**THE OPTIGENE FOUNDATION ENGINEERING BURSARY – APPLICATION FORM 2023**

The OptiGene Foundation Engineering Bursary will be awarded to one Home/UK student and provides funding of £15,000 over three years (£5,000 per year). To be eligible to apply, applicants must be studying for any undergraduate engineering degree at the University of Surrey, starting in September 2023. They must also have a family income of less that £35,000, and/or meet any of the criteria for widening participation (see below for further information).

To apply, students should complete all three sections of the form below. The closing date for the receipt of applications is **Sunday 8th October 2023**. The scholarship can be received in addition to a University sports scholarship or any other bursary, prize and award. Successful students will be notified within the first semester of the 2023/24 academic year.

**Application form:**

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| **Section 1: Personal information** | |
| **First name:** | **Surname:** |
| **Address:** | |
|  | **Postcode:** |
| **Mobile phone no.:** | **Email address:** |
| **Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY):** | **Student URN number (7 digits) or UCAS ref no:** |
| **Undergraduate course:** |  |

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| **Eligibility Criteria:** |
| Applicants must meet the following criteria:   * Demonstrate a household income of less than £35K   and/or   * meet any of the criteria for widening participation. Please tick the box/boxes that apply below:   ☐ From a Low Participation Neighbourhoods (LPNs, defined as POLAR4 Quintiles 1 and 2 by OfS\*  ☐ From an area of high deprivation (Index of Multiple Deprivation, IMD) Quintiles 1 and 2\*\*  ☐ Care leaver or in local authority care  ☐ From a family where parents/carers are in non-professional households (NS-SEC groups 4-8)  ☐ From a family with no parental history of higher education participation  ☐ Classed as having a disability  ☐ Young carer  ☐ Mature learner  ☐ Refugee or asylum seeker  ☐ Estranged from family  ☐ Have a parent/carer who has served in the armed forces or reserves  ☐ Students from a Black, Asian and Minority background  ☐ From Gypsy, Roma or Irish Traveller (GRT) communities  ☐ Identify as New Traveller, Boater, Bargee or Showperson  \*You can check if you live in an LPN (POLAR4 Quintile 1 or 2 by using the OfS online [**Postcode Lookup Tool**](https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/postcode-search/).   \*\* You can check your postcodes Index of Multiple Deprivation data using this [**online look up tool**](http://imd-by-postcode.opendatacommunities.org/imd/2019). Your postcode must be rated 1 -4 in column F. |

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| **Section 2: Personal statement** |
| Please detail why you wish to be considered for the OptiGene Foundation Engineering Bursary. As a guide, you should include:   * Explain how the scholarship would make a difference to you and your higher education experience * Describe your motivation and enthusiasm for studying your chosen subject * Include information on any other scholarship, bursary or award you are receiving     *Maximum 300 words* |

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| **Section 3: Declaration** | |
| I wish to apply for the OptiGene Foundation Engineering Bursary Scholarship for 2023 entry.  I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, I have answered all the questions correctly and will inform the University immediately of any change in the information given.  I understand that personal information which is collected by the University about me, e.g. through this form, the UCAS application form and University registration forms, may be used for the purposes of selection and, if awarded, scholarship administration, by the Advancement Team and Student Services at the University of Surrey to verify the information you have provided. Data will be stored on a database in accordance with the UK Data Protection legislation (UK GDPR & Data Protection Act 2018).  For more information on how the University processes your personal data please go to the following link - [Student privacy notice | University of Surrey](https://www.surrey.ac.uk/information-governance/privacy-notices/student-privacy-notice)  I confirm that I have read and agree to the Data and Privacy Statement. | |
| Applicant’s signature: | Date: |

Once completed, this form should be returned to: [bursariesandscholarships@surrey.ac.uk](mailto:bursariesandscholarships@surrey.ac.uk).