



UNIVERSITY OF  
**CHICHESTER**

Student Support

# **Guide for students with a care background**

# Welcome to the University of Chichester

A University with a total commitment to help all its students fulfil their potential. We believe passionately that higher education should be open to all who have the ability and potential to benefit from it, regardless of family background, age, ethnicity or disability.

The University of Chichester recognises that students coming to university from a care background may need additional support. We have therefore developed a Care Leavers Package for eligible students.

In addition, we feel that the University of Chichester is an ideal environment for students from a care background. There is a close-knit friendly community feel here, which is encouraged by our small compact campuses. This environment enables our students to form lasting friendships with peers and lecturers very quickly. You will feel part of university life from the very first day you arrive.

## **Who is eligible?**

In very general terms, a student is eligible for our Care Leavers Package if you are under 25 and have been 'in care' with any local authority for at least 13 weeks since the age of 14.

However, this is not a hard-and-fast rule and any student with a care background may apply. The University's Review Panel will consider each application on a case-by-case basis.

## **What do we offer?**

The University of Chichester's package for those with a care background consists of:

- A Care Leavers Bursary - currently £300 per annum
- The offer of university accommodation 365 days a year charged at the current rate (subject to campus accommodation requests being received by our Accommodation Office by 31 May)
- A named Student Advisor throughout your stay with us.

## How do I apply?

[Login to our Applicant Portal](#)

or follow this QR code:



You must select 'forgotten your password' to register for the first time.

**Applicants**

Applicants to the University of Chichester seeking support and guidance.

If this is your first time logging in click the "Forgotten your password?" link below and enter your email address used when you registered with the university.

Username\*

Password\*

Sign in

[Home](#) [Forgotten your password?](#)

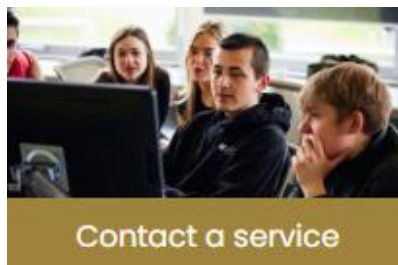
Once logged in, select the care leaver support pathway:



We will ask about your care experience and for your permission to contact your local authority so we can verify your status. Your application will then be assessed by our Review Panel. If successful you will be offered all elements of the package.

## Find out more

For more information on any of the above please feel free to contact us on [clc@chi.ac.uk](mailto:clc@chi.ac.uk) or use the 'Contact a service' tile on the portal:



## Confidentiality

All communication with Student Services is strictly confidential. We will, however, ask whether we can share this information (for example with our Finance and Accommodation offices) when this becomes necessary.

If you have any questions about this, please contact us on [clc@chi.ac.uk](mailto:clc@chi.ac.uk)

## DATA PRIVACY STATEMENT

**All information you provide will be processed in full compliance with current Data Protection legislation and with the University's Privacy Standard.** Please see the [University Data Protection Policy web pages](#) and the [Student Support and Wellbeing Privacy Notice](#) for further information.

The information you provide will be used for the purpose of assessing your status as a care leaver and providing appropriate advice and support and will only be accessible to the Student Support team. To provide you with the best possible support, appropriate and relevant information may be shared with other members of staff within Student Support such as the Student Money Advice Service. The information will be held in a confidential, secure electronic form on University premises and will be retained for three years after you leave the University when it will be securely deleted.

More information on your rights under current Data Protection legislation can be found in the [Student Support and Wellbeing Privacy Notice](#).