

# VICE CHANCELLOR GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2021/22. GUIDELINES AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## Guidelines

- 1.0 These Guidelines and Terms and Conditions apply to the Vice Chancellor Global Scholarship Award 2021/22 (hereafter referred to as the Scholarship) open to International Students studying an undergraduate programme at the University of Reading (Whiteknights and London Road (UK) campuses) who meet the Eligibility Criteria.
- 1.1 The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Reading. No scholarship application is necessary. Students will be assessed based on the information contained in their degree course application and any relevant qualifications information supplied upon request by the University.
- 1.2 Selection will be made by the University on the basis of academic achievement, as evidenced through outstanding performance in the examinations or assessments (qualifications) offered by the student in order to gain admission to the University.
- 1.3 The Scholarship has an annual value of **£4000**<sup>1</sup> and subject to these terms and conditions, will be applied each year the student remains a registered student at the University on the same programme and level of study. **50 Scholarships** will be offered for 2021/22 entrance to the University.
- 1.4 The Scholarship will be applied as a reduction in tuition fees. It cannot be paid in cash or used to offset any other expense a student may incur at the University (e.g. accommodation fees).
- 1.5 Scholarships will be allocated between July and September 2021 and in order to be offered the Scholarship, an applicant's admission status must be Unconditional Firm (UF)<sup>2</sup> no later than 1700 UK time on **10 September 2021**. We will endeavor to complete the process of notifying those selected for a Scholarship by 17 September 2021. Students selected for the Scholarship will be asked to confirm their acceptance and that they understand and satisfy the requirements set out in this document. Only students selected for the Scholarship will be contacted.

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<sup>1</sup> Undergraduate students undertaking a placement year or study abroad may still receive the Scholarship 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 Scholarship would therefore be set at 15% of its full value). The Scholarship may be applied on a pro rata basis in certain other circumstances (e.g. when studies are suspended for a portion of a year or undertaken on a part-time basis).

<sup>2</sup> This means the student has been offered admission to the University, they have no conditions to satisfy (unconditional) and they have accepted the offer of admission (firm).

## Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Scholarship candidates must:

- 2.0 Apply for and be admitted to a University of Reading undergraduate programme (including Integrated Foundation Year and M level qualifications but excluding Degree Apprenticeship study) commencing in the academic year 2021/22.
- 2.1 Demonstrate to the University outstanding academic achievement.
- 2.2 Ensure their admission status is Unconditional Firm, no later than 1700 UK time on 10 September 2021.
- 2.3 Not already be in receipt of a full tuition fee scholarship (Note also 3.2 below).
- 2.4 Be classified by the University as an international student for fees purposes<sup>3</sup>.
- 2.5 Have completed all the appropriate degree course admission processes of the University, including the provision of any such evidence of compliance with the Eligibility Criteria and evidence to demonstrate academic achievement as the University may reasonably require.

## Terms and Conditions

- 3.0 The Scholarship will only be offered to students who satisfy the Eligibility Criteria and the Terms and Conditions.
- 3.1 The Scholarship is valid for 2021/22 entry only. Students selected for the Scholarship who subsequently defer entry to 2022/23 will not be entitled to carry the funding over to the following year<sup>4</sup>.
- 3.2 Candidates in receipt of a partial tuition fee scholarship or bursary from an outside organisation or through another University of Reading award can combine this with the Scholarship, provided that the total annual value of financial aid does not amount to more than the total annual cost of tuition<sup>5</sup>. Recipients of the Scholarship 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 a scholarship, if a student's funding situation changes such that they become ineligible.
- 3.3 The scholarship is applied in the form of a tuition fee reduction. There is no cash alternative to the tuition fee reduction. Where students pay their tuition fees in

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<sup>3</sup> EU nationals who qualify for UK fee status, for example through the EU Settlement Scheme, will not be eligible for the Scholarship.

<sup>4</sup> Subject to the Scholarship being available in 2022/23, students deferring from 2021/22 will be considered along with all other candidates and according to the particular terms and conditions of the 2022/23 scholarship..

<sup>5</sup> In the event that multiple scholarships or other forms of financial aid when combined exceed the annual cost of tuition, the Vice Chancellor Global Scholarship Award 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.

instalments, the scholarship will be applied pro rata in proportion to the fee paid (e.g. in the event the annual tuition fee is paid in two equal instalments, each payment will be reduced by an amount equivalent to 50% of the scholarship).

- 3.4 Subject to the satisfactory progress of the student, the Scholarship will be applied for each year the student remains registered for the same level of study<sup>6</sup>. In the event of a year of study being repeated, the Scholarship will not be paid for the repeat year of study. Completion of the course will mean the end of the Scholarship.
- 3.5 The University's decision is final. The University reserves the right to withdraw the Scholarship and claim back any discount 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 a Scholarship, candidates are deemed to have agreed to the above terms and conditions. Any queries should be addressed to [scholarships@reading.ac.uk](mailto:scholarships@reading.ac.uk)

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<sup>6</sup> The University recognises that there may be instances where a student changes their programme specialisation as part of their ongoing studies. Subject to the appropriate approval processes being satisfied, the Scholarship will continue to be awarded.