

## Turing Scheme Widening Participation Definitions

The UK government has defined the key characteristics of disadvantage for students to be eligible for widening participation funding through the Turing Scheme to be:

- **Students with an annual household income of £25,000 or less.**
- **Students receiving Universal Credit or income-related benefits** because they are financially supporting themselves or financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them, such as a child or partner.
- **Care leavers and students who are care-experienced.** This refers to anyone who has been or is currently in care or from a looked after background at any stage of their life, no matter how short, including adopted children who were previously looked after or those who access the Care Experienced Bursary in Scotland.
- **Students who have caring responsibilities.** A carer is anyone who has a commitment to providing unpaid care to a family member or friend who could not cope without their support.
- **Estranged students.** Those who are irreconcilably estranged from their parent(s). To be considered irreconcilably estranged, the student won't have had any written or verbal contact with either parent – usually for 12 months or more - and this is unlikely to change.
- **Refugees and asylum seekers.**