



UNIVERSITY OF  
BIRMINGHAM

# Diversity in Tech Scholarships

Application guidance notes

## **About the Diversity in Tech Scholarship**

The Diversity in Tech Scholarship will support up to 200 learners annually into digital careers through scholarships for Coding and Data Analytics short course programmes (Boot Camps). The awards will be allocated on the basis of merit – simply meeting the criteria will not guarantee that an application is successful. Recipients will get £4,000 discount of their studies and will be provided with mentoring and careers support.

## **Applicable Cohort Dates**

We will support up to 200 Diversity in Tech learners between November 2021 and October 2022. Applicants are considered on a rolling basis until the £800,000 in scholarship funds are distributed.

## **Eligibility criteria:**

The Diversity in Tech Scholarship will be available to groups who are underrepresented in the tech industry. The funding will provide support for:

- Unemployed learners moving into digital employment
- Those in employment looking to re-train (working in low paid, insecure employment to retrain to move into digital employment)
- Low-waged residents to enable them to enter new digital occupations and careers (household income is below the national average - below £42,875)
- Enhancing BAME presence in boot camp cohorts and supporting Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic students to enter or progress within employment in the digital sector.

The Diversity in Tech Scholarship will only be available to students who are:

- A resident from the West Midlands - learners resident in the West Midlands are eligible, provided that they meet the other eligibility criteria
- Self funded - You must be self-funding your tuition fees or applying for a study loan to pay your fees and living expenses
- Applying to a University of Birmingham Data Analytics or Coding Boot Camp Programme - Learners must intend to be enrolled as a part-time student in a University of Birmingham Data Analytics or Coding Boot Camp Programme in the 2021-2021 academic year.

## **Application process**

To be considered for the award, applicants must, by the admissions deadline, have:

- Made an application to their intended University of Birmingham Boot Camp programme.

AND

- Completed the Diversity in Tech Scholarship form (<https://uobasops.formstack.com/forms/diversityintech>).

Applicants should enter the application ID number that they were given during the application to the Boot Camp programme.

## **Judging criteria:**

The awards will be allocated on the basis of merit – simply meeting the eligibility criteria will not guarantee that an application is successful. Applicants are considered on a rolling basis until the £800,000 in funds are distributed.

Selection will be determined by a University Boot Camp scholarship panel based on the following criteria:

### Aptitude and skills

Women in Tech Scholarships are primarily awarded on the basis of performance in the applicants' Boot Camp aptitude test. Learners will be ranked by the Boot Camp Scholarship Panel based on performance in our on-line aptitude test.

### Notable Achievements

Personal and Professional achievements will be taken into account.

### Student motivation / strength of the personal statement

The personal statement and interview with a course advisor are your chance to make the application stand out. It should, amongst other things: outline the student's interest in the subject, demonstrate that their background has sufficiently prepared them for the boot camp, mention any relevant experience and outline how the course will fit into their future plans.