



## BCOM BURSARY SCHEME

BCOM is committed to widening participation to its courses and to the osteopathic profession as a whole, and so can allocate bursaries to students facing financial hardship. As BCOM is a small institution, it considers applications on educational merit as well as economic need. As such, the BCOM Bursary Committee will consider all bursary applications but may elect not to grant all. The Bursary Committee meets at least once a year (late August) to allocate monies on an individual basis. All allocations are at the discretion of the Committee, who can exceptionally withdraw an allocation (see below). The bursary is allocated for the next academic year only. Those wishing more than one year of support will have to apply each year. Exceptionally an offer of more than one year may be made. The maximum bursary is equivalent to the "top-up fee" usually issued via the Student Loans Company; usually, the smallest but also most common amount will be for £1,000 per year of allocation. Regardless of when the bursary is allocated, the money is paid to the student at **completion** of the relevant year of study. All parts of assessment must have been completed though the outcome of the assessment does not affect the payment. Anything less than prompt payment of fees either before or after an allocation can also cancel an allocation. It is assumed that all applications are honest and frank; should any evidence arise to the contrary, the Bursary Committee can again cancel the allocation. In applying, the student agrees to this.

To apply, you will need to submit to the College a statement of your household's total income, from **any** source with **any** monetary value. This includes the income of your parents, partner, siblings, guardian, any relative or other person or co-habitee if they support you financially, either wholly or partially. You will also have to state the total income you receive from **any** other source, including your own employment, benefits, investments, private funds, grants or any funding source or person, including persons with whom you do not live. You should also write a statement outlining your academic ability or your potential as an osteopath, the contribution to society or your community that your entry to the profession will make, and the financial or economic hardship that might affect your studies. You should submit a letter of support from your school or other place of education or from any professional person to whom you are well known, commenting upon your academic ability or your potential as an osteopath, the contribution to society or your community that your entry to the profession will make, and the financial or economic hardship that might affect your studies. Both of these should be a maximum of one side of A4.

All applications should be made by letter or email to Kasia Tarnowska, British College of Osteopathic Medicine, Lief House, 120-22 Finchley Road, London NW3 5HR or to [kt@bcom.ac.uk](mailto:kt@bcom.ac.uk).

**Date for submission** for academic year 2011/12: **26 August 2011 (by 5.00pm)**

If you miss this date, please consult Kasia Tarnowska.

Decisions on allocations can be made at other times, by decision solely of the Bursary Committee.

NAME OF STUDENT/APPLICANT:	
DATE OF BIRTH:	
UCAS NUMBER:	
POSTCODES OVER LAST THREE YEARS (include parental details, if appropriate):	

I wish to apply for a BCOM Bursary for academic year 2011/12. I understand that the BCOM Bursary Committee will assess all applications for bursaries and will select recipients on the basis of academic ability or potential as a student of osteopathy, financial or economic situation or hardship or the potential benefit the applicant can bring to his/her local community or the wider society. I accept that this is a fair process and that if I am successful, I may receive less than I might have hoped for as a bursary. I also accept that I may not be successful in this application.

Signed.....

Date.....

**FINANCIAL OR ECONOMIC SITUATION**

Please state the familial, spousal/partner or other relationships you have to all of those with whom you co-habit or reside

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Please state any financial support you have from any other sources, including from family members or partners with whom you do not reside

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Please state the total income of any persons you mentioned above from whom you receive any financial support

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Please state any other income you expect to receive during this year, including all Local Education Authority, Student Loans Company, income or investments, pension or annuity, monies from any settlement fund (e.g. divorce or trust), rental or royalty incomes, any other source of funding or employment

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Please use this page to support your own application for a bursary. The BCOM Bursary Committee will grant applications for bursaries and finalise the amount to be allocated against fees on individual bases in all cases, but will take three areas into primary consideration:

1. Your proven academic ability or potential as a student of osteopathy
2. Your potential contribution to your local community or the wider society as an osteopath
3. Your financial or economic situation or hardship.

Please also supply a letter of support from your school or other place of education or from any professional person to whom you are well known, commenting specifically on those three areas.

**Applications without these statements may be disqualified.**