

# Postgraduate Academic Excellence Scholarship Terms and Conditions 2022/3

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## 1. Scholarship details

The Postgraduate Academic Excellence scholarship is available for students on Postgraduate Taught (PGT) courses at Brunel University London and is available to all students who have obtained a First-Class undergraduate degree;

- **from a UK University, either in the UK or at an overseas campus or**
- **obtained the equivalent of a UK First Class degree from an EU institution**

Additionally, graduates of Brunel University London who register for a taught postgraduate programme or a research degree (including career development loans) on a fully self-funding basis are eligible for and will receive the **Graduate Discount** of 15% on the final tuition fee amount due, after any the scholarship award has been applied.

**Value:** A discount of 15% off the tuition fees.

**How many:** All those that meet the eligibility criteria.

**Application process:** No application is required. Applicants should apply for the programme in the usual way, eligibility will be automatically considered. Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria will be notified by email prior to Registration.

## 2. Eligibility

The Scholarship will be awarded to all full time, part time, distance learning and online learning students who meet all the following criteria:

2.1 Have an unconditional offer to study a taught Master's programme at Brunel University London, this includes the MBA and MRes programmes.

2.2 Have achieved a First Class honour's degree from a UK University or an EU University.

a) For a UK degree: the award must be from a UK University, the student does not have to have attended a UK based campus.

b) An honours degree awarded with distinction is acceptable where no first-class classification exists.

c) Holding a higher degree, without having achieved a First-Class classification at undergraduate level does not qualify for receipt of this award.

d) For an EU equivalent the award must be from a recognised EU institution and be the equivalent of a First-class honour's degree, as listed in appendix 1.

### Those not eligible for this scholarship:

- Applicants on all associate courses or modules.
- Applicant undertaking short courses.
- All PG Cert, PG Dip and PGCE courses – with the exception of the PGCE Secondary Education with PE and PGCE Primary (which are not TDA funded).
- Applicants on Postgraduate Research courses.
- Those who are being funded either in full or partially, *this excludes those applicants whose fees are being paid by their employer*. This includes:
  - Bursaries provided by the National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL). This discount will apply to courses that are not eligible for a bursary, namely the PGCE in Primary Education and the PGCE in Secondary Education with PE only.
  - Applicants on the PG Cert Education (Primary) FT.
  - Courses that are fully funded by the Environment Agency namely the MSc Flood and Coastal Engineering.
  - Those students who are sponsored by their Government.

### 3. Value

3.1 Students awarded this scholarship will have a discount of 15% applied to their annual tuition fee.

3.2 The reduction is applied only to the tuition fees and not to any other type of additional fee that may be incurred, such as resubmission, repeat modules or resit fees.

3.3 Graduates of Brunel University London who register for a taught postgraduate programme or a research degree (including career development loans) on a fully self-funding basis will receive the **Graduate discount** of 15% on the final tuition fee amount due, after any other discount has been applied.

The order of discounts will be applied as follows:

1. Scholarship/bursary fee waiver applied to the full annual tuition fee (where applicable)
2. 10% Brunel Alumni Family Discount or Brunel Family Discount applied to the net tuition fee (where applicable).
3. 15% Graduate discount applied to the net tuition fee (where applicable);
4. 2% Early payment discount applied to the net tuition fee (where applicable).

Further information about tuition fee discounts can be found in the [Student Financial Policy](#).

### 4. Allocation

4.1 Eligibility criteria are reviewed annually

4.2 Scholarships are awarded to those who meet the eligibility criteria at the time of allocation. All decisions are final. However, appeals in respect of the process should be referred to the admissions policy. An appeal will only be considered in line with procedural irregularities, where a student believes that the University has not followed the procedures stated within the relevant Scholarship Terms and Conditions and there is reasonable doubt as to whether the outcome might have been different had the error not occurred. Any appeals relating to Scholarship allocation must be lodged within the student's first academic year at the University. Brunel will not be able to consider later appeals.

4.3 Scholarships will be awarded each year as follows, to all students meeting the eligibility criteria: from August for courses starting in September, from December for courses starting in January.

4.4 EU equivalency will be reviewed annually. Where no equivalent appears, the Admissions Office will assess the course application and determine eligibility.

4.5 If an applicant is eligible for more than one scholarship/bursary, they will be awarded the one which is the most financially beneficial across the course duration, exceptions may apply, please review individual scholarship terms and conditions for further information.

4.6 Most scholarships cannot be combined with any other University scholarship, bursary, discount or award, with the exception of the 2% early payment discount, or unless specifically stated in the individual scholarship terms and conditions.

## **5. Withdrawal of a Scholarship**

5.1 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 payment of discounted fees already paid by appropriate means.

5.2 Should a PGT student receive a fee discount and subsequently withdraw from the course or go into abeyance, the tuition fee will be reduced in line with the [Student Financial Policy](#). The fee discount will be applied to the reduced tuition fee.

5.3 Fee reductions applied at the start of an academic year will not be amended once the fee has been processed. Any tuition fee liability remaining after fee reductions are applied will therefore be calculated in accordance with the [Student Financial Policy](#).

5.4 Students who have changes to their statutory funding during the programme, such as late notification of NHS or National College for Teaching and Leadership funding, after this scholarship has been applied will have the scholarship withdrawn and discounted tuition fees will need to be repaid.

5.5 Where students who have changes to their sponsorship status at the start or during the programme, such as a late notification of Government sponsorship, after this scholarship has been applied will have the scholarship withdrawn and the discounted tuition fee will need to be repaid by the sponsor. Students who are sponsored by their Government are not eligible for this scholarship and should notify [scholarships@brunel.ac.uk](mailto:scholarships@brunel.ac.uk) if a scholarship award is made.

Any queries relating to these terms and conditions should be addressed to the Admissions Office by emailing: [scholarships@brunel.ac.uk](mailto:scholarships@brunel.ac.uk)

## Appendix 1

This list of EU countries and equivalent qualifications is accurate as of November 2021 and is subject to change. The list will be updated at the start of every scholarship cycle. If an EU country is not listed, applicants with qualifications from that country will not be eligible to be considered for the scholarship for academic year 2022/23.

### UK 1<sup>st</sup> Class country equivalency with the applicants whose country of domicile is in the EU.

Countries	Name of Qualification	1 <sup>st</sup> class equivalent
Austria (EU)	Fachhochschuldiplom/Diplom (FH)	1.5/5 (or below – 1 is good/5 is fail)
	Bachelor degree	1.5/5 (or below – 1 is good/5 is fail)
Belgium (EU)	Licence / Licentiaat and other two cycle diplomas	80-100% OR Grade 16/20 OR
	Academic Bachelor degree	80-100% OR Grade 16/20 OR
Bulgaria (EU)	Професионален бакалавър (Professional Bachelor degree)	6 Otlichen – Excellent
	Бакалавър (Bachelor degree)	6 Otlichen – Excellent
	Диплома за Завършено Висше Образование (Diploma of Completed Higher Education)	6 Otlichen – Excellent
	Master's degrees (pre 2000)	6 Otlichen – Excellent
Croatia (EU)	Baccalaureus, Baccalaura degree (started after 2005) or the Visoko Obrazovanja/Level VII/1	TBC
Cyprus (EU)	Bachelor degree (from a recognised Higher Education Institution)	8.0/10 GPA 3.4/4
	Ptychio (from a recognised Higher Education Institution)	8.0/10 GPA 3.4/4

Czech Republic	Bakalář (Bachelor degree)	Pre 2004 1 OR Vyborny OR Excellent. Post 2004 A OR 1 OR Vyborny OR Excellent.
	Magistr (formerly Absolvent Vysoké Skoly) / Professional title	Pre 2004 1 OR Vyborny OR Excellent. Post 2004 A OR 1 OR Vyborny OR Excellent.
Denmark (EU)	Bachelor degree Korrespondenteksamen	12
	Candidatus Philosophiae Professionsbachelor (Professional Bachelor degree)	12
Estonia	Bakalaurusekraad (Bachelor degree)  Rakenduskõrgharidusõppe Diplom (Professional Higher Education Diploma)  Spetsialisti diplom kõrgema kutsehariduse omandamise kohta (Specialist's Diploma of Higher Professional Education)	5 OR A
Finland (EU)	Ammattikorkeakoulututkinto, AMK / Yrkeshögskoleexamen, YHS (Polytechnic degree)  Kandidaatti / Kandidat (Lower academic degree) before 1995  Kandidaatti / Kandidat / Professional title (Long-cycle degree) before 1996	Three Point System - 3 OR Five Point System – 5
France (EU)	Licence / Grade de Licence Diplôme d'Ingénieur (from institutions authorised to award) Licence Professionnelle / Grade de Licence Professionnelle	15/20
	Maîtrise	15/20
	Diplôme from an Ecole Supérieure de Commerce / Gestion / Politique (from institutions authorised to award)	Pass
Germany (EU)	Bachelor	Sehr gut (very good) 1.5
	Fachhochschuldiplom (Diplom (FH))	Sehr gut (very good) 1.5
	Erstes Staatsexamen	Sehr gut (very good) 1.5

	Magister Artium	Sehr gut (very good) 1.5
	Diplom	Sehr gut (very good) 1.5
Greece (EU)	ΠΤΥΧΙΟ (Diploma/Degree (University Sector - AEI))	8.0/10
	ΠΤΥΧΙΟ (Diploma/Degree (TEI))	8.5/10
Hungary (EU)	Alapfokozat (Bachelor degree)	5.0/5
	Egyetemi Oklevél (University Diploma)	5.0/5
Ireland (EU)	<p>Bachelor (Honours) degree - generally 4 years of study, on transcript as level 4. It is possible for advanced entry and to start in level 2 so someone could have been there 3 years and have an Honours degree.</p> <p>The Irish degree is 4 years long so in Ireland level 1 = level 0 at Brunel, level 2 = Brunel at 1, level 3 = Brunel at 2 and level 4 = Brunel at 3. Successful completion of level 2 = Higher Certificate, Successful completion of level 3 = Ordinary degree (pass / fail, no classification), Successful completion of level 4 = Honours degree (same classification system as England and directly comparable)</p> <p>For postgrad entry we need the Honours degree not the Ordinary degree. If certificate says (Hons) or has a 2.2, 2.1 or 1st you are fine, if in doubt transcripts look for 120 credits at level 4.</p>	Distinction (70 - 100%)
Italy (EU)	Diploma Accademico di Primo Livello Diploma di Mediatore Linguistico	108 OR con lode
	Laurea	108 OR con lode
	Laurea in Ingegneria	108 OR con lode
	Licenza di Accademia di Belle Arti	108 OR con lode
Latvia (EU)	Bakalaura Diploms (Bachelor degree)	9/10
	Magistra Diploms (Master's degree)	9/10
	Profesionālā Bakalaura Diploms (Professional Bachelor degree) when awarded since 2003	9/10
Lithuania (EU)	Bakalauro Diplomas (Bachelor degree) when awarded since 2000	9/10
	Profesinis Bakalauras (Professional Bachelor degree)	9/10
	Bachelor degree from University of Luxembourg	Excellent

Luxembourg (EU)	Bachelor	A (90-100)
Malta (EU)	Bachelor (Honours) degree	1 <sup>st</sup>
Netherlands (EU)	Bachelor degree	9/10
	Hoger Beroepsonderwijs (HBO) (until 2001)	9/10
	Doctoraal	9/10
Poland (EU)	Licencjat / Inżynier (Bachelor degree)	5/5 OR A grade
	Magister (awarded before 2001) / Magister Inżynier	5
Portugal (EU)	Licenciado	18
	Diploma de Estudos Superiores Especializados - DESE	18
Romania (EU)	Diploma de Licenta (Bachelor degree)	9/10
	Diploma de Inginer (Engineer)	9/10
	Professional long-cycle degrees: Diploma de Arhitect (Architect) Diploma de Doctor (Doctor of Medicine) Diploma de Doctor Medic-Veterinar (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine) Diploma de Farmacist (Pharmacist) Diploma de Urganist Diplomat (Town Planner)	9/10
Slovakia (EU)	Bakalár (Bachelor degree)	A OR Výborný OR Excellent OR 1
	Magister (before 2002)	Výborný - Excellent
	Inžinier (before 2002)	Výborný - Excellent
Slovenia (EU)	Diplomant (Professionally oriented first- cycle degree)	10 OR Vyborny – Excellent
	Univerzitetni diplomant (Academically oriented first-cycle degree)	10 OR Vyborny – Excellent
Spain (EU)	Titulo Universitario Oficial de Graduado en [Subject area] (Grado)	8.5/10 or 3.0/4 (check grading carefully)
	Titulo Universitario Oficial de Licenciado / Ingeniero/Arquitecto (Licenciatura)	8.5/10 or 3.0/4 (check grading carefully)
	Ingeniero Tecnico Industrial	8.5/10 or 3.0/4 (check grading carefully)

Sweden (EU)	Bachelor degree / Kandidatexamen	VG (Väl Godkänd) (in at least 110/120 credits)  If GPA Grading System: A=5 - E =1.0 as for: Look for GPA 5.0/5 (A Grade)
	Yrkesexamen (Professional Bachelor degree)	VG (Väl Godkänd) (in at least 110/120 credits)