

## Estranged Students

The definition of estrangement from the Scottish Funding Council is a “permanent and irrevocable breakdown in the parental/child relationship”. A breakdown in family communication is not considered to be estrangement. If you are under 25 and irreconcilably estranged from both of your biological or adoptive parents or only living parent, then you would be considered to be an estranged student.

We fully recognise the additional barriers to learning that estranged students may face, without the support of a family network. It can also be harder to provide the correct financial evidence for bursary and hardship applications. If you are estranged from your parents then please let us know at [ACBursary@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:ACBursary@uhi.ac.uk) and we can give you extra support to complete your funding application. You will need to prove that you are estranged and this can be difficult but we can work with you and your support worker to resolve this.

Acceptable evidence to demonstrate estrangement is a letter from a solicitor, doctor, headteacher or guidance teacher, social worker or a support worker.