**External awards**

**John Innes Foundation Bursary**

**Applications for this external bursary are closed for this year. Updated contact information and entry details will be posted here shortly before the award re-opens for submissions.**

The objective of the John Innes Foundation Bursary is to establish an ongoing award to finance one student per year, who wishes to follow a career in Primary Crop Production in the UK, as opposed to an academic, research or overseas career.

The bursary will cover course fees and will be paid each term to the successful student.  It will be awarded on a competitive basis, and only applicable for students taking on a 3 year degree course (or a 4 year course with a sandwich placement).

If you are undertaking a placement year, the bursary will NOT be paid that year.

The bursary is being promoted to six universities who offer a crop based degree course.  As well as course fee re-imbursement, the successful student will be given the opportunity of working closely with Velcourt, the UK's largest Farm Management Company.

**Conditions of the Bursary**

The student will be:

* Not from a farming background
* From a financially disadvantaged family background
* Selection would be on a combination of interview and written application
* Mentored periodically throughout their degree by Velcourt's Technical Director
* Given the opportunity to work for Velcourt during summer holidays and be considered for the Velcourt management training scheme following graduation
* Enrolled on a full time, 3 year BSc (Hons) degree course in Agriculture/Crop Production
* The degree course will commence Autumn 2017
* Not an overseas student

**The Bursary**

* The bursary would be paid at the beginning of each term and is dependant on the student's progress and attendance record
* The bursary would cover the annual cost of the Course Fee, currently £9,000 per annum

The students' progress will be monitored at the end of each academic year and will be expected to present a short presentation of their progress to the JIF Trustees.  After graduation, the student will make an annual report to the Trustees on their career progress.