STEP Guernsey Student Sponsorship Scheme



Launch: 2025

As part of its 30th anniversary celebrations, STEP Guernsey is proud to introduce the STEP Guernsey Student Sponsorship Scheme. This initiative is intended to support the next generation of professionals by offering financial assistance to two individuals each year as they begin their journey towards STEP qualifications. We aim for this to become an annual scheme.

What the Sponsorship Scheme Covers

Recipients of the sponsorship will receive:

- Full funding for the STEP Certificate in International Trust Management, including registration with STEP/CLTi, study materials and examination fees and the cost of joining STEP as a Student member.
- A ticket to the STEP Guernsey Annual Conference during their year of study.
- Access to one year of lectures (September-July) as part of the Next Gen and Lecture Series programmes.

Eligibility Criteria

The scheme is open to:

- Students resident with the Bailiwick;
- Individuals currently working in the finance industry;
- Professionals from other sectors seeking to transition into a career in finance.

While applicants are ideally expected to have at least 5 GCSEs and 3 A-Levels (including passes in English and Maths), all applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Please note: All course content and materials are delivered in English.

Application Process

The application process will involve submitting:

- A CV; and
- A personal statement outlining your motivation for applying and what you hope to gain from undertaking the STEP qualification (approx. 500 words).

The scheme will be offered in two waves and a timeline which aligns with the two cohorts of enrolment, as below:

- Cohort 1: Application deadline **Friday 14th November 2025** (STEP Certificate enrollment deadline 5th January 2026)
- Cohort 2: Application deadline Friday 16th January 2026 (STEP Certificate enrollment deadline 12th March 2026)

There will be ONE recipient of the award within each cohort.

Selection Process

All applications will be reviewed by all members of the STEP Guernsey Branch Committee.

Recipients will be selected through a Committee vote. In the event of a tie, the Chair will cast the deciding vote.

Please note that only one applicant per firm per academic year will be eligible for consideration.

Greta Pender, Chair of STEP Guernsey, commented:

"We are thrilled to launch our Student Sponsorship Scheme as part of the branch's 30th anniversary celebrations. This reflects STEP's ongoing commitment to professional education and provides a valuable opportunity for individuals to enhance their careers and gain recognition within the industry."

To apply for the award, please email <u>stepguernsey@step.org</u> in the first instance.