

Access to Internships (A2I) Widening Participation (WP) Criteria

The University of Exeter believes in the principle that everyone with the potential to benefit from higher education should have equal opportunity to do so. We are committed to widen participation in higher education; raise pupil attainment; and put students on a level playing field to ensure they enjoy the best possible outcomes at university and as graduates. The definition of a WP student Access to Internships (A2I) uses is below.

You Must:

1. Be a Home/EU fee paying, undergraduate student

2. Plus, at least one of the following applies to you:

- Bursary recipient*
- Estranged from family support and in receipt of a standalone pledge bursary
- Mature student (21 or over on point of entry to University)
- Disability
- Care leaver* or care experienced*
- Carer
- Refugee status
- Distance or part-time student
- First generation at university (neither parents have attended university)*
- Participated in an Exeter Scholars' programme before coming to university e.g. Realising Opportunities, Pathways to Law or Exeter Scholars
- Home in a 'Low Participation Neighbourhood'* (defined by home postcode before coming to university)
- White Male + Home in a 'Low Participation Neighbourhood'* (defined by home postcode before coming to university)
- State school/college in a 'Low Participation Neighbourhood'* (your last school/college before coming to university)
- Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic student + state school/college in a 'Low Participation Neighbourhood'* (your last school/college before coming to university)
- Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic student + 'Access to Exeter' bursary recipient
- Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic student + Mature
- Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic student + Disabled

Further Definitions:

* *Bursary*: An 'Access to Exeter' bursary from the University of Exeter or a bursary from the Student Loans Company where your household income is under £42k.

* *Care Leaver*: Young people (up to the age of 25) who have been looked after by the local authority for more than 13 weeks since they were 14, including some time at age 16 or 17.

* *Care Experienced*: Anyone who has been or is currently in care or from a looked after background at any stage of their life, no matter how short. This care may have been provided in one of many different settings, such as in residential care, foster care, kinship care or looked after at home with a supervision requirement.

* *Disability*: A disability is normally defined as a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial impact on normal daily activity and has lasted or is likely to last for 12 months or more

* *First Generation at University*: Neither of your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) attended a Higher Education Institution i.e. University, Polytechnic or College, to undertake a full-time higher education qualification i.e. a degree, diploma or certificate of higher education.

* *Low Participation Neighbourhood*: A neighbourhood where a low percentage of young people progress to higher education. You can check to see if your home and/or previous school's postcode was in a 'Low Participation Neighbourhood' by entering the postcode on the [Office for Students webpage](#). To do this scroll down to the 'Area-based measures postcode look-up' box, enter the postcode and press 'view detailed results'. If your postcode results show either of the following, then your postcode is eligible:

- POLAR4 – Quintile 1 or 2
- POLAR3 - Quintile 1 or 2

We will be confirming your eligibility using the University's Student Record System. If you are unsure if you are eligible for WP funding, please contact us at A2I@exeter.ac.uk so we can verify for you.