

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

HOME (UK) UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS SCHEME

Terms & Conditions

1. Definitions

- 1.1 “The Academic Year” means the University’s year of academic study
- 1.2 “Award” means the award of a Grant or Grant and Scholarship (as the case may be) by the University to the Student pursuant to the Scheme
- 1.3 “Grant” means a means-assessed grant to the Student in respect of the Student’s undergraduate study at the University (otherwise known as the Birmingham Grant)
- 1.4 “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, administered by Academic and Student Administration and resulting in the Student ceasing to be registered with the University
- 1.5 “Scheme” means the University’s Home (UK) Undergraduate Awards Scheme
- 1.6 “Scholarship” means a scholarship payable at the absolute discretion of the University and based on academic performance and other criteria but subject always to the Student also receiving the Grant
- 1.7 “SLC” means the Student Loans Company
- 1.8 “Student” means a registered undergraduate student at the University who is domiciled in the United Kingdom and paying full tuition fees
- 1.9 “The University” means the University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT.

2. Award

Whenever the University agrees to make an Award to a Student the terms and conditions set out herein shall apply unless otherwise expressly excluded in whole or in part.

3. Grant

- 3.1 The Student’s eligibility to receive the Grant is determined on the basis of information supplied by the Student to the Student’s Local Authority. The award of the Grant shall not be prejudiced in the event that the Student’s circumstances

change during the Academic Year even if those circumstances would have rendered the Student ineligible for the Grant had they prevailed at the date of application.

- 3.2 Subject to the conditions set out below, a Student in receipt of a Grant shall also be eligible to receive a Grant for each of the subsequent academic years of the Student's registration as an undergraduate at the University.

4. Payment

- 4.1 Payment of the Award shall normally be made:

- 4.1.1 in the January and May of the Academic Year and
- 4.1.2 by BACS transfer to a bank account held by the Student in the United Kingdom.

- 4.2 Payment of the Award is administered by the SLC and the University shall not be liable to the Student whatsoever for any delay or error in relation to the payment of the Award or the non-payment of the same.

- 4.3 The University reserves the right to withhold payment of all or part of the Award in the event the Student has failed to pay the tuition fees for the Academic Year (or failed to make arrangements for such payment acceptable to the University).

5. Termination

- 5.1 In any of the circumstances set out in this clause below the Award shall be withdrawn and the University shall make no (or no further) payments of the Award:

- 5.1.1 the Student permanently leaves the University due to illness (whether or not following a leave of absence)
- 5.1.2 the Student leaves the University voluntarily for reasons other than illness
- 5.1.3 the Student is required to withdraw from the University pursuant to disciplinary or fitness to practise proceedings.
- 5.1.4 the Student otherwise fails to complete satisfactorily the requirements of the programme of study.

- 5.2 The University reserves the right to demand the repayment of any instalment or instalments (or part thereof) of the Award made to the Student during the Academic Year in the circumstances set out in 5.1.2 and 5.1.3 above.

6. Leave of Absence

- 6.1 In the event that the Student takes, or is required to take, Leave of Absence during the Academic Year any payments otherwise due to the Student pursuant to clause 4.1 above shall be suspended until such time as the Student has re-registered.
- 6.2 Upon re-registering the Student will be paid the balance of any instalments due from the Academic Year when the Leave of Absence was taken.
- 6.3 If the Student fails to return to the University after such Leave of Absence then the provisions of clause 5 above will apply.

7 Miscellaneous

- 7.1 The Award will remain valid notwithstanding the Student transferring to another course or programme of study at the University provided that any instalments already made will count towards the Award.
- 7.2 A Student in receipt of an Award who is required to repeat the Academic Year will not be eligible to receive a further Award in respect of the repeated year.
- 7.3 The eligibility of the Student for a Scholarship shall (unless otherwise agreed in writing) continue for the full duration of the Student's registration as a Student at the University and subject to the Student's normal academic progression, these terms shall result in the payment of the Scholarship to the Student in each Academic Year of his or her registration.
- 7.4 For the avoidance of doubt the payment of a Scholarship shall only be made to Students who are also in receipt of a Grant.
- 7.5 Subject to clause 4.2 above any dispute or complaint arising in connection with the Scheme should in the first instance be addressed in writing to the Director of Admissions.