

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Pathways Scholarship

Terms & Conditions 2021/22

1. Definitions

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

- 1.1 "Pathways" means the University's Pathways to Birmingham programme
- 1.2 "Academic Year" means the University's year of academic study
- 1.3 "Donor" means a donor who contributes to the financing of the Pathways Scholarship
- 1.4 "FGA" means the Funding, Graduation & Awards team at the University
- 1.5 "Leave of Absence" means a recognised and authorised break from studies approved in accordance with the University's Code of Practice on Leave of Absence Procedures
- 1.6 "Programme" means the programme of study at the University for which the Student is registered
- 1.7 "Scholar" means a Student in receipt of a Scholarship
- 1.8 "Scholarship" means the Pathways Scholarship
- 1.9 "Student" means a registered undergraduate student at the University who commenced their studies in Academic Year 2021/22, is domiciled in England and charged the full UK rate for tuition fees
- 1.10 "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 Pathways scheme, including a score of at least 75% in the Skills4Uni module
 - 2.1.2 they obtain exam results at the standard entry level for the Programme, which can include equivalent results as determined by the University 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

- 2.1.4 the Student is classified by the University as UK for fees purposes
- 2.1.5 the Student and their programme of study are deemed eligible for maintenance support by the Student Loans Company.
- 2.2 Whenever the University agrees to award a Scholarship to a Student, these terms and conditions shall apply unless otherwise expressly excluded in whole or in part.
- 2.3 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 Scholarship, unless specifically excluded under the terms of such award or awards.
- 2.4 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 Scholarship shall be one thousand five hundred pounds (£1,500) annually.
- 3.2 The Scholarship is intended to assist the Scholar in meeting course related costs while studying at the University.
- 3.3 Payment of the Scholarship shall be made by two equal instalments:
 - 3.3.1 at the end of January and May of the Academic Year and
 - 3.3.2 by BACS transfer to a bank account held by the Scholar in the United Kingdom.
- 3.4 For the avoidance of doubt, the Scholarship is not permitted to be diverted directly 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 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 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 3.3 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 notify FGA of any changes in personal details including specifically the bank details required for paying the Scholarship.

7. Miscellaneous

- 7.1 Scholars wishing to change or extend their Programme or period of study must notify FGA in writing by no later than 30 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 Programme, the funding will only be available for a total of 3 years.
- 7.3 The Scholarship may be extended beyond the original period of registration if there are exceptional circumstances approved at the absolute discretion of the University. Exceptional circumstances could include, but are not limited to, a registered disability, long-term medical condition, bereavement or maternity. The University makes no guarantees that such extensions will be granted.

- 7.4 Any dispute or complaint arising in connection with the Scholarship should be addressed in writing in the first instance to the Head of FGA.