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1. The provision of bursaries is intended to help those who have been accepted on a ForMission College programme of study, either undergraduate (including Foundation Year) or postgraduate, but who would have difficulty paying tuition fees. Specifically, they cannot receive a student loan for their year of study and are unable to access grants or sponsorship from churches, mission agencies or other organisations. Bursaries are not provided to students on Level 3 or similar courses.
2. Applications are welcomed from students in *any* of the following categories:
 - they currently serve as a church leader
 - they are actively leading a missional project or ministry in the UK/Europe
 - they are currently church planting in the UK/Europe
 - they are intending to self-fund their course of study
3. The value of the bursary may be up to a maximum of one-third of the tuition fees in the case of undergraduate fees (including Foundation Year), and one-quarter of the full amount of postgraduate fees.
4. A bursary award may be for one year or for the full duration of the student's programme of studies. The duration of the bursary will be confirmed when the bursary decision is communicated to the applicant.
5. Application is no guarantee that a bursary will be made available – each year only limited funds can be made available for student bursaries.
6. Students will only be eligible for consideration if they do not have personal savings in excess of £10,000.
7. Applications are to be submitted via letter or email to the Principal (principal@formission.org.uk), using the Bursary Application Form and explaining why a bursary is being requested.
8. Applications will be reviewed by a Bursary Committee chaired by the Principal (or their delegate) and including the relevant Programme Director and at least one other member of the Senior Management Team.
9. Applications should be received at least one month before the start of the student's programme of study, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

10. When considering bursary applications, the Bursary Committee shall not take into account disability/ability, sex or gender, nationality, ethnicity or any other protected characteristic.
11. When considering bursary applications, the Bursary Committee may consider the following criteria: the financial circumstances of the student; the likelihood of the student completing their college studies; the strategic importance of the student's ministry; the existence of alternative funding for the student's programme of study. The Bursary Committee may require applicants to provide further financial information or statements.
12. The Bursary Committee shall endeavour to respond to all applications within four weeks.
13. The Bursary Committee shall maintain a full record of its decisions, which shall be accessible to the Senior Management Team and, if requested, to the Board of Trustees.
14. A student failing their programme or being required to withdraw for disciplinary reasons may be required to repay all or part of their bursary, at the discretion of the Bursary Committee.