**We encourage all applicants to read the questions carefully and provide as much detail as possible.**

**The planned application questions for a £2000 - £5000 YFS application are below. Please note that these may be subject to change, so applicants should ensure they read the application form clearly when it goes live.**

£2000 - £5000 Application Questions

The following questions relate to your aspirations as a York Futures Scholar. We are looking for a clear description of why you are applying for the York Futures Scholarship, including the difference it will make to you and how your plans for using the money will support your professional development and/or long-term career ambitions.

Please note that these levels of awards are intended to support international mobility and will only be awarded to students undertaking [international internships](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/workabroad/) or [summer abroad programmes](https://www.york.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/study-abroad/short-term/). No funding will be released until we have received full confirmation that the opportunity is going ahead. Applications for other activities will not be considered.

Applications should relate to activities which show significant ambition above and beyond the scope of your core academic study. Plans which show a direct correlation with career ambition will be favoured.

We recognise that international experiences vary greatly in cost, and so the funding bracket is between £2000 and £5000 dependent on need. Applicants must make clear the level of funding required to the nearest £500 between £2000 and £5000 - e.g., £2000, £2500 etc.

Please note that students can only apply for one level of funding per application cycle, and no alternative offers will be made. If you are not sure which level of funding to apply for, please contact [york-futures-scholarship@york.ac.uk](mailto:york-futures-scholarship@york.ac.uk) **before** submitting your application.

1. **Why have you applied for a York Futures Scholarship and how will the financial support make a difference to your ability to access this opportunity (or opportunities)? (Max 150 Words)**

* You should explain the impact that the financial support will have on you and your ability to access the opportunity/opportunities you are applying for funding to support.
* You may want to consider if you have faced barriers in accessing opportunities for professional development.

1. **Please provide details of the activity (or activities) which the York Futures Scholarship would enable you to undertake (Max 350 words)**

* You should include a clear description of what activity/activities you will spend the funding on. What will you do as a result of this funding?
* You should provide details of the organisation/organisations providing the opportunity, the location, and how long you will be doing this for.

1. **How will taking part in this opportunity or opportunities have an impact on you and support your personal and/or professional development/long term career ambitions? (Max 350 words)**

* You should explain the desired outcome of completing this international experience - how will this experience enrich you and allow you to experience new things?
* You should reflect on the skills, experience, or knowledge that this international experience will give you and how this will benefit you beyond your academic studies - what are the expected outcomes?
* You should reflect on why you have chosen this location and experience.
* You should consider how completing this activity or activities might benefit your employability skills.

1. **Named point of contact**

Should your application be successful we will require confirmation from the host organisation or University of York department.

Please provide the following details for a named point of contact who will be able to verify your plans:

1. full name and job title
2. email address
3. telephone number
4. address (if not University of York staff)
5. **Please state your progress towards starting the opportunity**
6. Speculative
7. Application stage
8. Contracted/Confirmed
9. **From £2000 up to £5000, how much money would you need to facilitate this international experience to the nearest £500? (CHOOSE ONE)**

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* + £2000
  + £2500
  + £3000
  + £3500
  + £4000
  + £4500
  + £5000

1. **Please explain how the money will be used and whether this will cover the entirety of costs (Max 250 words)**

* We want to see that you have applied for an appropriate level of funding, that you have considered how you will spend the funding and that this is realistic.
* We do not expect that you will have a fully itemised list of expenses, however, you should break down approximate spending into categories such as programme fee, accommodation, transport, suitable clothing, or other resources needed for the activity etc.
* You should make clear if the York Futures Scholarship funding would cover the entire cost of this opportunity, or if it would contribute to it.

1. **If you are not awarded a York Futures Scholarship for the amount you have identified between £2000 and £5000, how would this impact the activity you are applying for funding to support? (Max 150 words)**

* You should reflect on whether you would still be able to complete the activity/activities now or in the future.
* You should detail what your back up plan would be if unsuccessful.