



Terms, Conditions and Application Process

1. INTRODUCTION

This document sets out the terms and conditions relating to the award of rugby bursaries to registered University of Greenwich students under the initiative established between the University of Greenwich and Gravesend Rugby Football Club. Also appended is an Application Form for those wishing to be considered for the award of such a bursary.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this initiative is to make rugby bursaries available to assist appropriately qualified University of Greenwich students with their studies, conditional upon them training regularly and being available for selection to play in matches representing Gravesend RFC.

3. GRAVESEND RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Information about Gravesend RFC is given at Annex 1.

4. ELIGIBILITY

Bursaries are available to registered students studying at the University of Greenwich and registered students studying on University of Greenwich programmes at partner colleges, subject to relevant experience at playing rugby union to an appropriate level. The scheme is open to all such registered students.

The minimum thresholds of playing experience to be considered for the award of such a bursary are given in Annex 2.

5. BURSARIES AND DURATION

Individual bursaries awarded to students will depend on their registered status with the University, as evidenced by their Student ID number, according to:

Full-time registered students	£1000 per academic session
Part-time registered students	£500 per academic session

A bursary will be paid in two equal instalments – end December and end April – and will be available on a single-year basis. However, subject to the continuation of this initiative, a bursary may be extended to subsequent years, dependent on satisfactory performance and progress at, and commitment to Gravesend RFC, as well as continuing to be a registered student of the University. Payment of instalments to bursary holders by the University according to this schedule will be made following approval received from Gravesend RFC, which will be based on progress and performance at the club. Bursary holders will be exempt from paying club membership fees for the duration of their bursary.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF BURSARY HOLDERS

Bursary holders will be responsible for keeping themselves in a physical and mental condition appropriate to playing high level rugby union. It is expected that they will make themselves available two evenings per week (usually Tuesdays and Thursdays) for training at Gravesend RFC, and for playing one match for the Club at the weekend (usually Saturday afternoons) throughout the playing season. Mid-week matches may take place on an occasional basis.

The final decision with regard the bursary holder playing in matches rests with the coaching staff at Gravesend RFC.

7. APPLICATION PROCESS

Students wishing to be considered for a bursary should complete the Application Form included at Annex 3 of this document, and forward it to the University's Director of Regional Development (Kent and Medway) at the address indicated. In turn, this will be forwarded to the Head Coach at Gravesend RFC for consideration. The Head Coach may contact applicants seeking further information. The application process will also involve applicants making themselves available to attend a training session(s) and/or matches with a view to informing the decision making process at Gravesend RFC. The final decision concerning whether to award a bursary rests with Gravesend RFC, and will be based on ability and commitment.

Existing bursary holders who continue to be registered students of the University will automatically be reconsidered for the following session, provided they have demonstrated satisfactory performance and progress at, and commitment to the Club during the previous season – they will not need be required to submit a further paper application.

Those who have yet to become a registered student of the University of Greenwich may make an application on a provisional basis and indicate so on their application form. The award of a bursary will be contingent upon becoming a registered student of the University.

8. INSURANCE

Gravesend RFC carries a basic level of player insurance as recommended by the Rugby Football Union.

As is usual practice, the responsibility for additional, person specification insurance rests with the individual bursary holder.

9. DISPUTES

In the case of a dispute between the bursary holder and Gravesend Rugby Football Club, in the first instance this should be referred to the Director of Regional Development (Kent and Medway) of the University of Greenwich.

ANNEXES

- Annex 1** - About Gravesend Rugby Football Club
- Annex 2** - Minimum thresholds of playing experience to be considered for the award of a Bursary.
- Annex 3** - Application form

About Gravesend Rugby Football Club

Gravesend Rugby Football Club was founded in 1880 and is one of the oldest clubs in Kent.

The Club has always been involved in the London South East Leagues (recently promoted to South East 2) and now has clear aspirations of climbing towards the National Leagues. To support the club in this it has created the unique partnership with the University of Greenwich in awarding rugby bursaries.

At present the club runs 5 sides with 3 sides playing in leagues, as well as a ladies section and a vast junior section.

The club is one of the largest providers of sport in the Borough of Gravesend. As well as rugby, the club comprises tennis, cricket, petanque, bowls and hockey, and also operates a Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Clinic.

The Club has a new purpose-built floodlit training area and the 1st XV play home games on a pitch regarded as one of the best in Kent, which also has floodlights. It is the regular home for the Kent 16s and 18s representative teams.

For further information about Gravesend RFC please log on to www.gravesendrfc.co.uk

Minimum thresholds of playing experience to be considered for the award of a Bursary

To be considered for the award of a bursary the recommendation is that an applicant will have played to a minimum standard of County 18s group or a senior level of rugby the equivalent to London South East 2 and above. Those whose experience with playing rugby union in areas outside the jurisdiction of the England Rugby Football Union or the England Rugby Schools Football Union will be considered on an equivalent basis.

Players who have not achieved this level will only be considered if they are supported by a significant rugby authority, i.e. Regional Rugby Development Officer (RDO), Academy Manager or School Master in Charge of Rugby.

For more information on requirements contact Malcolm Moaby, Gravesend RFC on: 07794 569977.