



# RREF Bursary 2024/25 Information and Guidance Notes

#### **Bursary Details**

The Reading Real Estate Foundation (RREF) offers financial support to Undergraduate and Masters students based on a demonstration of financial need.

For the academic year 2024-25, the RREF MSc Bursary offers the following financial support:

• **£10,000** towards the cost of their tuition fees. The sum of the bursary awarded will be deducted from tuition fees.

#### **Who Can Apply**

To qualify for the **RREF MSc Bursary**, you must hold an offer to study one of the following MSc Real Estate & Planning courses:

- Masters in Real Estate
- Masters in Real Estate Finance
- Masters in Spatial Planning and Development

RREF Bursaries are given on a needs basis. As such, you must also meet one or more of the following criteria:

- A low-income household
- Limited support from family
- First in the family to attend University
- Looked after by the local authority (been in care)
- Attended a non-fee-paying school during secondary education
- A recipient of free school meals
- Any other hardship that has led to financial difficulty
- Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to their studies and a willingness to be a RREF Volunteer

\*Please note that if you detail any of the above criteria in your application, RREF may ask you to provide evidence\*

## **How to Apply**

To apply, you will need complete an online application form. Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered. If any sections do not apply to you, kindly indicate this with 'n/a'.

#### **RREF MSc Bursary Application Forms:**

• RREF MSc Application Form: UK Applicants

• RREF MSc Application Form: International Applicants

Application Deadline: Friday 17th May 2024

#### **Timeline of Application Process**

On receipt of your application, you will be contacted via the email address provided to confirm that your application has been received. You will be informed of the RREF Disbursements Committee decision within 4 weeks after the deadline.

All applications are reviewed individually by the RREF Disbursements Committee, who oversee the disbursement of RREF funds to support students within the Real Estate & Planning Department at Henley Business School, University of Reading. The committee consists of representatives from RREF and members of REP academic staff. Please note that all applications submitted remain strictly confidential and are only shared with the RREF Disbursements Committee.

#### **Expectations If You Are Successful**

Funds will only be awarded to Real Estate & Planning students once they have officially enrolled at Henley Business School, University of Reading. Therefore, all students must meet admission criteria to receive funds.

If you are awarded a RREF Bursary, we ask that you fulfil certain expectations aligned with the charity's objectives. These include:

- Producing a thank you letter to the donors of RREF outlining how the funding will impact you (your anonymity will be provided if requested)
- Providing regular updates to RREF on the progress of your studies when requested
- Attendance at our annual RREF Recognition Event in Spring

#### What To Do If You Are Unsuccessful

You may also like to consider applying for general University of Reading funding. Please go to the University website to see what funding is on offer.

Please note that the RREF Disbursements Committee will be unable to provide any individual feedback regarding why your application was unsuccessful.

#### A Note on Deferring

This bursary is exclusively designated for recipients commencing their studies in the 2024-25 academic year. Kindly be aware that, unless under exceptional circumstances, deferring your studies will result in the forfeiture of your bursary offer, and you will be required reapply the following year.

## Speaking To Someone About Your Application

If you have any questions about the form, your eligibility or your submitted application, please email  $\frac{RREF-info@henley.ac.uk}{RREF-info@henley.ac.uk}$