

## Student Success Scholarship

The University is investing £3million in the Student Success Scholarship in 2019/20. The scholarship offers priority access to enhanced support packages to all applicants as well as a limited number of financial awards designed to address students' needs.

The Student Success Scholarship is open to Full & Part Time UK domiciled students who are recognised as having Home Fee status by Student Finance England/Wales/NI, who meet the eligibility criteria.

To determine if you are eligible for a financial award the University will look at your Household Income ([RHI](#)) and will then assess the number of other priority groups a student falls within. Your household income is determined by Student Finance England/Wales/NI and is calculated by looking at the total income of your household minus certain allowances for things such as other financially dependent children that may rely on you or your parents/guardians/sponsors.

### Our priority groups are

- students on a [high intensity or high cost course, or a course with a high cost placement](#)
- students with caring responsibilities
- students who are estranged from their family (under 25)
- student parents (with more than one child)
- disabled students
- transgender students
- refugee students
- care leavers
- final year students paying the tuition fee of £9250

### Determining Eligibility

Please use this table to determine if you might be eligible to apply for a Financial Award

| Residual Household Income | Number of priority groups the Student falls within | Eligibility? |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| £0-£42,875                | 0-9                                                | Yes          |
| £42,876-£62,143           | 1-9                                                | Yes          |
| £42,876-£62,143           | 0                                                  | No           |
| Greater than £62,143      | N/A                                                | No           |

**Please Note:** In order to be assessed for the Scholarship students and their families must share their Household Income with Student Finance England/Wales/NI. This is known as a [means tested assessment](#).

In addition to having a means tested assessment ALL parties (students, parents, guardians and any other sponsors) MUST have consented to share their income information with the University as part of the application process.

These arrangements must be in place on or before the application deadline for the scholarship in order for applications to be considered.

## Further Eligibility

In order to be able to apply for or receive an award you must also meet the following eligibility criteria:

- an undergraduate student who started at the University in 2017/18 or afterwards
- a full time student, or a part-time student studying at a minimum of 25% intensity of the equivalent full-time course
- liable to pay the university's 2019-20 tuition fee of £9,250 (or in receipt of a tuition fee loan to cover this amount). For PT students this amount will have been reduced in line with your studies.

## Non Eligibility

Students in the following categories would NOT be eligible for the scholarship:

- students who are receiving for the Hallam Financial Bursary
- students who are receiving a separate PGCE / Initial Teacher Training Bursary
- postgraduate students
- part-time students who are studying at less than 25% intensity of the equivalent full-time course
- students whose fees are paid in whole or part through sponsorship (for example by their employer)
- students with Overseas Fee Status
- students who are classified as Student Finance England/Wales/NI as being ordinarily resident in the EU
- students who have withdrawn from their course and students who are excluded from their course

## Levels of award

Financial awards will typically range from £200-£2,000. Most students will receive a smaller award based on the number of priority groups they are in and only students who are in several priority groups will be considered for the largest award of £2,000.

Part time students will receive a proportion of the full time student award based on their course intensity.

Please note: although eligible students can apply every year payments will be awarded on the basis of need evidenced at each separate application cycle and must be assessed each year against the total cohort of applications. Students who received a financial award in a previous year are not guaranteed to receive the same, or any, payment in 2019/20, even if their circumstances are the same.

## Additional payments for students in NBE & Engineering

Thanks to generous donations from AESSEAL and EUROPA a limited number of students studying in the Department of Natural & Built Environment (NBE) and the Department of Engineering may be eligible to receive a small topup to their Student Success Scholarship. Eligible students will be contacted directly and will be asked to submit a personal statement if they would like to apply for these extra funds. Applications can only be accepted during the first cohort (September to November).

Applying for an additional payment does not affect entitlement to the main Student Success Scholarship. Payments are made on top of the Student Success Scholarship meaning that a student may receive more than the maximum of £2,000.

## How to apply

- All applications must be submitted online by logging into My Student Record and clicking on the 'Scholarships' link
- Applicants must have enrolled on their course of study prior to submitting an application to the Scholarship
- Applications will be assessed according to the data held and the evidence supplied by the deadline date

## Deadlines and payment dates

| Course start date    | Applications open | Applications close | Payment date (no later than end of) |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| September 2019       | 23 September 2019 | 22 November 2019   | 24 December 2019                    |
| September 2019       | 6 January 2020    | 6 March 2020       | 31 March 2020                       |
| Sep 2019 or Mar 2020 | 16 March 2020     | 29 May 2020        | 30 June 2020                        |

Awards will be in the form of a bursary which will be paid into your nominated UK bank account in one instalment. We cannot make payments to overseas accounts or building society/savings accounts. Where a student does not provide their bank details by the nominated deadlines payment will be delayed and the above payment dates will not apply. All applicants will be advised whether they have qualified for an award via their SHU email address.

Unfortunately due to the high number of applications for the scholarship we are unable to give individual feedback on the reasons for an unsuccessful application.

## Table of criteria and evidence requirements

Detailed guidance on evidence required will be available to students on the application portal.

As a summary the following table outlines the priority groups and how we will evidence your inclusion in a priority group. The examples of how personal circumstances can be evidenced are illustrative and should not be read as exhaustive. In exceptional circumstances the University reserves the right to withhold payment of an award to an individual where there is a clear evidence trail that they would not gain a material benefit from receiving it.

| Criteria/Priority Group                                                  | Evidence Required                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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|                                                                          | Full time students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Part time students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Income<br>Residual Household Income (RHI) information for all households | <p>If you are a student who is funded by The Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS), then the same evidence requirements apply as those for part time students.</p> <p>Evidence is not required for students funded by Student Finance England/Wales/NI</p> | <p>Evidence of Residual Household Income, e.g. Earnings (P60, P45 or wage slips) or evidence of benefits (working tax credits, Job Seekers Allowance, Housing Benefit, Income Support, Universal Credit or Incapacity Benefits/ESA) for the previous tax year</p> |

| Criteria/Priority Group                                                                                                                                                    | Evidence Required                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>Course Type</b>                                                                                                                                                         | All Students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| High intensity, high cost course, or course with high cost placement                                                                                                       | No evidence is required. The University checks this information internally.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Criteria/Priority Group</b>                                                                                                                                             | <b>Evidence Required</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Personal Circumstances</b>                                                                                                                                              | All Students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Student with caring responsibilities - someone providing unpaid support to a friend or family member due to an illness, disability, mental health or addiction problem     | Letter confirming caring status from a relevant organisation or third party e.g. a carers organisation, social services, teacher or college tutor, support worker, doctor, healthcare professional or other relevant support organisation or network                                                                                                                                             |
| Care leaver - someone who has been in care for 3+ months in the school years including and after year 10 and aged 25 or under at the time of enrolment with the university | <p>a) If you have already had your eligibility for the SHUProgress or the Care Leavers Bursary confirmed then evidence is not required - the University checks this information internally</p> <p>b) If you were not part of the SHUProgress and have not previously received the Care Leavers Bursary then we require a letter confirming your care leaver status from your local authority</p> |
| Estranged student - someone who is irreconcilably estranged from their family and aged 25 or under at the time of enrolment                                                | Letter from Student Finance England/Wales/NI confirming independent status on the grounds of estrangement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Student parent with <b>more</b> than one child                                                                                                                             | <p>A <b>current year</b> HMRC Child Tax Credits letter or equivalent Universal Credit letter from HMRC</p> <p>Please note we can <u>NOT</u> accept Birth Certificates as evidence for this priority group.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Disabled student - someone who has registered with the Disabled Student Support team                                                                                       | <p>Not required - The University checks this information internally</p> <p>Note: you do not need to be accessing support for your disability but you do need to be registered with the service in order to meet this criteria</p>                                                                                                                                                                |
| Transgender student - someone who identifies as Trans                                                                                                                      | Letter from a relevant organisation or third party e.g. social services, teacher or college tutor, support worker, doctor or other healthcare professional or other relevant support organisation or network                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Refugee student - someone who identifies as a refugee                                                                                                                      | You will need to provide a copy of your residence card. If you already have settled status as a refugee or a person with humanitarian protection, and that is not stated on the card/residence permit, you must provide a Home Office letter.                                                                                                                                                    |

## **Appeals and general policy terms**

For information about the appeals process and other general policy terms relating to all University bursaries see the ['Bursary Guidelines'](#).

## **Please note:**

Students may be asked to be involved in assessing the impact of the scheme. This may include, but is not limited to, completing surveys, attending focus groups, producing student case studies, being involved in promotional and marketing material for the University. This is optional and we will always ask you for your consent to use your personal data for any marketing or fundraising purposes in line with the [Student Privacy Notice which can be viewed in full on our website](#).