

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Distinguished Alumni Scholarship Scheme

Terms & Conditions

1. Definitions

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

- 1.1 “Academic Year” means the University’s year of academic study
- 1.2 “FGA” refers to Funding, Graduation & Awards at the University
- 1.3 “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
- 1.4 “Programme” means the Student’s programme of study at the University being a full- or part-time Masters-level programme of a maximum duration of two (2) years. For the avoidance of doubt, Programme includes MRes courses comprising taught modules and categorised by the University as a taught programme but excludes other postgraduate taught courses (including postgraduate Diplomas and Certificates)
- 1.5 “Scholar” means a Student in receipt of a Scholarship
- 1.6 “Scholarship” means a scholarship awarded under the Distinguished Alumni Scholarship Scheme
- 1.7 “Student” means a registered postgraduate student at the University who commences their studies in academic year 2017/18
- 1.8 “University” means the University of Birmingham of Edgbaston Birmingham B15 2TT

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 Students who have applied for an eligible Programme – see 1.4 above – and who fulfil the following criteria will be eligible for consideration for a Scholarship:
 - 2.1.1 they are an alumnus of the University. This includes current final-year students and any student who has completed an undergraduate degree, postgraduate degree, or exchange programme of at least one semester (60 credits), at the University of Birmingham. Students who attended Birmingham for at least 60 credits of a degree that was subsequently transferred to, and completed at, another institution are also eligible
 - 2.1.2 they are not already registered on a postgraduate programme

- 2.1.3 they are in possession of a First- or Upper Second-class degree by the start of the academic year 2017/18

3. Selection

- 3.1 Subject to satisfying the requirements of 2.1 above, the University shall select Students to receive a Scholarship based on:
 - 3.1.1 weighted mean marks from their previous study at the University
 - 3.1.2 ranking within their University cohort
 - 3.1.3 professional qualifications and achievements
 - 3.1.4 strength of their personal statement
 - 3.1.5 under-represented student criteria

4. Payment

- 4.1 The value of the Scholarship shall be £2,000 (two thousand pounds sterling)
- 4.2 The Scholarship is intended to support the Scholar to access postgraduate education
- 4.3 Payment of the award shall be made:
 - 4.3.1 as a credit against the Scholar's tuition fees

5. Termination

- 5.1 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:
 - 5.1.1 the Scholar permanently leaves the University due to illness (whether or not following a Leave of Absence)
 - 5.1.2 the Scholar leaves the University voluntarily for reason other than illness
 - 5.1.3 the Scholar is required to withdraw from the University pursuant to disciplinary or fitness to practise proceedings
 - 5.1.4 the Scholar otherwise fails to complete satisfactorily the requirements of the Programme
 - 5.1.5 the Scholar fails to meet their obligations as set out in clause 6 below
- 5.2 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 5.1.2 and 5.1.3 above

6. Leave of Absence

- 6.1 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 4.3.2 above shall be suspended until such time as the Scholar has re-registered
- 6.2 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
- 6.3 If the Scholar fails to return to the University after such Leave of Absence then the provisions of clause 5 above will apply

7. Miscellaneous

- 7.1 A Scholar must be self-funding their studies, i.e. are not in receipt of a full scholarship from another source or sponsored.
- 7.2 Any dispute or complaint arising in connection with the Scholarship should be addressed in writing in the first instance to the FGA Manager