EU BURSARY 2021/22. GUIDELINES AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Guidelines

1.0 This information applies to full-time and part-time students who are ordinarily resident in an EU country (except citizens of the Republic of Ireland) commencing their study in 2021-2022 at the Whiteknights and London Road (UK) campus who are eligible for the EU Bursary 2021/22.

1.1 The University offers other funding schemes, such as the University of Reading Master’s Scholarship scheme or funding offered by external sponsors for which students may be eligible. This information relates only to the EU Bursary 2021/22.

1.2 The EU Bursary 2021/22 will be awarded by the University of Reading. The Bursary will be applied automatically, subject to the eligibility criteria being satisfied.

1.3 The EU Bursary has an annual value of £6000¹ (pro rated for part time students) and, in the case of courses lasting for more than one year, it will be applied on an annual, recurrent basis throughout the duration of study for each full year of registration. It cannot be paid in cash or used to offset any other expense a student may incur at the University (e.g. accommodation fees).

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the EU Bursary 2021/22 candidates must:

2.0 Be applying to study full or part-time for one of the following programmes²:
   - International Foundation Programme
   - An undergraduate degree (including Integrated Foundation Year and M level qualifications but excluding Degree Apprenticeship study)
   - A taught postgraduate degree of a minimum of 9 months duration
   - A research degree (including MRes)

¹ Undergraduate students undertaking a placement year or study abroad may still receive the EU Bursary 2021/22 but the discount will be reduced in line with the reduction in tuition fees for students (e.g. currently 15% of the normal tuition fee applies for a full year spent on placement and the EU Bursary would therefore be set at 15% of its full value). The EU Bursary may be applied on a pro rata basis in certain other circumstances (e.g. when studies are suspended for a portion of a year and the tuition fee similarly reduced). Students being charged a nominal registration fee (such as the PhD ‘Writing Up’ fee) will not receive any discount.

² Pre-sessional English courses and flexible learning (modular) master’s courses are not part of the EU Bursary 2021/22 scheme.
2.1 Not already be in receipt of a full tuition fee scholarship (Note also 3.2 below).

2.2 Have applied for study and be admitted to their first year of study on an eligible programme to commence in academic year 2021/22.

2.3 Ordinarily be resident in an EU country³.

2.4 Be an EU applicant that has been classified by the University as an international student for academic year 21/22 entry fees purposes. EU nationals who qualify for UK fee status, for example through the EU Settlement Scheme will not be eligible for the EU Bursary 2021/22.

2.5 Have a valid visa entitling them to study in the UK.

2.6 Completed all the appropriate application and enrolment processes of the University including the provision of such evidence of compliance with the Eligibility Criteria as the University may reasonably require.

Terms and Conditions

3.0 The EU Bursary 2021/22 will only be offered to students who satisfy the Eligibility Criteria and the Terms and Conditions.

3.1 The EU Bursary has been approved for 2021/22 entry only. Students who defer entry to 2022/23 will not be entitled to the EU Bursary 2021/22.

3.2 Candidates in receipt of a partial tuition fee scholarship from an outside organisation or another University of Reading award (e.g. University of Reading Master’s Scholarship) can combine this with the EU Bursary 2021/22, provided that the total annual value of financial aid does not amount to more than the total annual cost of tuition⁴. Recipients of the EU Bursary 2020/21 are required to advise us if their financial situation changes, for example they are subsequently granted a full scholarship. The University reserves the right to withdraw the offer of an EU Bursary 2021/22, if a student’s funding situation changes such that they become ineligible.

3.3 Applicants who are not eligible for Home Fee status and appear to be eligible for the EU Bursary 2021/22 may be contacted to provide some additional information to confirm their status. The University will then confirm their eligibility, and where eligible, the bursary will be applied after enrolment.

3.4 The EU Bursary is non-transferrable and its continuation into future years of study applies to programmes of more than one-year duration where the student remains registered for the same level of study for a further full year. Completion of the course will mean the end to the Bursary.

³ We deem ordinarily resident in an EU country to mean that you have been habitually, normally and lawfully resident in an EU country for the three years (ignoring temporary absences) before the first day of the first academic year of the course.

⁴ In the event scholarship(s) or other forms of financial aid when combined with the value of the EU Bursary 2021/22 exceed the annual cost of tuition, the EU Bursary 2021/22 will be reduced by an amount equivalent to the excess to arrive at a funding package equal in value to the annual cost of tuition.
3.5 The University’s decision is final. The University reserves the right to withdraw the EU Bursary 2021/22 and claim back any EU Bursary 2021/22 already applied, if a student is subsequently found to be ineligible or if these terms and conditions are not adhered to.

3.6 In accepting an EU Bursary 2021/22 candidates are deemed to have agreed to the above terms and conditions. Any queries should be addressed to scholarships@reading.ac.uk

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