

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Name of Scholarship	Macphie Scholarship 24/25
Decision Making Panel	A representative from: Macphie A representative from: Food and Consumer Science Division A representative from: Student Services (TBC)

SCHOLARSHIP BACKGROUND AND INFORMATION

The Macphie Scholarship will be awarded to one second-year student pursuing a BSc (Hons) in Food and Consumer Science.

The £3,000 scholarship (£1,000 each year) is aimed at a well-rounded individual who is considered academically bright, driven, ambitious, a team player, and interested in working in the food and drink manufacturing industry. Students with financial constraints would benefit from the scholarship.

This scholarship will support the student for three years of their degree and include a paid summer placement in the technical department at the Macphie Head Office based in Glenbervie, Stonehaven. The summer placement will occur in 2025 before the student enters 3rd year. Due to the office's location, students would need suitable transport or consider alternative ways to get there. However, we hope this won't deter students from applying as we may look at an alternative site to do the placement, i.e., in Glasgow.

The 12-week placement will likely begin at the end of May or early June 2025. Hours of work will be Monday through Friday, 8am-4.30pm. The dates and times of the placement will be discussed at the interview. Students must participate in the first summer placement to continue to receive scholarship funding in their final two years of their degree.

Another summer placement will be offered before the student enters the fourth year, provided the previous work placement went well and the student is happy to do another year. This will be discussed prior to the work placement starting. The scholarship funding will continue if the second summer placement is not completed.

Background information about Macphie Ltd

Macphie is the UK's leading, independent ingredients manufacturer, which has been producing premium quality food ingredients and solutions since 1928. An international food business headquartered in Scotland, its product range is used by bakers, chefs, and food manufacturers across almost every industry worldwide.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be considered for this scholarship students must meet **all** the following criteria. The student must be:

- 2nd year student who is commencing 3rd year of the BSc (Hons) Food and Consumer Science degree in September 2025
- Able to demonstrate an ambition to work in the Food Manufacturing Sector
- Willing to take part in a summer placement at Macphie in 2025. Date of the placement will be discussed at the interview, but it is likely to begin in June 2025, the summer placement (after 2nd year) will take place at HQ, Glenbervie.
- Showing an interest to do a summer placement in 2026.
- Willing to meet with a representative from Macphie and/or write a letter of thanks for the scholarship if successful.
- Willing to take part in publicity materials for the scholarship if successful.

WHAT KIND OF FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

A £3,000 Scholarship award paid in six instalments. The instalment plan is yet to be finalised but is likely to be as follows:

First instalment: TBC March 2025 -£500

Second instalment: TBC June 2025 - £500

Third instalment: TBC October 2025 - £500 – The recipient will continue to receive further funding after summer placement is completed.

Fourth instalment: TBC April 2026 - £750

Fifth and sixth instalment – TBC 2027

A paid summer work placement – earnings will depend on the location of the placement but will be at least national minimum wage. This will be agreed prior to the successful student being asked to accept the scholarship.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

Completed applications and evidence should be submitted to the Advisory Service through the live form available on Connect, accessible with your student account.

Applications must be submitted with the supporting evidence detailed below.

If you have any difficulties with your application or are unable to access the application, please contact advisory at advisory@abertay.ac.uk

EVIDENCE AND DEADLINE

Please complete the application form and submit with the evidence requested by the closing date as stated below.

Evidence to be attached:

- An Academic Referee (the name of an Academic who will provide a reference for you i.e. a Lecturer or Tutor).
- An Employer Reference (if you are in current employment, please provide a reference from your current employer; if you have never been employed, please provide a Character Reference from an appropriate professional person).
- Your Student Funding Award Letter (i.e. SAAS, Student Finance or other sponsor).

Closing date: **Friday 7th February 2025**

- Shortlisted candidates will be asked to attend an interview and at the interview, interviewees are expected to give a short (10-15min) presentation on a subject of their choosing, but with relevance to Macphie and the scholarship they are applying for.
- Interviews are likely to take place in April (date/time TBC), interviews will take place at Macphie's HQ at Glenberrie.

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APPLICATION QUERIES AND ASSISTANCE

Staff in the Advisory Service can offer support and guidance with the application process including checking completed applications and evidence, guidance on application content, support with presenting financial and personal circumstances.

To make an **appointment** with a Student Advisor use the link below or call SEZ on 01382 308833:
<https://abertayconnectservices.abertay.ac.uk/home.html>

To speak with a member of the Advisory Service or to find out when the next available **drop-in** session is call the SEZ Helpdesk on 01382 308833 (Ask for Advisory)

Email queries may be sent to advisory@abertay.ac.uk however please allow time for a response and consider other means of contact in the first instance if your query is time sensitive.

WHAT AT HAPPENS NEXT?

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by email at the earliest opportunity.

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