

## International Scholarship Scheme: 2019 Entry

### 1. Purpose and Scope

1.1 This document outlines the eligibility and assessment criteria for International Undergraduate, Postgraduate Taught and Foundation students to receive scholarships from Aston University. This policy is correct at the time of publishing (February 2019) but may be subject to change.

1.2. Applicants who are classed as home or EU for tuition fee purposes should consult <http://www.aston.ac.uk/scholarships/> for details of available scholarships.

### 2. General Provisions

2.1 A student may be eligible for an Aston International Scholarship if:

- a) They are classed as an overseas student for tuition fee purposes and they are not defined as studying for an Equivalent or Lower Qualification.
- b) They are holding an offer for a full time Undergraduate, Postgraduate Taught or Foundation programme at Aston University which will start in the Autumn Term commencing September 2019.
- c) They meet the additional criteria required for the scholarships being offered by this scheme.

2.2 A student who has all or part of their fees paid by a sponsor will not be eligible for an Aston Scholarship unless that sponsor has an official agreement confirming eligibility with Aston University.

2.2.1 Sponsors include, but are not limited to, Her Majesty's UK Government, your home government or another nation's government, the British Council or any international organisation, any international company, or any other university.

2.2.2 A student will not be eligible to receive a scholarship in full or in part if they are, at the time when payment is due to be made to them, considered to be in debt to the University.

For the purposes of this policy a student will be considered to be in debt to the University if they have received the third notice that a payment is overdue.

2.3 A student may only receive one Aston Scholarship/discount per programme studied.

2.4 Where a student is eligible for more than one scholarship/discount the student will be awarded the one of the highest value to the student.

### 3. Applying for the Scholarship

3.1 Applications for our International Scholarships may be made by following the instructions set out on our website

3.2 Applications will only be considered for international students holding an offer to study a full time undergraduate, Postgraduate Taught or foundation programme.

3.2 Successful students will be awarded a discount from tuition fees in their first year of study only. Applicants will be informed by the Scholarship Panel the level of scholarship which has been awarded to them.

#### **4. Approving and awarding**

4.1 Scholarships are a discount made against the tuition fee applicable to the specific programme of study that the student is seeking to enrol upon.

4.2 Scholarship entitlement will normally be approved before the commencement of the degree programme. It is not possible to consider a student for an award once the degree programme has commenced.

4.3 If a Scholarship has been awarded, the fee discount will be applied to the student's tuition fee liability. Aston Scholarships will normally be available only to students who have been in attendance, as defined by the University throughout term one and term two and are still in attendance at the start of term three. Students who withdraw from Aston University part way through an academic year will not be eligible to receive a scholarship in respect of that year. Any tuition fee discount applied to the student for that academic year as the result of an Aston Scholarship will be withdrawn and the full cost for that period will be applied. The student will be liable to repay any underpayment that may result from this.

4.4 Students who are repeating their studies are not eligible for scholarships regardless of whether they are repeating with attendance, without attendance, or with partial attendance.

4.5 Where a student suspends their studies and takes a Leave of Absence for a complete academic year (i.e. October- October) no tuition fee is charged and, therefore, the student will not be eligible to receive a scholarship. When a student resumes their studies, following a Leave of Absence for a complete academic year, they will be eligible to receive a scholarship which has previously been awarded to them in line with the conditions that applied in their original year of entry.

4.6 Students who suspend their studies part way through an academic year and take a Leave of Absence will be eligible to receive a scholarship for the academic terms they have completed in full.

4.7 When a student resumes their studies following a Leave of Absence, part way through an academic year they will only be eligible to receive a scholarship for the terms they will complete in full. The amount of Scholarship will be approved on a pro rata basis and in line with Aston University's Tuition Fees Charging Policy.

4.8 Scholarships are valid for study on an Undergraduate, Postgraduate Taught or Foundation programme at Aston University and are not transferable to another University.

4.9 The Scholarships are valid for programmes of study commencing in the academic year 2019/20 only and cannot be carried forward to another academic year.

4.10 The Scholarships are valid for the specified programme of study at Aston University and may not normally be transferred to a different programme.

4.11 Any evidence submitted after the final decision on the student's eligibility has been made will not be considered.

4.12 If any information provided in the application is found to be false or missing any offer of a Scholarship may be withdrawn. The applicant may be liable for any tuition fees incurred.

4.13 Applicants must meet all conditions of their offer (e.g. offer is conditional on obtaining specified grades) to be eligible for a Scholarship.

4.14 The decision of the awarding and approval process is final. Applicants may appeal against the decision only if they can show that there has been a procedural error. Appeals should be addressed to the Director of Student and Academic Services.