Terms and Conditions for Taught Postgraduate Master's Bath Merit Scholarships 2027/28

(For scholarships offered on behalf of the Faculty of Science, Faculty of Engineering and Design and Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences)

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1. Scope

These terms and conditions apply to new Overseas fee-paying full-time Taught Postgraduate Master's students taking up a place of study in 2027/28 entry, who are identified by the University as eligible for consideration for one of the Bath Merit Scholarships. They specifically apply to students from the three Faculties: Science, Engineering & Design, and Humanities and Social Sciences.

Please note that there are other scholarships schemes for fee-paying Taught Postgraduate Master's students which have separate guidelines. Please see University of Bath website for full details.

Please see below for details on how selection is made.

Scholarships are awarded in the form of a fee waiver which is a sum of money to assist fee-paying students with tuition fees. The University allocates a waiver to your fee account in place of some of the fee liability you would otherwise have. The fee waiver is applied to the first year of study only. There is no cash alternative to a fee waiver. Scholarships cannot be deferred and are for the 2027/28 academic entry year only.

This document outlines the full terms and conditions of this scheme and you should read these before you accept your Bath Merit Scholarships.

2. Eligibility

To be considered for one of the Taught Postgraduate Master's Bath Merit Scholarships you must have applied for a full-time campus-based Master's course in one of the three faculties outlined above for the entry year 2027/28.

The following courses are excluded from this scheme:

- MRes courses
- Integrated undergraduate Master's courses
- Integrated PhD courses
- MArch (Hons) Architecture
- Degree Apprenticeship Programmes
- MA Contemporary European Studies (Euromasters) and MA Contemporary European Studies with Transatlantic Track (Euromasters)

You must also:

- be of Overseas fee status
- be permanently domiciled in one of the countries listed below and be a graduate or currently studying your degree at a university in the same country. You must have studied the whole of your degree in the country.

    - Bangladesh
    - Brazil
    - Cambodia
    - Canada
    - Chile
    - China
    - Colombia
    - France
    - Germany
    - Greece
    - Hong Kong
    - India

- Indonesia
- Italy
- Kenya
- Malaysia
- Mexico
- Nepal
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Saudi Arabia
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Turkey
- United Arab Emirates
- United States of America
- Vietnam

This does not include any country where you may be studying that is not your permanent home.

- Have a final or current grade/GPA that is equivalent to a UK high 2:2 degree as determined by the Central Postgraduate Taught Admissions team at the University of Bath.
- Have not previously studied at the University of Bath.

If you do not meet the conditions outlined above, you will not be eligible to receive the scholarship.

Please note that all scholarship awards are discretionary so even if you meet the criteria, you are not guaranteed to receive one. Successful candidates are selected by the University as outlined above.

3. Application

You do not need to submit a separate scholarship application form to be considered for the Bath Merit Scholarships.

It is the University's responsibility to identify potential scholarship recipients on the basis of information provided in your study application. The University cannot be responsible for any errors or omissions in the information supplied to it and on which eligibility decisions are based. The University's decision on the interpretation of eligibility criteria is final and there is no right of appeal. You must comply with all requests for additional information to establish your eligibility on the timeframes specified and you must submit any evidence requested by deadlines.

4. Accepting your Bath Merit Scholarship

You will be notified of the offer of a Bath Merit Scholarship by email after you have received an offer for a full-time, campus based Master's course. Not all offer holders will be awarded a Merit Scholarship.

To accept the scholarship, you will need to accept your place and pay the deposit via Application Tracker by the offer reply deadline.

You are only able to accept one Bath Merit Scholarship for the entry year 2027/28.

Changes to study

If you change to a non-eligible programme or mode of study, then your Scholarship may be withdrawn. If you make any changes to your original programme of study, you must notify the Admissions Team about this as it may affect your continued eligibility.

Suspensions and withdrawal from studies

If you suspend or withdraw from your studies, you will not be eligible to receive any future payments in that academic year and your fee waiver will be re-calculated.

All scholarships paid will be calculated on a pro rata basis and any overpayment may need to be repaid to the University should you suspend, withdraw from studies, transfer to a non-eligible programme, or no longer be eligible for a particular scholarship for any other reason. In such a case, the University may seek to recover the amount of the overpayment as a debt in the county court.

Repeating, extending or deferring your studies

The scholarships outlined herein will not be paid during any extension/repeat period(s) to your programme. You may be able to apply for apply for Financial Support Funds from the Student Money Advice Team should you find yourself in financial difficulty. Please note that awards from this fund are not guaranteed.

The scholarships outlined herein are for 2027/28 entry only. If you defer or withdraw and restart, any scholarship already offered will become void. If eligible, you may be considered for support the following year, but this will be subject to the terms of those scholarships then in force. There is no guarantee that postgraduate students will be eligible for funding in future years.

Changes to your immigration status

If you have a change to your immigration status, you MUST notify the Admissions Team immediately. We may require you to provide documentary evidence of your change in status.

If you receive notice that you are liable to be detained by the UK Home Office then your scholarship will be suspended for the duration of your detention. The University will review the support available to you to help you resume your studies if your status enables you to continue.

Disciplinary action and fraudulent applications

The University reserves the right to terminate your scholarship award and demand repayment of sums that have already been set off against your tuition fees in the case of any disciplinary action being taken against you. Cases will be considered on an individual basis by the Director of Student Recruitment and Admissions.

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 sums that have already been set off against their tuition fees. In such cases, the University may seek to recover any money paid as a debt in the county court (in which case it may also seek to recover additional sums such as interest, court fees and legal costs). We may request at any point, for audit purposes, evidence of the criteria as stated in your application.

Additional Terms and Conditions

- If a scholarship is awarded to a conditional offer holder, then any scholarship will also be conditional on the student achieving the conditions of entry.
- Please ensure that you keep your email address up to date in your Bath Application Tracker as you may also receive email alerts about our scholarships provision. It is a requirement that the home email address provided is your personal email address and not the address of an educational representative or agent.
- All awardees may be expected to participate in publicity for the scholarships from time to time during the academic year.
- Awards cannot be claimed retrospectively.
- Only awardees will be notified of a successful scholarship award.
- Offer holders who are in receipt of a full scholarship, from a third-party organisation or agency, which covers their tuition fees are not eligible for the Bath Merit Scholarship.
- Offer holders who receive a partial or full discount on their tuition fees through a sponsorship arrangement or partnership award between the University of Bath and a third-party organisation or agency, are not eligible to receive the Bath Merit Scholarship.
- Recipients of the Bath Merit Scholarship are eligible to apply for other University of Bath scholarships available for 2027/28 entry but if they are awarded a Bath Global Excellence Scholarship, GREAT Scholarship or other type of University funding, they will no longer be eligible to receive the Bath Merit Scholarship. Offer holders should apply for University of Bath scholarships using the application tracker and following the published guidance in the normal way.
- If your financial situation changes the University reserves the right to reconsider the award.
- University of Bath alumni are not eligible for the discount.
- Scholarships cannot be deferred and are for the 2027/28 academic entry year only.
- The University reserves the right to vary the amount of the award and number of awards available from time to time.

5. Selection

Selection will be based on the information provided in your application to study at Bath.

All awards are discretionary so even if you meet the criteria, you are not guaranteed to receive one.

6. Appeals

There is no right of appeal and the University's decision is final in relation to your eligibility for a scholarship. You may make a complaint if you believe that you have not been considered for a scholarship because of a procedural error, or you believe that there has been some other procedural problem with our allocating and awarding system. Complaints should be made in writing to the International Student Recruitment Office by emailing pgtfunding@bath.ac.uk.

7. Use of Data

The University may use the data / information you share with us as part of your application, to provide information and advice about the University to you as an applicant. Should you subsequently join the University, the University may also use the data you provide to inform our strategies for supporting you as a new entrant, to inform you about provision that you may be able to access, to monitor student success and for other legitimate reasons. All awardees may be expected to participate in publicity for the scholarships from time to time during the academic year. In the case of scholarships which are funded by a corporate or private donor, personal details may be passed to this third party to assist them to administer the award.

Any queries relating to these terms and conditions should be addressed to the Deputy Director of Student Recruitment and Admissions and Head of Postgraduate Taught Admission, by emailing pgtadmissions@bath.ac.uk.