Raising Student Bursary

POLICY RESPONSIBILITY: TBC
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Sheffield Students' Union notes:

1. That tuition fees are rising for new students from 2017 by £250 per year
2. That the student maintenance grant for students from families earning less than £25,000 was discontinued in 2015
3. That this grant amounted to £3,387 per year
4. That the University of Sheffield’s automatic bursary for students from families that earn less than £25,000 per year amounts to £1,500 per year.
5. That the University of Sheffield brought in £632 million in revenue in the year to 2016 with a profit of £38.8 million.
6. The number of signatures from University of Sheffield students supporting this motion

Sheffield Students' Union believes:

1. Students from the poorer backgrounds should have the most support in accessing higher education
2. Student loans negatively affect poorer students’ life chances long after they leave university
3. The University of Sheffield should not be a profit making organisation
4. The University of Sheffield is a public institution which should care for its students

Sheffield Students' Union resolves:

1. Lobby the University to raise its bursary for students from families who earn less than £25,000 per year to the level of the maintenance grant, in effect a rise of £1,887 per year.
2. To set up a campaign to raise awareness and support for raising the bursary
3. To explore ways to support the least advantaged students

POLICY HISTORY:

The original Raising Student Bursary Policy was approved by Students’ Union Council in May 2017.

This policy is next due for review in November 2019.