

# The 2019 Junior Rank Pilot Scholarship Scheme.

## Aims, Eligibility, Terms & Conditions

1. **Aim.** The aim of the Junior Rank Pilot Scholarship Scheme (JRPSS) is to:
  - a. Provide a pinnacle of flying experience for selected Royal Air Force Regular & Reserve Junior Ranks (JRs).
  - b. Enhance air mindedness and understanding of the technologies and skills of aviation.
  - c. Encourage JRs to pursue the award of a Civilian Flying Licence.
2. **JRPSS.** 30 Scholarship places will be offered in 2019 and selectees will receive 15 hours flying training, up to and just beyond first solo flight in light aircraft, at a RAFFCA Flying School. The Flying Schools are located at RAF Stations throughout the UK. Applicants should note that if successful, they may be allocated a Flying School that is not necessarily at their home or nearby RAF Station.
3. **Eligibility.** To be eligible for the Scheme, an applicant must:
  - a. Hold the rank of Cpl or below on 31 Mar 19.
  - b. Be 25 years of age or under on 1 Apr 19. Exceptionally, applications may be accepted up to the age of 30.
  - c. Be a serving JR of the RAF Regular or Reserve Service.
  - d. Be recommended by their OC or Line Manager (WO or Commissioned Officer), confirming their suitability for the Scheme.
  - e. Have completed Phase 1 training and ideally Phase 2. Applicants who have not completed Phase 2 will be required to obtain written confirmation from their LM that they will be given sufficient time away from their training to complete the JRPSS.
  - f. Be able to complete an EASA Light Aircraft Pilot Licence Declaration of Medical Fitness to Fly<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup>Guidance will be provided by RAFFCA to successful applicants before they commence Flying Training regarding medical self declarations.

- g. Be available to complete their training during the period Apr to Aug 19. Training schedules can be agreed between the student and Flying School but all training must be complete by 30 Aug 19
- h. Successful applicants may be required to help showcase the JRPSS by running exhibition stands at the Royal International Air Tattoo at RAF Fairford during the period 19 to 21 Jul 19, the RAFFCA Showcase Day and Aerobatic Competition which will be held in May 19 (venue TBC). A shift-system will be formed such that scholars should only be required to attend for 1 day at each event. Accommodation (if needed) and travel expenses will fall to the individual.
- i. Be willing to promote the JRPSS across their respective station and provide short articles detailing their training that can be reproduced on the RAF CT's and RAFFCA Social Media streams.
- j. Successful applicants may be encouraged to fundraise on behalf of the RAF CT or RAFFCA. Any such fundraising schemes will be managed by RAFFCA. Individuals wishing to raise funds on their own merit for the Charity are to obtain approval to do so from the JRPSS ProjO prior to advertising their intent or undertaking fundraising activities. JRPSS Scholars may decline to fundraise if they so wish.

#### 4. **Training, Terms & Conditions**

- a. Students will follow the EASA Light Aircraft Pilot Licence (LAPL) training syllabus and their flying training can be logged and counted toward the issue of a LAPL.
- b. Prior to commencing their flying training, students will be required to undertake self study and achieve a basic knowledge of core subjects such as Principles of Flight, Meteorology and Air Law. A self-study training pack, comprising study books and Computer Based Training (CBT) discs will be provided to each student.
- c. Each student will be provided with JRPSS apparel which they will be expected to wear when attending their respective flying club. A flying suit will also be provided but is only to be worn when undertaking a flying lesson and at no times must it be worn with RAF uniform. All JRs are to ensure that their personal grooming, presentation and conduct is of the highest order at all times.
- d. Powered Flying is acknowledged by the RAF Sports Charity (RAFSC) as an Approved Sport only<sup>2</sup>. Therefore, students will be required to take individual leave or be stood down (i.e not required for duty) by their line management whilst undertaking any part of the

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<sup>2</sup> Powered Flying may be accredited as a Recognised Sport during 2019. If this occurs, successful applicants to the JRPSS will be briefed in regard to their status whilst participating in the Scheme.

JRPSS. Students will be required to sign as having acknowledged the fact that they will not be considered on duty whilst undertaking the JRPSS and also that they have adequate personal insurances<sup>3</sup> that includes light aircraft flying.

e. As the JRPSS is provided by non-public funds, students will be required to meet their own Travel & Subsistence (T&S) costs. It is likely that service accommodation and catering will be available at those stations chosen to provide the training. No costs can be claimed on JPA.

f. Each student will be provided with a Training Record in which their progression through the LAPL syllabus will be recorded along with a log book to record flying hours completed. They will also be encouraged to keep their own training diary and invited to draft articles for submission to publications such as the RAF News and Station magazines.

g. JRPSS students will be required to attend and assist at the RAFFCA Aerobatic Competition and Showcase Day.

h. The JRPSS will run from Apr to Aug 19, with all students expected to have completed the course by 30 Aug 19

i. The RAFFCA Executive will monitor the progress of each student and will retain the right to terminate the training of any student at any time.

j. The pre amble of the online application required applicants to confirm that they have read, understood and accept these terms and conditions and also the JRPSS and SurveyMonkey privacy statements & policy that are linked at the JRPSS website: [www.JRFLY.co.uk](http://www.JRFLY.co.uk)

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<sup>3</sup> Successful applicants will be required to confirm that they hold suitable personal life insurance cover that includes light aircraft flying and training; normally, this can be added to an existing policy. Any associated costs will fall to the individual.

5. **Timetable of events.**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Event</b>
1 Dec 18- 31 Jan 19	RAFFCA JRPSS advertised at all stations and applications invited.
1 to 14 Feb 19	RAFFCA Execs & RAFCT Trustees select 30 suitable candidates and 4 reserves.
Feb 19	Scholarship Winners Announced
Mar 19	Scholars complete their medicals and are issued their training packs and apparel.
Apr 19 onwards	Scholars attend their host RAFFCA Flying School and commence their training
Aug 19	All training complete by 30 Aug 19
Sep 19	Applications for the JRPSS Top Up Scheme (TUS) invited

