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Scholarship application procedure

The following application guidance and advice is intended for applicants who wish to apply for one of the below listed scholarships:

- **International Postgraduate Scholarships (/International/students/finance/scholarships/intlscholarships.aspx)**
- **USA Postgraduate Scholarships (/International/students/finance/scholarships/usascholarships.aspx)**
- **Santander and University of Birmingham Scholarship (/International/students/finance/scholarships/santander.aspx)**

For any other international scholarships, please refer to individual pages for detailed application procedures.

Application process

A link to the online application form is sent automatically via email to students who receive an offer of admission to an eligible degree programme for the 2014/15 academic year.

If you have not received the application link, please **submit an online enquiry (http://www.studenthelp.bham.ac.uk)** for the attention of the Student Funding Office, including your full name, University ID number and a brief description . **You must submit this request before the deadline of 28 February 2014**. Any requests for the application link after the deadline may be declined.

The application is a web-based form which is submitted electronically to the University of Birmingham. If you experience any technical difficulties completing the form, please contact the Student Funding Office for advice:

- **Log an enquiry (http://www.studenthelp.bham.ac.uk)**
- Tel: +44 (0)121 414 7391

Applications will be shortlisted and considered in April.

Due the large number of applications normally received, we are unable to contact all applicants individually, therefore, **only successful applicants will be notified in writing by the end of May**. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide individual feedback for unsuccessful applications.

If you have not heard from the University by the end of May, please assume that your application for a scholarship was unsuccessful.

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Who is eligible to apply?

All scholarship applicants must:

- hold an **offer of admission** to an eligible one year Masters (taught or research) degree programme at the University of Birmingham;
- be studying **full-time** and **on-campus** (not distance learning) ;
- be classified as **overseas for fees**, i.e you are expecting to pay the international rate of tuition fees;
- meet any **nationality requirements**, i.e some scholarships may require you to be a national of a particular country and/or living in a particular country or continent at the time of application;
- **not** be in receipt of a full fee paying scholarship from **any other source**;
- have **sufficient funds** to cover the full **cost of living (/undergraduate/support/moneyadvice/living.aspx)** for a year at the University of Birmingham, plus any visa/travel expenses associated with studying in the UK.
- be able to pay any **outstanding tuition fees** that the scholarship does not cover.

What kind of information needs to be submitted?

The University considers applicants based on the information provided in the online application form. We also refer to undergraduate transcripts, undergraduate graduation certificates (if applicable) and any references submitted to the University as part of the admissions application. There is no need for applicants to submit any additional supporting documentation.

The online application form includes general questions about the applicant's academic background and includes short essay-style questions (250 word limit) about academic and extra-curricular achievement.

Due to the nature of the online application form, **you will not be able to save and return to your form**, therefore, we recommend saving your answers to the essay-style questions in a separate Word document available to download here:

- **International Scholarship Essay Questions (Word - 32 KB) (/Documents/international/Essay-Questions.doc)**

Who are we looking for?

Last year we received around 1,000 applications; with only a relatively small number of scholarships available, those applicants who were ultimately awarded had a number of qualities which made them stand out.

Many of our previous scholars achieved first class undergraduate degrees, studied at top universities in their country, came top of their class or year group or had won prestigious academic awards.

In addition, applicants who were successful offered an outstanding record of achievement in other areas of their life; perhaps exceptional achievement in extra-curricular activities (such as in sport or music, managing events or societies), significant achievement gained in their working life or through volunteering and service to others.

What does the scholarship cover?

The Scholarships are tuition fee awards ranging from £5,000 up to the full cost of tuition for a Masters degree programme. Applicants must be able to cover the additional costs associated with studying at the University of Birmingham, including **living costs (/undergraduate/support/moneyadvice/living.aspx)** , travel to the UK and potentially

any outstanding tuition fees (if the award is only a partial tuition fee scholarship).

What is the deadline for applications?

The deadline for receipt of applications for 2014 entry is **Friday 28 February 2014**.

Applications will not be accepted if they are submitted to the University after this date.

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