



Office of Utility Regulation

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OUR awards first Bursary

The OUR has awarded its first bursary to a local student. Pui Jee Lai, a former student at Guernsey's Ladies' College, has been awarded a £1,500 bursary to help with her studies at Nottingham University studying a BA in Management and Chinese. As part of the bursary Pui Jee will work with the OUR during her summer holidays and has an offer of a one year employment contract with the OUR when she completes her studies.

“The OUR is keen to encourage local students to study courses that are directly relevant to the OUR's work and develop home-grown regulatory expertise within the Bailiwick. Most academic bursary courses on offer in Guernsey focus on either the finance or legal professions and we are keen to help increase the diversity of bursaries on offer” said John Curran, Director General with the OUR. “We are delighted that Pui Jee has been offered a place at Nottingham University and look forward to her coming back to work with us in the near future”.

The OUR's bursary scheme provides a grant assistance of £1,500 per annum and requires the student to work for a minimum of 8 weeks each year with the OUR during their studies and for one year after completing their course. The regulator has been assisted by the Guernsey Careers Service in designing and offering this bursary.

Sarah Stonebridge, Head of Careers Service, commented, “We greatly appreciate any support that is offered by island's employers to work with island students. We are sure that Pui Jee will benefit greatly from the assistance and from the employment experience that OUR will offer.”

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Information for Editors

Photo shows Pui Jee Lai, a former student at Guernsey's Grammar School with OUR Director General, John Curran

- **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 four 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.

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