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

**The planned application questions for a £6000 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.**

£6000 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.

This level of award can only be used by students undertaking activities organised by the University of York, which carry academic credit, e.g., [Year Abroad](https://www.york.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/study-abroad/global-opportunities/) (study and/or work option), [Year in Industry](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/skills/placement-year/placement-contacts/) (paid & unpaid) or [Placement Year](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/skills/placement-year/placement-contacts/) (paid & unpaid). Applications for other activities will not be considered.

Please note that successful applicants for this level of award will receive a decision in principle in the academic year 2023/24. No funding will be released until we have received full confirmation that the opportunity is going ahead. The date of this final approval will depend on factors specific to the opportunity.

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 tell us about the activities you have undertaken and events you have attended, outside of your degree studies to develop your employability (Max 150 Words)**

* You may wish to tell us about any part time work, volunteering, internships or work experience you have had, involvement with student clubs or societies, career related events (online or in person), relevant training or opportunities you've been involved with such as York Strengths.
* At this level of funding, we want to see that you are motivated to develop yourself personally and professionally, and that you have considered your future goals.

1. **Which University department is organising the activity?**
2. Careers and Placements (Placement Year)
3. Academic department (Year in Industry)
4. Academic department (Year Abroad)
5. **Named point of contact at the University of York**

Please provide contact details for the member of University staff who is organising your activity. We will contact this person and ask them to confirm the details you have provided in your application.

Please include:

a) their full name and job title,

b) email address

1. **Please provide a detailed overview of the Year Abroad, Year in Industry or Placement Year which the York Futures Scholarship would enable you to undertake. (Max 400 words)**

* You should include a clear overview of what your day-to-day activities will involve.
* You should include specific details about the employer or host university including the location, the activities you plan to take part in and the expected outcomes.

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

* You should explain the desired outcome of completing this 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 experience will give you and how this will benefit you beyond your academic studies - what are the expected outcomes?
* You should consider how completing this activity or activities might benefit your employability skills.

1. **Please explain how the money will be used and whether this will cover the entire costs. (Max 300 words)**

* We want to see that you have considered how you will spend the £6000 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 accommodation, transport, travel documents (if relevant), suitable clothing, general living costs, or other resources needed for the activity.

1. **Financial support aside from the York Futures Scholarship.**

The following information helps us to understand a little more about your financial situation. (Select all which apply)

1. The opportunity is paid.
2. The opportunity is unpaid.
3. I expect to receive a maintenance loan at the same level as currently.
4. I expect to receive a reduced amount of maintenance loan.
5. I will not be receiving a maintenance loan.
6. I will receive a bursary or grant other than the York Futures Scholarship. (specify below in Other).
7. I will be paying rent.
8. I will receive free or subsidised accommodation.
9. Other (free type)
10. **If you will be completing a paid Year in Industry or Placement Year, please detail your salary per month in GBP below.**

* If you will be completing a Study Year Abroad, please write “not applicable”.
* If you will be completing an unpaid Year in Industry or Placement Year, please write “unpaid”.
* If you will be completing a paid Year in Industry or Placement Year but do not yet have your salary confirmed, please write “to be confirmed”.

1. **Please state your progress towards starting the opportunity**
2. Speculative
3. Application stage
4. Contracted/Confirmed
5. **If you are not awarded a York Futures Scholarship for £6000, 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.