

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LAW MASTERS SCHOLARSHIPS – Frequently Asked Questions

Please find answers to our frequently asked questions below.

Q: As a Distance Learning applicant, am I eligible to apply for the College Masters Scholarships?

The College of Arts and Law Masters Scholarships are for campus based students only and you would not therefore be eligible. If you are applying for a DL MA by Research you would be considered for the CAL DL scholarship.

Q: As a part-time applicant am I able to apply for the College Masters Scholarship?

If you are applying for part-time study to start your programme from the beginning of the academic session 2019-20 you would be able to apply for the College Masters scholarships.

These scholarships are awarded at the start of a programme only and therefore as a current first year part-time student you would not be able to apply for the second year of your study.

Q: Can I apply for a College Masters Scholarship if I have not yet received an offer for a place to study at University of Birmingham?

Yes, you can apply in advance of receiving an offer on your application for a place to study. However, by Friday, 22nd March 2019 you must have submitted an application to study to University of Birmingham.

Q: What do I need to include in my personal statement? (MA applicants) and what length should this statement be?

Your personal statement should set out the reasons for your choice of Masters programme and what plans you have for a dissertation (if applicable). You should set this choice in a context in which you summarize your undergraduate degree programme, reporting on any notable achievements, and detail what you plan to do once the Masters degree has been obtained. Any relevant professional experience should also be mentioned.

Your statement should be no more than 500 words.

Q: Two references are needed for the College Masters Scholarship funding application and the University of Birmingham programme of study application. Can I use the same references?

In order for your funding application to be considered we will need to receive two funding references on the online College of Arts and Law Masters funding reference form by 4 p.m. on Friday, 22nd March 2019. No other format of reference will be considered for funding. These funding references can also be used for Admissions purposes but not the other way round.

Q: What happens if my referees do not submit their reference on the correct form or if references are not received by the deadline of 4 p.m. on 22nd March 2019?

It is your responsibility to contact your referees with the link to the online College of Arts and Law Funding reference form and explain to them the importance of this reference being completed on this online form only and submitted by the deadline. We would recommend that you are in touch with your referee ahead of the deadline to ensure that references have been completed.

There is no leeway with references, they must be received by the deadline. If references are received late they will not be considered. If references are received but are not on the correct online funding reference form they will not be considered. In any of these circumstances your application will be deemed incomplete and will be withdrawn from the competition.

Q: If I am a current undergraduate student do I need to submit funding references for my funding application?

Yes, you are still required to obtain two references. Both of your referees must complete the online College of Arts and Law Funding reference form and submit by 4 p.m. on Friday, 22nd March 2019. It is important that the references are up to date and comment on your most recent achievements since you started your programme.

Q: If I go over the character count in my funding application what will happen to my application?

It is important that you adhere to the character count. If you go over the character count your application will be withdrawn from the competition.

Q: When will I hear if my College of Arts and Law Masters Scholarship funding application has been successful?

You should expect to hear the outcome by mid to end of May 2019.