

**UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM**  
**A2B Scholarship & Bursary**

**Terms & Conditions 2017/18**

**1. Definitions**

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

- 1.1 “A2B scheme” means the University’s Access to Birmingham scheme
- 1.2 “Academic Year” means the University’s year of academic study
- 1.3 “Bursary” means the A2B Bursary
- 1.4 “DARO” means the Development & Alumni Relations Office at the University
- 1.5 “Donor” means a donor who contributes to the financing of the A2B scholarship & bursary
- 1.6 “FGA” means the Funding, Graduation & Awards team at the University
- 1.7 “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
- 1.8 “Programme” means the programme of study at the University for which the Student is registered
- 1.9 “Scholar” means a Student in receipt of a Scholarship or Bursary
- 1.10 “Scholarship” means the A2B Scholarship
- 1.11 “Student” means a registered undergraduate student at the University who commences their studies in Academic Year 2017/18 or later, is domiciled in England and charged the full home/UK rate for tuition fees
- 1.12 “The University” means the University of Birmingham of Edgbaston Birmingham B15 2TT.

**2. Eligibility**

- 2.1 A Scholarship shall be awarded to Students who fulfil the following criteria:
  - 2.1.1 they successfully complete all requirements of the A2B scheme, including a score of at least 75% in the online test

- 2.1.2 they obtain A level results at the standard entry level for the Programme which can include equivalent results such as, by way of example only, achieving A\*AB for a course where standard entry grades are AAA or D\*DM where the standard BTEC entry grades are DDD. For the avoidance of doubt, unconditional offers or offers including the extended project qualification (EPQ) do not count towards standard entry grades
  - 2.1.3 the household income of the Student is verified in accordance with clause 2.2 below within the threshold advertised to be eligible for the A2B scheme
  - 2.1.4 the Student is classified by both Student Finance England and the University as home/UK for fees purposes.
- 2.2 Household income will be verified via either Student Finance England or the NHS (as the case may be) as part of the statutory student finance application and this must be verified by no later than 31 December in the Academic Year of entry to the University. Financial assessments will not be directly carried out or determined by the University.
- 2.3 A Bursary will be awarded to all first year undergraduates entering in 2017/18 who successfully complete the A2B module and meet the grade requirements of the A2B offer. The Bursary will be awarded in the first year of study only and will be awarded in addition to the Scholarship if the student has met the conditions for the Scholarship.
- 2.4 A Scholar may hold other awards, whether awarded by the University centrally or by the School in which they are studying, in addition to the A2B Scholarship and/or Bursary, unless specifically excluded under the terms of such award or awards.
- 2.5 The Scholarship shall be renewed annually for Scholars who progress to the next level of study each year at the first attempt. Scholars who fail to progress on academic grounds and are required to repeat a year will not receive the Scholarship for the repeated year.

### **3. Payment**

- 3.1 The value of the Bursary shall be £1,000 and shall be awarded for the first year of undergraduate study only.
- 3.2 The value of the Scholarship shall be one thousand five hundred pounds (£1,500) annually for Students who commence their studies in 2017/18 or later.
- 3.3 The Scholarship is intended to assist the Scholar in meeting course related costs whilst studying at the University.
- 3.4 Payment of the Scholarship and/or Bursary shall be made:
  - 3.4.1 at the end of January and May of the Academic Year and
  - 3.4.2 by BACS transfer to a bank account held by the Scholar in the United Kingdom.

- 3.5 For the avoidance of doubt neither the Scholarship nor the Bursary may be directly diverted towards payment of tuition fees or accommodation fees.

#### **4. Termination**

- 4.1 In any of the circumstances set out in this clause below the Scholarship and/or Bursary shall be withdrawn and the University shall make no (or no further) payments:
- 4.1.1 the Scholar permanently leaves the University due to illness (whether or not following a Leave of Absence)
  - 4.1.2 the Scholar leaves the University voluntarily for reasons other than illness
  - 4.1.3 the Scholar is required to withdraw from the University pursuant to disciplinary or fitness to practise proceedings
  - 4.1.4 the Scholar otherwise fails to complete satisfactorily the requirements of the Programme
  - 4.1.5 the Scholar fails to meet their obligations as set out in clause 6 below.
- 4.2 The University reserves the right to demand the repayment of any instalment or instalments (or part thereof) of the Scholarship and/or Bursary made to the Scholar during the Academic Year in the circumstances set out in 4.1.3 above.

#### **5. Leave of Absence**

- 5.1 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 3.4 above shall be suspended until such time as the Scholar has re-registered.
- 5.2 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
- 5.3 If the Scholar fails to return to the University after such Leave of Absence then the provisions of clause 4 above will apply
- 5.4 The Scholarship may normally be suspended on one occasion only and for a period covering no more than two Academic Years in whole or in part, after which the provisions of clause 4 above will apply.

#### **6. Scholar's Obligations**

- 6.1 Each Scholar shall:
- 6.1.1 consent to their periodic academic progress reports and end of year results being made available to such Donor or Donors as the University shall determine from time to time

6.1.2 notify FGA of any changes in personal details including specifically the bank details required for paying the Scholarship and/or the Bursary.

## **7. Miscellaneous**

- 7.1 Scholars wishing to change their Programme of study must notify FGA in writing by no later than 30<sup>th</sup> June in the Academic Year preceding the proposed change.
- 7.2 However funding under the A2B scheme following a change of Programme will only be available if the appropriate entry offer has been met and for the same period as the original Programme. By way of example only, if a Student changes from a 3 year Programme to a 4 year Programmes, the funding will only be available for 3 years.
- 7.3 Any dispute or complaint arising in connection with the Scholarship or Bursary should be addressed in writing in the first instance to the FGA Manager.