

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM
NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME
HOME UNDERGRADUATE AWARD SCHEME

Terms & Conditions

1. Definitions

- 1.1 “Academic Year” means the University’s year of academic study.
- 1.2 “Award” means the award of a National Scholarship by the University to the Student pursuant to the Scheme.
- 1.3 “Bursary” means the non-repayable cash element of the Award.
- 1.4 “Evidence” means documentation proving legitimate entitlement to state welfare benefits associated with free school meals or proof of care leaver status.
- 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, administered by Registry and resulting in the Student ceasing to be registered with the University.
- 1.6 “Scheme” means the National Scholarship Programme Award Scheme applied at the absolute discretion of the University subject to government review from time to time.
- 1.7 “SLC” means the Student Loans Company
- 1.8 “SLC agency” refers to Student Finance England and the SLC’s European Team
- 1.9 “Student” means a registered undergraduate student at the University who commences their studies in academic year 2012-13 and pays full tuition fees and is either domiciled in England or is a non-UK EU national.
- 1.10 “University Accommodation” means residential accommodation owned by the University.
- 1.11 “The University” means the University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT.

2. Award

2.1 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. Eligibility

3.1 The Student's eligibility to receive an Award is determined on the basis of:

3.1.1 Evidence (which must be provided before the start of the Academic Year) supplied by the Student or parent/guardian that they live with directly to the University, or

3.1.2 their household income having been assessed and verified by SLC as being below the qualifying threshold as determined from time to time.

3.2 Unless the Student is a care leaver his or her eligibility will be reassessed annually.

3.3 For the avoidance of doubt Students who are progressing from a foundation Degree; who are transferring from another higher education institution or are funded by the Teaching Agency (TA) or NHS are not eligible for the Award.

3.4 The Award 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 Scholarship had they prevailed at the date of application.

4. Payment

4.1 Payment of the Award shall normally be made at the Student's option in one of the following ways:

4.1.1: by way of a £4,750 payment towards University Accommodation fees

4.1.2: by way of a £3,000 reduction to tuition fees or University Accommodation fees

4.1.3: by way of a combination of a reduction to tuition fees and payment of the maximum allowable Bursary under the Scheme. (This option is only available to those not living in University Accommodation).

4.2 Where applicable, payment of the Bursary 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 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 or University Accommodation charges for the Academic Year (or failed to make arrangements for such payment acceptable to the University).

4.4 For the avoidance of doubt, Students who choose to receive the Award by way of a reduction in University Accommodation fees pursuant to clause 4.1.1 above, remain bound by the University's Housing and Accommodation Services terms and conditions with the exception of the requirement in clause B of those terms to pay £550 to secure their accommodation.

4.5 The Student is liable for any further payments due towards payment of University Accommodation fees after any fee reduction has been made. These additional payments can be made in full via Online Credit and Debit Card/Paypal, Cheque, Draft or Direct Bank Transfer. These can also be paid in instalments by monthly or termly direct debits.

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 or provide a cash alternative:

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 a Leave of Absence than 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 the Award who is required to repeat the Academic Year will not be eligible to receive a further Award in respect of the repeated year unless there are exceptional extenuating circumstances approved by the University.
- 7.3 A Student classed as non-UK EU national will only receive the Award by way of a reduction to tuition fees.
- 7.4 A Student in receipt of the Award shall not be entitled to receive a Chamberlain Award but may be eligible to receive any other scholarships or bursaries offered from time to time by the University.
- 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 Student Services.