# International Excellence Scholarship Terms and Conditions 2021/22

Brunel University London is pleased to offer a prestigious package of scholarships for International students. The scholarship scheme is for fully self-funded students only and is based on overall academic merit and professional experience. We will award scholarships to applicants who most closely meet or exceed the criteria for the award.

To apply you need to have received an offer to study on an eligible course starting in September 2021 or January 2022.

1. Award details

Value:

<u>Postgraduate</u>: £6,000 as a tuition fee waiver applied to the **first year of study only.** 

<u>Undergraduate</u>: £6,000 as a tuition fee waiver, **each year for a maximum of three years**. The Scholarship will be paid once for each eligible level of study, subject to normal progression criteria having been met (additional payments will not be made during a repeating year, regardless of the reason for repetition).

Applicants must have applied for a full time undergraduate or postgraduate taught programme starting in September 2021 or January 2022.

Those applying for Postgraduate Research courses are not eligible for this award.

How many: 60 scholarships are available

<u>September entry</u>: awards will be allocated in July 2021, to those applicants who meet all the following eligibility criteria.

January entry: any remaining awards from September will be allocated in December 2021.

**Application process:** To be considered applicants must complete a register your interest form by the stated deadlines. Applications will only be accepted if all sections of the scholarship application form have been completed and the applicant is holding an offer on a course starting in <u>September 2021.</u>

<u>Applicants</u> applying for a course starting in <u>January 2022</u> must apply for the scholarship using the January scholarship register your interest form, if they apply using the September scholarship register your interest form the application will not be considered.

Brunel will assess each application for suitability against these scholarship terms and conditions. In assessing suitability, the applicant's overall course application, academic achievement, overall grade or CGPA and qualifications will be considered.

### Deadlines:

September entry: Apply by 30 June 2020 to be considered for an award.

Applicants who are unsuccessful in securing a £6000 International Excellence Scholarship award may be considered for other award opportunities part of the International Excellence Scheme, where available.

January entry: Apply by 20 November 2021 to be considered for an award.

Successful applicants will be contacted within four weeks of each deadline.

All awards will be finalised once all offer conditions have been met.

**Applications for the January 2022 scholarship will open in late 2021.** If a January applicant applies early (by using the September scholarship application in error) their application will **not** be considered and the applicant will have to reapply using the correct application form.

Scholarship holders may be required to represent Brunel as ambassadors throughout their time at the University and to participate occasionally in various activities to help promote the University. This might include hosting tours of the campus and its facilities, providing administrative support at Open Days, participating in social media and other marketing activity as required. Scholarship winners will be contacted by the International Recruitment or Marketing team as and when participation is required.

Data pertaining to bursary/scholarship holders such as: progression rates, degree attainment, degree completion, and graduate outcomes may also be analysed in order to understand the effectiveness of bursaries and scholarships. This data may also be linked to other data already held by the University for the purpose of better understanding the impact of bursaries and scholarships on under-represented groups. To learn more about how the University uses data to support its commitment to delivering positive outcomes to students from under-represented groups please visit our webpage.

## 2. Eligibility

2.1 Applicants for an International scholarship must meet the following eligibility criteria:

 Must be classed as Overseas for fees purposes and be self-funded (not sponsored). Applicants who are unsure of their fee status should note Brunel uses the information they have provided in their application form to assess fee status against regulations set by the UK government. For information on these regulations please visit the independent organisation <u>UKCISA's website</u>.

- Must have an offer to study on a full time undergraduate or postgraduate taught programme (including placement routes and undergraduate integrated Masters programmes) starting in September 2021 or January 2022.
- Must complete the correct Scholarship register your interest form by the stated deadline.
- All applicants must meet all conditions of their offer by the time they are due to register at Brunel.

## **2.2** Those not eligible for these Scholarships

- Applicants NOT classed as Overseas for fees purposes.
- Applicants who are not fully self-funded and are being sponsored by a Government or external body.
- The International Excellence Scholarship is not available to Postgraduate Research applicants (i.e. PhD, MPhil).
- Applicants holding an offer on a course that offers a College Specific Scholarship for International students will not be considered for this scholarship scheme, i.e. the Dean's Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy Scholarship for international students, the NSRIC Scholarships or the MBA scholarship.
- Applicants who will NOT commence their course in September 2021 or January 2022 applicants holding offers for deferred entry must apply for scholarships in the month and year they intend to start their course and not in the year of their course application.
- Undergraduate applicants entering a course at FHEQ Level 5 (year 2) or FHEQ Level 6 (year 3).
- Applicants entering a course with Brunel Pathway College (BPC), or who are progressing to a Brunel course from a BPC course.
- Applicants holding an offer to study by Distance Learning.
- Applicants holding offers to study on a part-time programme.
- Students who have previously studied with Brunel University London or those that have been in receipt of a Brunel International Scholarship previously, either as part of current or earlier studies are not eligible.

#### 3. Allocation

3.1 Scholarships will be awarded conditionally by the International Scholarship Allocation Panel and applicants will be notified by July 2021 for September 2021 entry and by December 2021 for January 2022 entry. The scholarship will then be formally awarded in September or January (depending on the applicants start date), following receipt of exam results.

- 3.2 Candidates will be considered based on their course application, academic achievement and overall grade profile.
- 3.3 Successful applicants will be conditionally awarded by email and will be asked to accept the scholarship by a given deadline. If the applicant fails to accept the award by the given date, the award will be removed and will be awarded to another applicant.
- 3.4 Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria at the time of allocation will be considered for scholarships using the information provided at the time of their course application only and cannot be considered should their circumstances change during the course of their studies. Scholarships cannot be backdated.
- 3.5 International scholarships cannot be combined with any other University scholarship, bursary, discount or award, with the exception of the 2% prompt payment discount, the Brunel Graduate Discount and Brunel Family Discount. This will be deducted from the tuition fees remaining after the scholarship discount has been applied at enrolment.
- 3.6 If an applicant is eligible for more than one scholarship, the College Specific Scholarship will take precedence and the International Excellence Scholarship will not be awarded.
- 3.7 Scholarships are awarded for the September and January entry of the academic year 2021/22 only and cannot be deferred to later months or years of entry. Course applicants who intend to defer their studies from September to January of the 2021/22 academic year will lose any award they have been made and must re-apply for a scholarship in the correct month and year they will begin their studies.
- 3.8 Course applicants who intend to start in January 2022 should apply for the January scholarship using the correct application form, application who incorrectly submit an application using the September scholarship application will not be considered and will have to apply again and by the stated deadlines.
- 3.9 Scholarship awards are decided by the International Scholarship Allocation Panel and all decisions are final. The University will not accept any appeals in respect of the decisions made by the Panel.

## 4. Conditions of payment

- 4.1 Scholarship awardees will be responsible for paying the remainder of their tuition fees after the scholarship contribution is deducted from the total fees for each academic year.
- 4.2 The tuition fee will be reduced by £6,000 in year 1 of their chosen course for Postgraduate applicants and reduced by £6,000 per academic year, for a maximum of three years, for Undergraduate applicants. This scholarship is not payable in the placement year of an Undergraduate sandwich programme, in the final year of an MEng programme or in the Masters year of an integrated Master's degree programme.

## 4.3 Conditions of fee waiver:

- The fee waiver will only be made providing the student is fully enrolled at the University on an undergraduate or postgraduate degree programme.
- Payment in subsequent years will only be made providing the student progresses to the next level of study [scholarship payments will not be made during a repeating year until the student has satisfactorily progressed to the next level].

4.4 The scholarship **does not replace the deposit** of £3,000. All scholarship winners will need to pay the £3,000 deposit for their course in order to receive an unconditional offer and a Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS). The amount of their scholarship will be deducted from the remaining fees.

4.5 Postgraduate applicants: The International scholarship is a single contribution for the first of study only and will not be continued in subsequent years.

4.6 The fee waiver will only be applied providing the student is fully enrolled at the University on a full-time undergraduate degree or postgraduate taught programme of study which includes having had their qualifications and other documentation verified and checked, and then completing the University enrolment procedures. This includes holding the correct visa to study.

4.7 Payment in subsequent years will only be made providing the student progresses to the next level of Undergraduate study [scholarship payments will not be made during a repeating year until the student has satisfactorily progressed to the next level].

4.8 Where a scholarship award spans more than one year, students will be written to in September to confirm ongoing eligibility to receive their scholarship award.

4.9 Scholarship awardees who have already paid the full course fees can visit the Student Centre to request a refund of any overpayment; once they have met all conditions of their offer and enrolled onto their main course in person.

## 5. Withdrawal of scholarship

- 5.1 **Misleading information:** The University reserves the right to withdraw a scholarship from anyone who is found to have misled the University about any aspect of their eligibility and to seek repayment of any monies already paid by appropriate means.
- 5.2 **Mode of Attendance Change**: If a student changes to different mode of study, their eligibility for a scholarship will be reviewed. The scholarship will be withdrawn if the change is from full time to part time or distance learning.
- 5.3 Changing course and starting again at FHEQ Level 4 (year 1) (Undergraduates): Students who commence their studies and subsequently make an alteration that involves starting again at FHEQ Level 4 will not be eligible for a new award against the new course. The existing scholarship will be placed on hold and reinstated once the student commences FHEQ Level 5, subject to meeting the annual scholarship progression criteria outlined in Section 4. If a student changes course but remains at the same level of study, this will have no impact on the award. Progression criteria as stipulated above will still apply.

- 5.4 **Abeyance/Temporary Withdrawal:** A student who takes a period of temporary withdrawal (abeyance) and who is in receipt of a scholarship award would cease to receive scholarship payments whilst temporarily withdrawn. Scholarship payments made prior to temporarily withdrawing will not generally be requested to be repaid and remaining payments would generally be paid once the student returns to complete that level of study.
- 5.5 **Suspension of Study:** Should a student be suspended for any reason; scholarship payments will be withdrawn and consideration of reinstatement will be dependent on the disciplinary outcome.
- 5.6 **Repeat/Extended Study:** Periods of temporary withdrawal that result in repeat or extended periods of study are not supported by additional scholarship payments. Scholarship entitlement is for the maximum duration of each award and entitlement is not extended if overall course duration alters.
- 5.7 **Withdrawal from Study:** A student who withdraws from their programme prior to completion and who is in receipt of a scholarship award will not normally be requested to repay scholarship payments made up to the point of withdrawal. However, entitlement to all future scholarship payments cease immediately if a student withdraws.
- 5.8 Fee Waiver Amendments: Fee waivers are applied at the start of the academic year as part/all of a scholarship entitlement and will not normally be amended once the fee waiver has been processed. Any tuition fee liability remaining after fee waivers are applied would therefore be calculated in accordance with Student Financial Policy. In the case of withdrawal or abeyance the tuition fee and the fee waiver are calculated in accordance with <u>Student Financial Policy</u>.

Any queries relating to these terms and conditions should be addressed to the Admissions Office by emailing <u>scholarships@brunel.ac.uk</u>.

Visit <u>www.brunel.ac.uk/scholarships</u> for further information on all the international scholarships available.