

# UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

## A2B Scholarships

### Terms & Conditions

#### 1. Definitions

In these terms and conditions the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

- 1.1 “A2B scheme” means the University’s Access to Birmingham scheme
- 1.2 “Academic Year” means the University’s year of academic study
- 1.3 “DABE” means the Development, Alumni and Business Engagement division at the University
- 1.4 “Donor” means the individual donor to the A2B scheme who is matched with the Scholar during the period of the Scholarship
- 1.5 “Leave of Absence” means the temporary withdrawal by a Student from the University (including for reason of pregnancy or on other medical or personal grounds) such withdrawal being approved by the Student’s School and administered by Taught Student Administration
- 1.6 “Programme” means the programme of study at the University for which the Student is registered
- 1.7 “Scholar” means a Student in receipt of a Scholarship
- 1.8 “Scholarship” means the A2B Scholarship
- 1.9 “SFO” means the Student Funding Office at the University
- 1.10 “Student” means a registered undergraduate student at the University who commences their studies in academic year 2014/15 or later and is domiciled in England and paying full tuition fees
- 1.11 “The University” means the University of Birmingham of Edgbaston Birmingham B15 2TT.

#### 2. Eligibility

- 2.1 A Scholarship shall be awarded to Students who fulfil the following criteria:
  - 2.1.1 they successfully complete all requirements of the A2B scheme and
  - 2.1.2 they obtain A level results at the standard entry level for the Programme for which they first register prior to entry to the University

- 2.1.3 the household income of the Student is verified within the threshold advertised to be eligible for the A2B scheme
  - 2.1.4 the Student is classified as home/UK for fees purposes.
- 2.2 Household income will be verified by the SFO via either Student Finance England or the NHS (as the case may be) as part of the Student's statutory student finance applications and these must be verified no later than 31 October in the Academic Year of entry to the University. Financial assessments will not be directly carried out or determined by the SFO
- 2.3 A Scholar may hold other awards, whether awarded by the University centrally or by the School in which they are studying, in addition to the A2B Scholarship, unless specifically excluded under the terms of such award or awards
- 2.4 The Scholarship shall be renewed annually for Scholars who progress to the next level of study each year at the first attempt. Scholars who fail to progress on academic grounds and are required to repeat a year will not receive the Scholarship for the repeated year.

### **3. Payment**

- 3.1 The value of the Scholarship shall be £1,200 annually (one thousand two hundred pounds sterling)
- 3.2 The Scholarship is intended to assist the Scholar in meeting living costs whilst studying at the University
- 3.3 Payment of the Award shall be made:
  - 3.3.1 at the end of January and May of the Academic Year and
  - 3.3.2 by BACS transfer to a bank account held by the Scholar in the United Kingdom; therefore the Scholarship may not be directly diverted towards payment of tuition fees, accommodation fees or other University costs.

### **4. Termination**

- 4.1 In any of the circumstances set out in this clause below the Scholarship shall be withdrawn and the University shall make no (or no further) payments:
  - 4.1.1 the Scholar permanently leaves the University due to illness (whether or not following a Leave of Absence)
  - 4.1.2 the Scholar leaves the University voluntarily for reason other than illness
  - 4.1.3 the Scholar is required to withdraw from the University pursuant to disciplinary or fitness to practise proceedings
  - 4.1.4 the Scholar otherwise fails to complete satisfactorily the requirements of the Programme
  - 4.1.5 the Scholar fails to meet their obligations as set out in clause 6 below.

- 4.2 The University reserves the right to demand the repayment of any instalment or instalments (or part thereof) of the Scholarship made to the Scholar during the Academic Year in the circumstances set out in 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 above.

## **5. Leave of Absence**

- 5.1 In the event that the Scholar takes or is required to take a Leave of Absence during the Academic Year any payments otherwise due to the Scholar pursuant to clause 3.3 above shall be suspended until such time as the Scholar has re-registered
- 5.2 Upon re-registering the Scholar will be paid the balance of any instalments due from the Academic Year when the Leave of Absence was taken
- 5.3 If the Scholar fails to return to the University after such Leave of Absence then the provisions of clause 4 above will apply
- 5.4 The Scholarship may normally be suspended on one occasion only and for a period covering no more than two Academic Years in whole or in part, after which the provisions of clause 4 above will apply.

## **6. Scholar's Obligations**

- 6.1 Each Scholar shall:
- 6.1.1 maintain contact with their Donor through DABE by way of an annual letter to their Donor within specified deadlines
  - 6.1.2 consent to their periodic academic progress reports and end of year results being made available to their Donor
  - 6.1.3 let their Donor know their final degree classification and career destination on leaving the University
  - 6.1.4 participate in and contribute to periodic donor events and publications upon reasonable request from DABE
  - 6.1.5 notify the SFO of any changes in personal details including specifically the bank details required for paying the Scholarship.

## **7. Miscellaneous**

- 7.1 Subject to clause 7.2 below, Scholars wishing to make any changes to their Programme including type or length of Programme must notify the SFO in writing by no later than 30<sup>th</sup> June in the Academic Year preceding the proposed change
- 7.2 Funding under the A2B scheme following Programme changes will not normally be available, however, additional funding may exceptionally be granted for Programme changes subject to general eligibility under clause 2 and fulfilment of clause 7.1 above and subject to consultation with and written agreement from the SFO and the Donor

- 7.3 Any dispute or complaint arising in connection with the Scholarship should be addressed in writing in the first instance to the Student Funding Manager.