



CICRA media release

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CICRA launches 2014 bursary scheme

Guernsey sixth form students looking to study economics, business studies or law at university have until 21 March to apply for a bursary from the Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities (CICRA).

CICRA awards a bursary to a student in each island with the aim of supporting home-grown talent and further developing skills in the field of economic regulation and competition law in the islands.

The bursary is a grant worth £1,500 per annum towards the cost of studying for a relevant degree as well as a minimum of eight weeks paid work experience each year for the duration of the degree.

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

CICRA's primary role is to promote consumer welfare through competition and measures which encourage appropriate pricing, greater choice and innovation in the goods and services available to islanders. It enforces competition legislation and regulates the telecoms and postal sectors in both islands and in addition the electricity sector in Guernsey.

Andrew Riseley, CICRA chief executive, said: "The aim of our bursary scheme is to nurture local talent and to develop a pool of relevant expertise within the Channel Islands.

"Following the success of our previous students and with the increasing costs of University education, we are pleased to be able to offer this bursary to the successful candidate. It provides an excellent opportunity for to gain valuable work experience through exposure to

all areas of CICRA's work and to apply the knowledge they gain at university in a unique workplace setting."

Applications for the 2014/2015 and beyond should be submitted by post or email to Lisa White, lisa.white@cicra.gg by 21 March 2014 and include a CV and covering letter outlining why the applicants should be awarded the bursary. CICRA will prepare a shortlist and interview successful applicants by 28 March. The final decision is expected to be made by 11 April 2014. For further information contact Lisa White on 01481 711120.

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Applications

Applications for the CICRA Bursary for the 2014/15 academic year should be submitted to CICRA by Friday 21 March 2014. CICRA will then prepare a shortlist and interview those applicants by 28 March 2014. A final decision is expected to be made by 11 April 2014.

All applications will be acknowledged.

Applicants should submit the following

- Their CV detailing academic achievements, any previous work experience, interests, details of intended university degree course and two references.
- A covering letter explaining why they should be awarded the bursary.

Applications should be sent by post or email to Lisa White at:

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Email: lisa.white@cicra.gg

For further information contact Lisa White on 01481 711120.

About CICRA:

The Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities or 'CICRA' is the name given to the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) and the Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority (GCRA) (formerly the Office of Utility Regulation). The JCRA was established under the Competition Regulatory Authority (Jersey) Law, 2001, and the GCRA was established under The Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2012. In Jersey, the telecoms and postal sectors are regulated by the JCRA, which is also

responsible for administering and enforcing the Competition (Jersey) Law 2005. In Guernsey the telecoms, postal and electricity sectors are regulated by the GCRA, which is also responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Guernsey competition law since it came into force on 1 August 2012.

By working together and sharing resources and expertise between the islands, CICRA strives to ensure that consumers in all the Channel Islands receive best value, choice and access to high quality services.