst at Hartpur.

Sports Scholarships: These scholarships are open to both undergraduate and postgraduate students who are part of sports academies and are awarded by the sports academies.

Study Experience Scholarship: A £1,000 scholarship aimed to support student access trips/visits and rewarding academic achievement. Application for this scholarship is to be made in writing outlining the value of their study opportunity to their programme and future career. Academic results and demonstrable engagement with their programme will be considered.

## **Information for students**

Our Student Finance Team offers friendly practical advice and guidance on a one to one basis alongside support for enrolled students applying for hardship grants or seeking financial support. Bursary applications are encouraged at the start of the year and reassessed annually. Grants and scholarships available to support visits and trips linked to curriculum are supported by academic tutors and the Student Finance Team. All the information about financial support and how to apply can be found here [Bursaries, scholarships, studentships and more | University | Hartpur University and Hartpur College](#)

## **What we are aiming to achieve**

We aim to increase a sense of belonging on our campus in so much that all members of our increasingly diverse student population can realise their potential. We are working with the industries we serve to share this philosophy, along with our experience and understanding of supporting equity, diversity and inclusivity.

## **What we are doing to achieve our aims**

We have an established committee structure and additional strategies/ plans to ensure that Access and Participation alongside Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity remain visible and viable (APP page 12). In order to achieve our aims, we focused on developing community-focused relationships (APP page 13) This involves working with schools and colleges in Gloucester and the Forest of Dean, and community groups such as the Friendship Café. We have invested in collaborative partnerships (APP page 14) which are also helping to inform/support change to national strategies within industry and the land-based Higher Education sector. Internally, we recently embedded diversity and wellbeing into all University curriculum (APP page 16) since which and staff are supported to engage with diversity, wellbeing, and Access and Participation in the classroom through staff development and communities of practice (e.g. the Inclusive Teaching & Learning Task and the Race Equity groups) (APP page 15). We strive to offer meaningful support to our students, through a personalised academic support framework and academic skills support via the Achievement & Success Centre (APP page 16). We maintain strong links with both the Rees Foundation and the Stand Alone pledge to support our care experienced students (APP page 14). Our student facing Innovation Careers and Enterprise Centre aims to provide tailored information advice and guidance with a focus on placements, careers and enterprise (APP page 17).

## **How students can get involved**

The Hartpury Student Union is instrumental in the creation and review of our Access and Participation plan. On an annual basis the Union attends a meeting to hear about progress against targets and offer a student perspective on priorities and activity.

### **Evaluation – how we will measure what we have achieved**

Our established governance structure ensures that the Governing Body has oversight of all Access and Participation activity (APP Page 18). Evaluation has been designed into all Outreach activity to enable us to reflect on the impact of these interventions (APP Page 18). As a relatively new University, we recently invested in a new student records system that is constantly increasing our capacity to use more nuanced data to evaluate student continuation and achievement (APP Page 18).

### **Contact details for further information**

For information about courses and applications, [admissions@hartpury.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@hartpury.ac.uk)

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