



## **Terms and Conditions for Taught Postgraduate Discretionary Scholarships 2024-25**

(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 fee-paying full-time Taught Postgraduate Master's students taking up a place of study in 2024/25 entry, who are identified by the University as eligible for consideration for one of the Taught Postgraduate Discretionary 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.

The allocation of the scholarship is competitive and so not all applications received may be successful. Please see below for details on how selection is made.

Scholarships are awarded in the form of a fee waiver ('discount') 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 your first year of study only. There is no cash alternative to a fee waiver. Scholarships cannot be deferred and are for the 2024/25 academic entry year only.

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

## 2. Eligibility

If you wish to be considered for one of the Taught Postgraduate Discretionary Scholarships you MUST:

- have received an offer to study one of our **full-time, campus-based, Taught Postgraduate Master's courses** in one of the three faculties outlined above for the entry year 2024/25; and
- applied for the scholarships before the first application deadline **23:59 (GMT) 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

If you have not complied with the conditions outlined above, you will not be considered for the Taught Postgraduate Discretionary Scholarships (as applicable).

## 3. Application

You must apply using the application form link provided in your application tracker. If you have any issues or need any assistance, please contact the International Student Recruitment Office at [postgraduate-taught-funding@bath.ac.uk](mailto:postgraduate-taught-funding@bath.ac.uk).

It is the University's responsibility to identify potential scholarship recipients on the basis of information provided in your scholarship and 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 in the timeframes specified and you must submit any evidence requested by deadlines.

### **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 International Student Recruitment Office about this as it may affect your continued eligibility.

### **Suspensions and withdrawal from studies**

If you suspend or withdraw from your studies then 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 overpayments 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.

### **Repeating, extending or deferring your studies**

The scholarships outlined here will not be paid during any extension/repeat period(s) to your programme. You may be able to apply for Hardship Funds from the Money Advice Team should you find yourself in financial difficulty. Visit <http://www.bath.ac.uk/students/finance/funding-advice/hardship-fund/index.html> to find out more about Hardship Funds. Please note that awards from this fund are not guaranteed.

The scholarships outlined here are for 2024 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 International Student Recruitment Office 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 to seek repayment of any 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 Head of International Student Recruitment.

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 also 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.
- Please note that the University does not award scholarships in order of application and does not start selection until after the relevant closing date.
- All awardees may be expected to participate in publicity for the scholarships from time to time during the academic year.
- You cannot be considered for an award if you have not submitted your application along with any appropriate evidence by the published deadlines.
- Awards cannot be claimed retrospectively.
- Feedback will not be provided on unsuccessful applications or decisions on awarded scholarships in any circumstances.
- Only awardees will be notified of a successful scholarship award.
- If you already have a partial scholarship from another organisation (including another University of Bath scholarship) for part of your tuition fees, you can combine these scholarships, provided that it does not equal more than the cost of your tuition fees. However, we will not give a University of Bath scholarship to anyone who already has a full scholarship (from another organisation) to pay for their tuition fees. If your financial situation changes the University reserves the right to reconsider the award.
- The University reserves the right to review application closing dates to ensure the allocation of awards is met in full.
- We may request at any point, for audit purposes, evidence of any criteria as stated in your application.
- Scholarships cannot be deferred and are for the 2024/25 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.
- No additional information can be added, nor amendments made, to the original application.

## **4. Selection**

Selection will be based on your answers submitted to questions in your scholarship application, and other contextual information as provided in your application to study at Bath. A selection panel will meet to decide upon allocation of scholarships. This panel will normally comprise the International Student Recruitment Project Delivery Manager, Head of International Student Recruitment and the International Student Recruitment Manager. Scholarship decisions will be made at their discretion and their decision is final. You cannot be considered for an award if you have not submitted a scholarship application along with any relevant supporting evidence, before the relevant application deadline

outlined in Section 2. **All awards are discretionary and limited in number, so even if you meet the criteria you are not guaranteed to receive one.**

## **5. 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 [postgraduate-taught-funding@bath.ac.uk](mailto:postgraduate-taught-funding@bath.ac.uk).

## **6. 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 Head of International Student Recruitment, International Student Recruitment Office, The University of Bath, BA2 7AY or by emailing [postgraduate-taught-funding@bath.ac.uk](mailto:postgraduate-taught-funding@bath.ac.uk).