

Office of Utility Regulation

Media Release

OUR Offering Financial Support to Local Student

Local students still have time to apply to the OUR for a £1,500 annual bursary to contribute towards the costs of their university education. The OUR's Bursary Scheme is aimed at Bailiwick students wishing to study a degree course relevant to the OUR's work.

"With the recent focus on competition issues in Guernsey, this is a brilliant opportunity for a local student who is looking to pursue an interesting and challenging career in an area that has a real impact on the local economy" said John Curran, Director General. "The skills and experience gained from taking advantage of this Bursary will provide the successful student with a great start to their career in an area that is more and more in demand in most countries".

The successful candidate, in addition to receiving £1,500 per year towards their University Fees, will gain valuable paid work experience with the OUR during the course of their studies.

"Should any student who has an interest in this area wish to find out more about our work and the career opportunities that this Bursary will provide them with we will be happy to talk to them about it" said John Curran.

Students wishing to apply for the Bursary should send their CV to the OUR by the deadline of 1st July. Further details on the bursary are included in an OUR Information Notice OUR 05/06 available on the OUR website www.regutil.gg or calling the OUR office on 711120.

Information for Editors

About the OUR

The Office of Utility Regulation was established in 2001 to regulate the three utilities of post, telecommunications and electricity in the Bailiwick of Guernsey. The Office is headed up by Director General, John Curran and has three staff.

The role of the OUR is to protect the interests of Guernsey consumers and the economy. It does this by ensuring that customers receive the best in price, choice and quality services in the three regulated sectors, while at the same time ensuring that those sectors are vibrant and robust so that they can positively contribute to and underpin a successful Guernsey economy.

The OUR licenses and regulates telecommunications operators, Guernsey Electricity Ltd and Guernsey Post Ltd. Wherever possible, the OUR promotes the introduction of competition by ensuring that there is fair play and a level playing field between the operators. Where competition is not yet effective or where it is not feasible, the OUR regulates prices and quality of services to end customers.

More information is available from the OUR website <u>www.regutil.gg</u>, or by contacting the Office of Utility Regulation on 01481 711120.