‘I wouldn’t have gone to university without the support of the ICAS Foundation. To be given this opportunity is incredible. It’s going to transform my life’
Gemma, ICAS Foundation student

Make a difference

The ICAS Foundation is a registered Scottish charity: No SC034836.
What is the
ICAS Foundation?
The ICAS Foundation is a Scottish registered charity established in 2012 to help make a difference to young people who are in need of financial and mentoring assistance to help them on their journey into a professional career in accountancy or finance. This may include, but is not limited to the following:

• School leavers who have been accepted for a university course studying accountancy or finance but can clearly demonstrate the difficulty they will have in meeting direct education-related expenses such as living costs, books, library fees and travel

• University students of accountancy or finance related disciplines who, through no fault of their own, find themselves in difficult financial circumstances

What support does the ICAS Foundation offer?

Bursaries
The ICAS Foundation awards bursaries, of up to £2,500 per year, to individuals whose parents or guardians earn under a certain threshold per annum.

Bursaries are open to high school pupils or college students who are applying to study at university on an approved course in accountancy or finance and who meet our eligibility criteria.

Grants
Grants of up to £1,500 are available to support students who may face various financial pressures at different times throughout their academic career. Students studying accountancy or a finance degree at university are eligible to apply.

Mentoring scheme
The mentoring scheme brings together young people with experienced Chartered Accountants who will be able to offer guidance, advice, support and encouragement. All bursary recipients will receive support as part of the mentoring scheme.

What is ICAS?
ICAS is a professional body for over 20,000 world class business professionals who work in the UK and in more than 100 countries around the world. ICAS was the first professional body of accountants, created by Royal Charter in 1854. Our members have achieved the internationally recognised and respected CA qualification. We are an educator, examiner, regulator and thought leader. We currently have around 3,000 students striving to become the next generation of CAs with support from our expert staff and authorised employers.
Am I eligible to apply?
You are eligible to apply for a bursary or a grant if you meet the following criteria:
• you will receive a SG Young Students Bursary (Scottish students only).
• you intend to study an accountancy or finance course at university.
• Parental income is within threshold.

How do I apply?
To apply for a bursary or grant you must complete an application form available at icasfoundation.org.uk

How do I know if I am successful?
ICAS Foundation Trustees will consider applications and applicants will be informed by e-mail of the outcome of their application within six weeks of the closing date for bursaries. Grant applicants will be notified within three weeks of submitting application.

Where can I get further information?
Further information is available at icasfoundation.org.uk, enquiries@icasfoundation.org.uk or on +44 (0)131 347 0313