HE – Turing Scheme funded projects 2025 - 2026

The Turing Scheme offers funding to SRUC students for overseas study and work placements, providing valuable international experience to enhance employability and personal development.

Eligibility Criteria

1. **Student Status:** Available to current SRUC HE students or recent HE graduates (within 12 months of qualification completed).
2. **Age Requirement:** Applicants must be **at least 18 years old** at the time of placement.

Application criteria and how to apply;

1. **Complete Gap Africa Booking form**

Should we run out for funded places. We will need to ask students to apply for the funding. Criteria for funding below;

2. **Personal Statement:**
   Your personal statement can include the following information:
   - Why you want to go on the trip
   - How the trip will help you achieve your goals
   - What you hope to see and do
   - How the trip aligns with your studies
   - The skills you want to develop.

3. **Attendance Record:**
   Strong attendance is preferred, with consideration for students with extenuating circumstances (such as caring responsibilities)

Funding Details

Students will receive a cost of living allowance towards their placement of £17 per day

Disadvantaged students;

Students who meet the criteria for disadvantaged student will receive £21 per day plus a travel allowance of £905

Readiness to travel funding

> SRUC has limited funding available for disadvantaged students to assist with costs such as travel insurance, vaccinations, passports, and visas. Due to the limited nature of this fund, it may not cover all expenses. Please note that receipts will be required for reimbursement.

Disadvantaged Background Criteria

Students are eligible if they meet **any one** of the following criteria:

- Receive Universal Credit or income-related benefits.
- Have an annual household income of £25,000 or less.
- Are care leavers or care-experienced.
- Have caring responsibilities.
- Are estranged from parents.
- Are refugees or asylum seekers.

Please note that evidence to demonstrate eligibility may be required.

Support for Students with ASN and Disadvantaged Backgrounds

SRUC is committed to making the Turing Scheme application and participation process accessible to all students. We offer the following support:

1. **Flexible Personal Statement Submission:**
   - Students may submit their personal statements in any format that best suits their needs, including written, audio, or video submissions. We encourage students to use the format that allows them to express their goals and motivations most effectively.
2. **Access to Resources:**
   - SRUC offers access to computers, internet, and other resources for students who may lack these resources at home. Students needing assistance should contact the student support team for access to technology or workspace.
3. **Application Support:**

- o   Additional guidance is available from support tutors and the student support team for students who need help with writing their personal statement or understanding the application requirements.
4. **Financial and Logistical Assistance:**
   - o   Students from disadvantaged backgrounds may be eligible for additional funding support for flights, daily living costs, and other expenses as outlined in the application form.
5. **Consideration of Extenuating Circumstances:**
   - o   When reviewing attendance records, SRUC considers extenuating circumstances which may have impacted attendance (for example caring responsibilities or disability related absence) Students are encouraged to discuss any relevant circumstances with the student support team.

Contact Information

For any questions, assistance with the application, or to arrange support, please contact: Lorna Howe at Lorna.Howe@sruc.ac.uk

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