

# The Rashid Domingo Bursary

2024 Entry



This Bursary has been made possible by a generous gift to the University by Mr Rashid Domingo. Born in South Africa, Mr Domingo studied Medicine, Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Cape Town at a time when very few places were available for non-white students. During the Apartheid, a time when opportunities for him and his family were severely limited, Mr Domingo emigrated to the UK and founded a company called Biozyme in 1971 in Maidenhead. In 1974 due to the company's success and expansion, Biozyme needed a new home which it found in Blaenafon where the British Government was offering plant and machinery grants as well as other benefits to companies willing to move to South Wales and help target severe unemployment. Biozyme grew to be the second largest producer of enzymes for clinical diagnostics in the world. Mr Domingo is best known for his work on developing high activity alkaline phosphatase, an enzyme that has made it possible to measure early signs of prostate cancer, quickly and cost effectively.

After creating a number of scholarships and bursaries in his native South Africa, Mr Domingo is keen to turn his philanthropic interests to Wales and Welsh students and wishes to assist able and deserving candidates to achieve their academic potential. Mr Domingo hopes that recipients of the Bursary will be inspired to consider supporting other students in a similar way in the future.

1. The Bursary is available to undergraduate applicants to any course in the Department of Life Sciences or the Department of Physics.
2. Applicants must have attended secondary school/college in Wales for at least 3 years.
3. Applicants must apply to Aberystwyth University via UCAS before submitting an application for this bursary.
4. The Bursary is aimed at students who may otherwise be prevented from attending university due to financial considerations; applicants are required to demonstrate their eligibility for the Bursary by completing an application form which must be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
5. The Awarding Panel will meet to decide in May 2024; the decision of the Awarding Panel is final.
6. The value of the Bursary is up to £12,000 over 3 years. During the first year, the award will normally be a contribution of up to £4,000 towards the student's accommodation in a University residence. In years 2 and 3 if the award holder opts to live in private-sector accommodation, payment of up to £4,000 will be made in 3 instalments direct to the recipient's bank account. The amounts will be: October: up to £1,500, December: up to £1,500, March: £1,000.
7. Applicants may opt to stay in University accommodation for three years if they wish (subject to applying each year within dates advertised by the Accommodation Office for returning students).
8. Applicants must not have been a degree student previously at any higher education institution.
9. The Bursary may be held along with any other Aberystwyth University Scholarship or Bursary.

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10. Successful candidates will be expected to attend all lectures and attain and maintain a high level of academic performance and attendance, as determined by the Awarding Panel.
11. Successful candidates may be required to work with a designated tutor and the Development and Alumni Relations Office of the University to promote the Fund and assist with reporting back to the donor on the impact the Fund has had on their studies.
12. Award holders will be required to maintain regular contact with a nominated tutor to ensure they are progressing to the best of their ability.
13. Payments will **not** be made during years abroad, in industry, sandwich years, or industrial years.
14. Failure to meet any of the above requirements will result in the Bursary being withdrawn.