

Motion Name: Financial Support for Current International Undergraduates

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Background:

1. Disparity in Financial support at the University of Bristol: The University of Bristol Bursary offers financial support to UK undergraduates from households earning £50,000 or less, covering living costs and assessed through the Student Loans Company. International students are not eligible for such a bursary and there are no specific bursaries/scholarships available for current international undergraduate students.

2. Other Universities have scholarships/bursaries for current international students

The University of Liverpool's Global Advancement Scholarship provides international students with £3,000 off tuition in the first year and £1,000 reductions in the second and third years for maintaining first-class honours. This shows how other universities support international undergraduate students.

Purpose:

- Financial Support for International Students: The motion aims to alleviate the financial burden on international students by securing 1-2 dedicated scholarships or bursaries, providing essential financial assistance.
- Promotion of Welfare and Academic Performance: By reducing financial stress, this initiative will promote the overall welfare of international students, contributing to improved academic performance and stability.
- Alignment with SU Charitable Objectives: This action aligns with the SU's charitable objectives by enhancing students' wellbeing and their academic performance.

Actions:

1. Bristol SU to lobby the university to create a bursary or scholarship for undergraduate international students
2. After the bursary has been created, SU to lobby the university to launch a campaign aimed at securing external sponsors
3. Bristol SU to promote the campaign through student networks and partnerships with alumni and local businesses to increase sponsorship opportunities.
4. Bristol SU to collaborate with the University's international office to explore potential funding options and partnerships with global educational foundations.