



Office of Utility Regulation

Media Release

OUR Offers Bursary Scheme for Local Student

The OUR is offering a Bursary Scheme to contribute towards the costs of university education for a Guernsey student wishing to study a degree course that is relevant to the OUR's work.

“The first bursary was offered in 2005 and has been a tremendous success for both the Office and the successful student Pui Jee Lai. Both the Office and Pui Jee have benefited from this opportunity and its success in developing regulatory experience and expertise in the Bailiwick has meant that I am delighted to make a second bursary available for students going to University in September 2008. Given the rising cost of going to University, this is an excellent opportunity for Guernsey students to get assistance and gain experience in an area that is becoming more in demand” said John Curran, Director General of the OUR. “The OUR is offering £1,500 per annum towards the costs of a relevant university degree with eight weeks paid work each year and a 12 month contract at the end of the student's course.”

“I believe that this bursary is an excellent opportunity to develop home-grown regulatory expertise within the Bailiwick” said John Curran. “Having a local student come back to Guernsey and make a contribution to the work of the Office would be hugely satisfying and will allow us to build on the good foundations laid by the first bursary. I hope that this will attract ambitious, bright, hard working students who are looking for an opportunity in an area that they might not have otherwise considered.”

The Information Notice OUR 07/13 Second OUR Bursary, contains further details of the Bursary and has been provided to schools in the Bailiwick and is also available on the

OUR website www.regutil.gg, and by calling the OUR on 711120. Applications should be submitted by Friday 9th November.

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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 www.regutil.gg, or by contacting the Office of Utility Regulation on 01481 711120.