

Cowrie Foundation Scholarship Terms and Conditions for 2025/6 entry

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be considered you need to meet all of the following:

- Be of Black African; Black Caribbean; Black Other; Mixed – White and Black Caribbean; Mixed – White and Black African; or Other mixed background (to include Black African, Black Caribbean or Black Other) heritage
- Be an eligible new first-year Home UK* undergraduate student starting studies in 2025/6
- Be registered on a full-time undergraduate degree course
- Be eligible for and have a UK student loans household income assessment of £30,000 or below, with preference given to students with a household income under £25,000**
- And meet at least one or more of the following:
 - you were eligible for Free School Meals during secondary school
 - your home postcode is considered to be in an area of general disadvantage (IMD, quintiles 1 or 2)
 - you are a care leaver or
 - you are irreconcilably estranged from your parent(s) or guardian(s) or
 - you are a Young Carer or
 - you are a refugee/asylum seeker or

*Eligible UK students are those assessed as eligible for tuition fee and maintenance loans, as determined by Student Finance England (or other relevant UK student loans awarding agency), and have a home fee status determined by the University. When applying for the maintenance element of student loans you should request for these to be based on your household income

**You need to request a household income assessment to be completed by your student loans awarding agency, even if you are not planning on taking out a loan.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT GIVEN

As a Cowrie Scholar at the University of Bath your tuition fees will be covered, and you will receive a stipend towards your living expenses for the duration of your undergraduate degree study at Bath. The details of the funding are outlined below.

Tuition Fees	• Home tuition fees for the duration of your degree programme.
Living expenses	• A contribution towards living expenses of £8,000 per annum excluding during paid placement years. • If you undertake an unpaid placement, you will still receive £8,000 living expenses and be eligible for the Unpaid Placement Bursary

If in any year you study you choose to only study for part of the year, your payment for that year will be *pro rata*.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

The University will transfer your living expenses payment to your UK bank account. Please ensure you provide us with your bank details as soon as possible to avoid any delays.

- Payments will be made at the same time as payments made by Student Finance England (or other relevant UK student loans awarding agency). There may be the possibility of flexibility in discussion with the Student Retention and Success Team.

OVERVIEW OF OTHER SUPPORT PROVIDED TO COWRIE SCHOLARS

The Cowrie Scholarship Programme commenced with five universities from across the UK in 2021 and will be joined by ~12 universities in 2022 welcoming Cowrie Scholars. You will have opportunities to connect with this wider Cowrie Scholars network (which will grow over time) and benefit from an extensive mentorship programme that will include:

1. **Mentors:** Support from at least two personal Cowrie Scholarship Foundation mentors who will work with you during your degree programme.
2. **Workshops with partner companies** (including www.Unilever.co.uk and www.Oxera.com) over the course of your degree that will include guidance on developing a CV, interview training, skills development and career opportunities
3. **Work shadow activities:** Over the course of your degree, you will have an opportunity to experience different work opportunities (day placements and more) with partner sponsors of the Cowrie Scholarship Programme.
4. **Training-** Personal skills development workshops tailored for Cowrie scholars.
5. **Skills Development** – Virtual group activities with Cowrie scholars across the country (all partner universities), including opportunities to develop research skills.
6. **Annual conference** – all Cowrie Scholars will meet at least once a year with a focused and fun-filled annual conference to share learning and experiences and aid networking. The meeting will also include sessions with Trustees, Patrons, Sponsors and Corporate partners and Cowrie Friends and donors.

As part of our early cohort of Cowrie Scholars, your *active participation and input* in these activities will help shape them for future cohorts *and is expected* of all Cowie scholar recipients on accepting the award.

You will also play a key role in *promoting* the Cowrie Scholarship Foundation, encouraging more students to apply in future and more donors to support the work of the foundation and the University of Bath's scholarship programmes to increase impact over time.

If the Cowrie Scholarship Foundation notify the University that you are not engaging with the activities listed, you may be at risk of losing your Scholarship. The University of Bath and the Cowrie Scholarship Foundation will ensure that extenuating circumstances are considered.

MEETING YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BATH AND COWRIE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

- You will be required to meet with the Student Retention and Success Team at the University of Bath each semester to review your progress and plans.
- You will be expected to develop a budget and to effectively manage your living expenses to cover your costs.
- You will be responsible for understanding your degree programme, planning and preparing for success in that programme, and reaching out to your Personal Tutor or Director of Studies for assistance as it is required.
- You will be responsible for contacting the Student Retention and Success Team if you are in danger of failing a course. We want to provide whatever support we can to help you be successful.
- You will participate in opportunities that the Scholarship provides, and activities provided specifically by The Cowrie Scholarship Foundation, unless there is a clear reason stated and agreed with the University and the Cowrie Scholarship Foundation for why this is not possible.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAMPUS & WIDER BATH COMMUNITY

- You are typically required to live in University accommodation during your first year of study and contribute positively to the University of Bath learning community.

YOUR SUPPORT TEAM AT BATH

In addition to the many academics, staff members, and support services at Bath who will support you through your academic and social life, there are a number of places you can go if you require additional support. We will ensure relevant staff are aware of your scholarship status so they can provide you with the most appropriate support.

In addition, you can also contact

- Imroze Sahota – Student Retention and Success Team Leader
- Your Personal Tutor and Director of Studies and other members of academic staff
- The Students' Union

By accepting the Cowrie Foundation Scholarship at the University of Bath, you agree to:

- Meet with the Student Retention & Success Team each semester
- Communicate with all University staff teams in a timely manner
- Engage with activities around the scholarship at the University of Bath
- Follow through on recommended referrals to other professional services or workshops as needed to support your success at Bath and following graduation

- Attend meetings with the Cowrie Scholarship Foundation team as requested during your degree and *actively participate, promote and interact* with The Cowrie Scholarship Foundation.

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- As a Cowrie Scholar you are **not** eligible to receive either the Bath Bursary or a Gold Scholarship. You may be eligible to apply for other scholarships and awards based on the individual criteria of those programmes. Your Scholarship applies to the University of Bath only and to the degree programme to which you have been admitted.
- If you have met the eligibility criteria and are unsuccessful in receiving the Cowrie Foundation Scholarship, you will be considered for a Gold Scholarship if you have applied through the online application task. Similarly, if you have met the eligibility criteria and are unsuccessful in receiving the Gold Scholarship, you will automatically receive the Bath Bursary.
- The Cowrie Scholarship Foundation will consider course transfers on a case-to-case basis and will fund one repeat year if you should need to re-sit your exams.
- If you suspend or withdraw from study, you will not be eligible to receive any future award payments in that year. You must notify the Scholarships and Bursaries Team of your change in circumstances.
- 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 to them. We may request at any point, for audit purposes, evidence of any criteria as stated in your application.
- Your Scholarship is not transferable to any other academic institution.
- Your Scholarship cannot be paid directly by the University to external organisations for participation in conferences, workshops or travel abroad experiences.
- As one of the first to benefit from this new opportunity you will be expected to help with its development for students at the University of Bath, so that others can benefit from a fulfilling experience in the future.

QUESTIONS

Any queries relating to these terms and conditions should be addressed to the Scholarships & Bursaries Team, Student Support and Safeguarding, University of Bath, BA2 7AY or by emailing: undergraduatefunding@bath.ac.uk

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