

Bursary Policy - High Achievement Scholarship, available to 1st year eligible full-time undergraduate students enrolling in 2019/20

A £1,000 scholarship bursary is available to full-time undergraduate students.

To qualify for the **High Achievement Scholarship** a student must meet the following criteria:

- Achieve minimum grades of ABB from three A levels, DDM at BTEC National Diploma or AS grades from accepted equivalent qualifications as listed in the criteria for the qualifications and grades as stated in Appendix 1.
- Have a residual household income of less than £42,875 evidenced by a means-tested assessment as part of their application for a student loan - see appendix 2
- Be studying for a first full-time undergraduate higher education course at Sheffield Hallam University
- Have enrolled in the 2019/20 academic year
- Be domiciled in England
- Be classified as a Home student for fee purposes and paying a fee (or have a student loan in place) of £9,250

There is no limit on the number of scholarships offered each year. All students who qualify for the funding will receive it. As this is a scholarship, students don't have to pay the money back.

Please note: you do not need to apply for the High Achievement Scholarship, it will be automatically awarded to students who qualify.

Additional Information

- Following enrolment the University will check for newly qualified students on a monthly basis.
- For students who qualify in September the scholarship will be paid in two instalments. The first will be credited to your SHU card by 18th October 2019. The second will be paid by cheque to your registered Term Time address by 17th January 2020. The student is responsible for ensuring this address is kept up to date via My Student Record.
- For students who qualify later in the year these payment dates will be adjusted accordingly.
- Any missing cheques must be reported no later than 31st July 2020. Missing cheques should be reported to purchaseledger@shu.ac.uk
- If a student withdraws before 1st December 2019 the second instalment of the scholarship will not be paid.
- Where an applicant holds qualifications which meet the requirement for the Scholarship, but these were not required for entry to the course, the student must submit proof of these qualifications to the Admissions Office no later than 30th June 2020 in order to be considered for the High Achievement Scholarship.
- This Scholarship can be awarded in combination with other Sheffield Hallam awards such as the Student Success Scholarship.
- Any bursaries which are scheduled to be paid in the 2019/20 academic year must be paid by the end of that academic year, i.e. 31st July 2020. **We are unable to make any retrospective payments.**
- The instalment credited to SHU card will not be converted to cash.

Appeals and general policy terms

For information about the appeals process and other general policy terms relating to all University bursaries see our [bursary guidelines](#).

If you are unsuccessful in applying for the financial element of the scholarship, you have the right to appeal provided you have valid grounds to do so.

Grounds for appeal

The following are considered to be valid grounds for appeal

- There has been an error or irregularity in the assessment process
- The decision was not in accordance with the approved eligibility criteria for the scholarship or bursary
- The decision has taken insufficient account of the evidence you presented as part of your scholarship or bursary application (where applicable)

Please note that disagreement with the eligibility criteria for the scholarship cannot in itself constitute grounds for appeal.

Appendix 1

Qualification	Grades required	Additional criteria
Advanced Level (A-level)	Best three grades, either A* • A* • A* A* • A* • A A* • A* • B A* • A* • C A* • A • A A* • A • B A* • A • C A* • B • B A* • B • C A • A • A A • A • B A • A • C A • B • B	Including Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education A double-award A-level counts as two single awards at the grade awarded.
Access to HE Diploma	Overall Pass must include 45 credits at Level 3 of which 30 credits must be at Distinction and 15 credits must be at Merit or higher	
BTEC National qualification	Best three grades, either Distinction* • Distinction* • Distinction* Distinction* • Distinction* • Distinction Distinction* • Distinction* • Merit Distinction* • Distinction • Distinction Distinction* • Distinction • Merit Distinction • Distinction • Distinction	This requires the achievement of three grades under the suite of qualifications known as Nationals and must come from one of the following sets, which can include corresponding

	<p>Distinction • Distinction • Merit</p> <p>or</p> <p>Best four grades from two BTEC (QCF) 90 Credit Diplomas, or two BTEC (NQF) Subsidiary Certificates</p> <p>Best four grades, either</p> <p>Distinction* • Distinction* • Distinction* • Distinction*</p> <p>Distinction* • Distinction* • Distinction* • Distinction</p> <p>Distinction* • Distinction* • Distinction • Distinction</p> <p>Distinction* • Distinction* • Distinction • Merit</p> <p>Distinction* • Distinction* • Merit • Merit</p> <p>Distinction* • Distinction • Distinction • Distinction</p> <p>Distinction* • Distinction • Distinction • Merit</p> <p>Distinction* • Distinction • Merit • Merit</p> <p>Distinction • Distinction • Distinction • Distinction</p> <p>Distinction • Distinction • Distinction • Merit</p> <p>Distinction • Merit • Distinction • Merit</p>	<p>qualifications from both the NQF or QCF frameworks.</p> <p>This applies to sets of qualifications that produce only three grades (for example, an NQF Certificate and a QCF Subsidiary Diploma is eligible, however a NQF Certificate and a QCF Diploma is not eligible)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BTEC (NQF) – one Diploma, or one Certificate and one Award, or three Awards • BTEC (QCF) – one Extended Diploma, or one Diploma and one Subsidiary Diploma, or three Subsidiary Diplomas <p>or</p> <p>The achievement of four grades under the suite of qualifications known as Nationals from one of the following sets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two 90 Credit Diplomas (QCF) • Two Subsidiary Certificates (NQF)
BTEC National Diploma in Early Years Education	Distinction • Distinction • Distinction	Inclusive of NQF and QCF versions
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education (CACHE) Level 3 Diploma in Child Care and Education	Grade A	
CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce	Grade A* Grade A	QCF version
Oxford Cambridge and RSA	Grade D1 Grade D2/M1	

Examinations (OCR) National Extended Diploma		
OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical qualification	<p>Best three grades, either</p> <p>Distinction* • Distinction* • Distinction* Distinction* • Distinction* • Distinction Distinction* • Distinction* • Merit Distinction* • Distinction • Distinction Distinction* • Distinction • Merit Distinction • Distinction • Distinction Distinction • Distinction • Merit</p> <p>or</p> <p>Best four grades from two OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Subsidiary Diplomas</p> <p>Best four grades, either</p> <p>Distinction* • Distinction* • Distinction* • Distinction* Distinction* • Distinction* • Distinction* • Distinction Distinction* • Distinction* • Distinction • Distinction Distinction* • Distinction* • Distinction • Merit Distinction* • Distinction* • Merit • Merit Distinction* • Distinction • Distinction • Distinction Distinction* • Distinction • Distinction • Merit Distinction* • Distinction • Merit • Merit Distinction • Distinction • Distinction • Distinction Distinction • Distinction • Distinction • Merit Distinction • Merit • Distinction • Merit</p>	<p>This requires the achievement of three grades under the suite of qualifications known as Cambridge Technical and must come from one of the following sets</p> <p>• OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical – one Extended Diploma, or one Diploma and one Introductory Diploma, or three Introductory Diplomas</p> <p>or</p> <p>• The achievement of four grades from two OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Subsidiary Diplomas</p>
Scottish Advanced Highers	<p>Best three grades, either</p> <p>A • A • A A • A • B A • A • C A • B • B A • B • C</p>	
Scottish Highers:	<p>Best five grades, either</p> <p>A • A • A • A • A A • A • A • A • B A • A • A • A • C A • A • A • B • B A • A • A • B • C A • A • A • C • C A • A • B • B • B A • A • B • B • C A • A • B • C • C A • B • B • B • B</p>	

	A • B • B • B • C	
International Baccalaureate	34 points or more	
Irish Leaving Certificate	Best four grades, either A1 • A1 • A1 • A1 A1 • A1 • A1 • A2 A1 • A1 • A1 • B1 A1 • A1 • A1 • B2 A1 • A1 • A1 • B3 A1 • A1 • A1 • C1 A1 • A1 • A2 • B1 A1 • A1 • A2 • B2 A1 • A1 • B1 • B1 A1 • A2 • A2 • A2 A1 • A1 • A2 • A2	
Cambridge Pre-U	D1/D2 • D1/D2 • D1/D2 D1/D2 • D1/D2 • D3 D1/D2 • D1/D2 • M1 D1/D2 • D1/D2 • M2 D1/D2 • D1/D2 • M3 D1/D2 • D3 • D3 D1/D2 • D3 • M1 D1/D2 • D3 • M2 D1/D2 • D3 • M3 D1/D2 • M1 • M1 D1/D2 • M1 • M2 D1/D2 • M1 • M3 D1/D2 • M2 • M2 D1/D2 • M2 • M3 D3 • D3 • D3 D3 • D3 • M1 D3 • D3 • M2 D3 • D3 • M3 D3 • M1 • M1 D3 • M1 • M2 D3 • M1 • M3 D3 • M2 • M2 M1 • M1 • M1 M1 • M1 • M2	From the Principal Subject or Global Perspectives and Research (GPR) elements only.
Diploma in Foundation Studies (Art & Design, and Art, Design & Media)	Distinction	

In combination with BTEC National Subsidiary Diplomas (QCF) or Award (NQF)

Combination of two Advanced Levels (A-levels) and one BTEC Subsidiary Diploma (QCF) or

Award (NQF)	
A-level grades (A*, A*) (A*, A), (A*, B) or (A, A) (A*, C), (A, B), (A, C) or (B, B) (B, C)	BTEC Subsidiary Diploma (QCF) or Award (NQF) grade Distinction*, Distinction, Merit Distinction*, Distinction, or Merit Distinction* or Distinction Distinction*
Combination of one A-level and two BTEC Subsidiary Diplomas(QCF) or Awards (NQF) or one A-level and one Subsidiary Diploma(QCF) and One Award (NQF)*	
BTEC Subsidiary Diplomas (QCF)/Awards (NQF) grades (Distinction, Merit) (Distinction*, Merit) (Distinction, Distinction) (Distinction*, Distinction) (Distinction*, Distinction*)	A-level grade A grade or higher B grade or higher C grade or higher C grade or higher C grade or higher
Note: The A-level grades considered are, from highest to lowest, A*, A, B, C, *Makes allowance for the recent change in BTEC National frameworks	
In combination with a single BTEC National Diploma (QCF) or Certificate (NQF)	
Combination of one A-level and one BTEC Diploma (QCF) or Certificate (NQF)	
BTEC Diploma (QCF) or Award (NQF) grade Distinction Merit Distinction Distinction Distinction* Distinction Distinction* Distinction*	A-level grade A grade or higher C grade or higher C grade or higher C grade or higher
In combination with OCR National Certificates or OCR Cambridge Technical Level 3 Introductory Diplomas	
Combination of two A-levels and one OCR National Certificate	
A-level grades (A*, A*) (A*, A), (A*, B) or (A, A) (A*, C), (A*, D), (A, B), (A, C) or (B, B)	OCR National Certificate grade Distinction or Merit Distinction or Merit Distinction
Combination of two A-levels and one OCR Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma	
A-level grades (A*, A*) (A*, A), (A*, B) or (A, A) (A*, C), (A, B), (A, C) or (B, B) (B, C)	OCR Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma grades Distinction*, Distinction or Merit Distinction*, Distinction
Note: The A-level grades considered are, from highest to lowest, A*, A, B, C	
Combination of one A-level and two OCR Cambridge Technical Introductory Diplomas	

<p>OCR Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma grades (Distinction, Merit) (Distinction*, Merit) (Distinction, Distinction) (Distinction*, Distinction) (Distinction*, Distinction*)</p>	<p>A-level grade A grade or higher B grade or higher C grade or higher C grade or higher C grade or higher</p>
<p>In combination with a single OCR National Diploma or a single OCR Cambridge Level 3 Technical Diploma</p>	
<p>Combination of one A-level and one OCR National Diploma</p>	
<p>OCR National Diploma grade Merit 1 Distinction</p>	<p>A-level grade A grade or higher C grade or higher</p>
<p>Note: The A-level grades considered are, from highest to lowest, A*, A, B, C,</p>	
<p>Combination of one A-level and one OCR Cambridge Technical Diploma</p>	
<p>OCR Cambridge Technical Diploma grade Distinction Merit Distinction Distinction Distinction* Distinction Distinction* Distinction*</p>	<p>A-level grade A grade or higher C grade or higher C grade or higher C grade or higher</p>
<p>Note: The A-level grades considered are, from highest to lowest, A*, A, B, C</p>	
<p>In combination with Cambridge Pre-U Certificates (from the Principal Subject or Global Perspectives and Research (GPR) elements only)</p>	
<p>Combination of two A-levels and one Cambridge Pre-U Certificate</p>	
<p>A-level grades (A*, A*) (A*, A) (A*, B) or (A, A) (A*, C) or (A, B) (A, C) or (B, B) B, C)</p>	<p>Cambridge Pre-U Certificate grade Pass 3 or higher Pass 1 or higher Merit 3 or higher Merit 2 or higher Distinction 3 or higher Distinction 2 or higher</p>
<p>Note: The Pre-U grades considered are, from highest to lowest, Distinction 1, Distinction 2, Distinction 3, Merit 1, Merit 2, Merit 3, Pass 1, Pass 2, Pass 3</p>	
<p>Combination of one A-level and two Cambridge Pre-U Certificates</p>	
<p>Cambridge Pre-U Certificate grades (Distinction 2, Pass 3), (Distinction 3, Pass 2), (Merit 1, Pass 1) or (Merit 2, Merit 3) (Distinction 2, Pass 1), (Distinction 2, Pass 2), (Distinction 3, Merit 3), (Distinction 3, Pass 1), (Merit 1, Merit 2), (Merit 1, Merit 3) or (Merit 2, Merit 2) (Distinction 2, Merit 3) or (Distinction 3, Merit 2) or (Merit 1, Merit 1) (Distinction 2, Merit 2) or (Distinction 3, Merit 1) (Distinction 2, Distinction 3), (Distinction 2, Merit 1) or (Distinction 3, Distinction 3) (Distinction 2, Distinction 2)</p>	<p>A-level grade A* A grade or higher B grade or higher C grade or higher C grade or higher</p>

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Notes

1. Where Distinction 2 is referenced, Distinction 1 can also be substituted.
2. The A-level grades considered are, from highest to lowest, A*, A, B, C

Appendix 2

Residual Household Income

In order to be considered for an award on the basis of residual household income criteria we would advise students to do the following:

You should:

- apply to Student Finance for a means-tested student finance assessment as soon as possible prior to starting your course; so they can verify your individual household income details;
- ensure that all supporting documentation, along with your bank account details, is supplied to Student Finance;
- indicate to Student Finance that your university is Sheffield Hallam University;
- give your consent to Student Finance to share your finance assessment information with the University; and
- ensure that your finance assessment application has been completed and approved by Student Finance.

Student Finance England will assess your income and notify the University, who will assess your application using this data.