



SCHOLARSHIP GUIDANCE

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Name of Scholarship	Bill Taylor Scholarship (BEAR Scotland)
Decision Making Panel	A representative from: BEAR Scotland A representative from: School of Applied Science

SCHOLARSHIP BACKGROUND AND INFORMATION

The Bill Taylor Scholarship is open to students who are in Year 2 and 3 of the BEng/MEng (Hons) Civil and Environmental Engineering course. Year 2 Civil and Environmental Engineering students currently studying at Abertay and those who hold a conditional or unconditional offer for a place in year 3 of the course are eligible to apply.

This scholarship is aimed at a well-rounded individual who is interested to work in the civil engineering sector.

As well as receiving £1,700 per year (in two instalments), students will be required to take part in the 12-week industry placement (during Term 2 of Year 3) at BEAR Scotland, and a summer placement prior to the start of Year 4. The summer placement will last a minimum of 8 weeks and will be paid. Students must be flexible in travelling anywhere in Scotland to take up their summer placement. Students, who withdraw, fail to achieve the required results to progress on the course or do not complete the allocated 12-week industry placement in Year 3 and summer work placement will cease to receive further money from the Scholarship Fund.

There is an opportunity for the successful student to be offered a full-time role on the BEAR Scotland graduate training programme, gaining experience in several different departments within the company over a 3-to-4-year training programme. Further details including salary will be discussed during the interview process.

Students do not need to take up the graduate training programme if they do not wish to after they have completed their degree.

Further Information – Bill Taylor - BEAR Scotland are offering this scholarship to Abertay University students in memory of Chairman Bill Taylor who passed away in 2016. Bill was also a Dundee Institute of Technology graduate in civil engineering before Abertay became a university.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be considered for this scholarship you must meet **all** the following criteria:

- Take part in the 12-week industry placement at BEAR Scotland.
- Be willing to take part in a paid summer placement anywhere in Scotland.
- Currently enrolled in Year 2 OR in Year 3 or have a conditional or unconditional offer for Year 3 of the BEng/MEng (Hons) Civil Engineering degree.
- Be willing to take part in publicity materials for the scholarship if successful.

WHAT KIND OF FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

A £3,400 Scholarship award paid in instalments. The instalment plan is yet to be finalised but is likely to be as follows:

Instalment	Amount	Time of Payment
Year 2 or 3		
1 st instalment	£850	February 2024
2 nd instalment	£850	April 2024 - <i>After successful completion of 12-week industry placement at BEAR Scotland if placement goes ahead</i>
Year 3 or 4		
3 rd instalment	£850	September 2024
4 th instalment	£850	June 2025

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.

AWARD CONDITIONS

Applicants must be willing and able to meet the following award conditions if successful:

1. Write a thank you letter addressed to The Bill Taylor Scholarship (Bear Scotland) Scholarship and send to advisory@abertay.ac.uk within ONE month of accepting this award
2. <i>To meet with the Donor at the Donors request</i>
3. <i>To take part in promotional activity relating to this Award</i>
4. <i>To undertake a work placement opportunity in Semester 2 of Year 3 of your degree and a summer placement prior to Year 4.</i>

EVIDENCE AND APPLICATION DEADLINE

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

Evidence to be attached:

- Academic Reference
- Copy/Copies of all qualification certificates (School / College / University)

Deadline: 10th November 2023

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 queries or difficulties with the application process, please contact advisory service for advice and guidance, **Email Address:** advisory@abertay.ac.uk

If you would like to talk with a advisor please book a drop in appointment. **Drop-In:** Mon-Fri 1:00-4:00pm on the ground floor of the library/ teams/ telephone call. *Live schedule in [Abertay Connect](#).

APPLICATION QUERIES AND ASSISTANCE

Staff in the Advisory Service can offer support and guidance with the application process including:

- Feedback on the first draft of your personal statement by email or at a Drop In

- Application checking face to face at a Drop In
- Advice on where to look for opportunities.
- Eligibility queries for awards that we administer.
- Evidence queries

Please make contact at **least 4 weeks before the application deadline** to ensure that there is adequate time for a member of staff to look at your email and for you to make alterations based on the feedback provided.

See our '**Scholarships and Bursaries Application Guide**' for advice on how to make a strong application:

<https://intranet.abertay.ac.uk/support/student-services/advisory/funding/scholarships-and-trusts/>

To check available **drop in** times visit:

<https://abertayconnectservices.abertay.ac.uk/home.html>

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 HAPPENS NEXT?

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by email at the earliest opportunity and usually within 2 months of the deadline unless otherwise stated.

Students are responsible for making sure their application forms are complete and that the supporting evidence meets the application criteria. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

The Advisory Service

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