

The Gold Scholarship Programme Terms and Conditions



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A. Introduction

The University has established the Gold Scholarship Programme (GSP) to encourage and support students to gain most benefit from their time at the University. To obtain the full benefit from the programme, you are expected to participate fully in all GSP activities and events.

These Terms and Conditions are supplementary to the standard *Terms and Conditions for Undergraduate Bursaries and Scholarships* and should be read in conjunction with these.

B. Requirements of GSP Scholars

1. During each year of the GSP (including placement years), you will be required to:
 - a. Complete an End of Year Report outlining your activities and achievements during the year (a template will be provided).
2. During each year of the GSP (except placement years), you will be required to:
 - a. Devote at least 50 hours to volunteering, fundraising or outreach (VFO) (25 hours in your final year). (The requirement will be pro-rata for students doing thin sandwich courses, or courses with integral placements (ie Social Work)).
 - i. Up to 60% of your VFO hours may be paid outreach work as a University Ambassador and/or as a telethon fundraiser for the Department of Development and Alumni (DDAR). The remaining 40% must be unpaid volunteering.
 - b. Attend the following events:
 - i. The GSP Welcome Day (full Saturday in October)
 - ii. GSP Training 1 (Wednesday afternoon/evening in November)
 - iii. The GSP Away Day (full Saturday during Semester Two)
 - iv. The GSP Awards Evening (evening event – April)
 - v. At least 2 further GSP Training Evenings

- c. Complete at least 2 further personal development training sessions organised by the Students Union (Skills Training sessions badged with the Bath Award logo) or by Careers (Skills Development Programme – check eligibility with the Scholarships and Bursaries Enrichment Manager (SBEM)), or an alternative agreed with the SBEM in advance.
 - d. Attend meetings with your GSP peer group – approximately 45 minutes in length; 4 meetings during the year.
 - e. Engage with the Alumni Mentoring Programme.
 - f. Take part in activities organised by the DDAR to thank your donor. Such activities could include providing reports on your progress and your experiences of the scholarship programme, attending meetings with your donor either on or off campus or taking part in video calls. All scholars are also encouraged to engage more generally in thanking our donors.
3. In addition, in your first year on the GSP, you will be required to:
- a. Complete a handwritten thank you letter to your donor/s during the first semester.
 - b. Attend the Scholarship Ceremony (evening event – TBC).
4. Students who are re-taking an academic year of study:
- a. Please see the main Terms and Conditions for full details about funding during a repeat year. You will not receive the GSP £5,000 bursary but may be eligible to apply for alternative support.
 - b. You will not be required to participate in any of the GSP activities or events and will not be required to complete any VFO hours. However, you are very welcome to continue to participate if you wish to do so. Please arrange a meeting with the SBEM to discuss this.
5. As a Gold Scholar, you are required to ensure that you do all that you can to further the aims and the objectives of the GSP. You must ensure that your behaviour does not risk bringing the GSP into disrepute or cause any operational difficulties, and that you do not cause disruption to, or hinder, any of the GSP activities.
6. In order to explore how we can improve the experience of Gold Scholars, and to demonstrate the impact of the Programme, we will ask you to participate in questionnaires and other evaluation tools during your time at University and after graduation. At the minimum, you will be required to complete the following:
- a. A pre-arrival questionnaire
 - b. An end-of-first-year questionnaire
 - c. An end-of-degree questionnaire.

C. Failure to meet the requirements

1. We appreciate that, on occasion, unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances may prevent you from fully participating in the GSP (in the way that individual mitigating circumstances (IMCs) may prevent students from completing an academic assessment). If you are unable to fully participate in the GSP for such reasons, you must inform the SBEM in writing as soon as reasonably practicable.
 - a) We reserve the right to request that you provide suitable evidence of your circumstances.
 - b) We will consider these circumstances on an individual basis and we will endeavour to be sympathetic if we deem that the circumstances are unforeseen and out of your control. Events and conditions that are not normally accepted as IMCs are unlikely to be accepted as reasons for failing to participate in the GSP.
2. Failure to fully participate in the GSP, causing disruption to GSP activities, behaviour that could bring the GSP into disrepute, or behaviour that causes significant operational difficulties may lead to a warning or directly to referral to the GSP Scholar Monitoring Panel. Please see the Gold Scholarship Programme Policies and Procedures document for full details.
3. The GSP Scholar Monitoring Panel consists of the Scholarship Enrichment Manager, the Scholarships and Bursaries Manager and a representative from DDAR. This panel meets regularly to monitor the progress of scholars and, if you are referred, will decide whether you will be allowed to continue on the GSP or whether you will be removed from the programme.
 - a) You may be required to attend the panel hearing.
 - b) You will be informed of the outcome in writing.
 - c) The Panel's decision is final and there is no right of appeal.
4. If you are removed from the GSP, you will be automatically transferred to the University of Bath Bursary.
 - a) You will not normally be required to repay any funds.
 - b) Your next tranche of funding payment will be at the lower rate as paid to University of Bath Bursary recipients.
 - c) You will no longer be invited to participate in GSP events and activities.

D. Requesting to leave the GSP

1. If you are unable to continue on the GSP, please arrange a meeting with the SBEM to discuss your concerns.
2. If following that meeting, you would like to leave the GSP, please confirm this in writing to the SBEM.
3. You will receive formal confirmation that you have left the GSP and you will be automatically transferred to the University of Bath Bursary.
 - a) You will not be required to repay any funds.

- b) Your next tranche of funding payment will be at the lower rate as paid to University of Bath Bursary recipients.
- c) You will no longer be invited to participate in GSP events and activities.

E. Photography and filming

1. We will take photographs and short films of GSP events and activities, and we will encourage you to submit your own photographs and films of your life as a Gold Scholar. Unless you contact us, as outlined below, by participating in the GSP, you will be providing your consent to the University holding and processing such images.
2. These photographs and films may be used for publicity and promotional purposes for the GSP or for the University of Bath in a wide variety of formats. This may include hard copy literature (such as funding leaflets, the University Prospectus, or newsletters to donors), web pages and social media platforms.
3. If you do not wish for your image to be used, please write to the SBEM (gold@bath.ac.uk) to state this. If you do contact us, please be advised that whilst we will endeavour to ensure that your images will not be used going forward, we will not be able to prevent it from being used in materials that are already in circulation.

F. Complaints

1. If you have a complaint about the GSP, please refer to the University Student Complaints Procedure (www.bath.ac.uk/university-secretary/guidance-policies/studentcomplaints.html). In the first instance, please discuss your concerns informally with the SBEM and we will do our best to work with you to resolve these.

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