



CICRA media release

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CICRA looking for an energetic student for new bursary

The Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities (CICRA) are inviting Jersey students looking to study economics, business studies or law to apply for a bursary with the regulator.

CICRA, which includes the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority and the Office of Utility Regulation in Guernsey, is looking to support home-grown talent to further develop regulatory and competition law skills and experience on the island.

The bursary is a grant worth £1,500 per annum towards university education and at least eight weeks paid work experience each year for the duration of their degree in a subject that would help advance a career in the fields of economic regulation and competition law.

There is also the possibility of a full time job after graduation.

The regulator's primary role is to promote consumer welfare through competition and measures which encourage appropriate pricing and greater choice and innovation in the goods and services available to islanders. CICRA regulates the telecoms and postal sectors and is also responsible for administering and enforcing the competitions law.

John Curran, CICRA chief executive, said: "It is becoming increasingly expensive for students to study off island so we want to provide our support through the bursary award.

“This is an excellent opportunity for a student to gain exposure to all areas of CICRA’s work and to apply the knowledge they gain into practice in markets which impact every Jersey consumer,” added Mr Curran.

Applications for 2012 should be submitted to CICRA by Friday 9 March 2012 and include a CV and cover letter outlining why they should be awarded the bursary. The final decision is expected to be made by Friday 13 April 2012.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

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About CICRA:

The Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities (CICRA) is the name given to the two Channel Islands regulatory authorities, the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) and the Guernsey Office of Utility Regulation (OUR). A memorandum of understanding was signed in December 2010 to facilitate closer working between the two authorities. Both regulatory bodies were established in 2001. The JCRA was established under the Competition Regulatory Authority (Jersey) Law, 2001 and the OUR was established under the Regulation of Utilities (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2001. In Jersey the telecoms and postal sector are regulated by the JCRA, which is also responsible for administering and enforcing the Competition Law (Jersey) 2005. In Guernsey the telecoms, postal and electricity sector are regulated by the OUR. The aim of both authorities is to ensure that consumers receive the best value, choice and access to high quality services while Jersey has the added responsibility of promoting competition and consumer interests.