

## Sanctuary Scholarships Guidelines and Terms & Conditions

These Terms and Conditions apply to all those wishing to apply for a University of Reading Sanctuary Scholarship (**Sanctuary Scholarship**). By submitting a Sanctuary Scholarship application, you agree to comply with, and be bound, by these Terms and Conditions. To be eligible to apply for a Sanctuary Scholarship, you must have been granted a temporary form of leave (limited leave to remain, discretionary leave to remain, humanitarian protection) as the result of an asylum application or human rights application, or be an asylum seeker, and in either case you must fulfil the relevant eligibility criteria set out below.

### **Guidelines**

- 1.1 The University of Reading (**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 – for more information see [the Master's Scholarships page](#). This information relates only to the Sanctuary Scholarships.
- 1.2 Sanctuary Scholarships will be awarded by the University. Eligible applicants will need to submit a separate application for the awards and recipients will be selected following assessment by a panel.
- 1.3 **Types of Sanctuary Scholarship.** There are five different award types in the Sanctuary Scholarships. There are summarised below. Please note each award is subject to further specific eligibility criteria as set out later in these Terms and Conditions. The award types are:
  - **five** awards to cover the fees of an 11-week Pre-Sessional English programme is worth £4,345 each;
  - **four** undergraduate bursary awards worth £5,000 each for each year of study;
  - **one** postgraduate taught bursary worth £10,000 (pro rata for part-time students);
  - **one** scholarship comprising a tuition fee waiver and bursary of £14,200 for each year of study for new students studying undergraduate programmes; and
  - **one** scholarship comprising a tuition fee waiver and bursary of £14,200 for each year of study (pro rata for part-time students) students studying postgraduate taught programmes.
- 1.4 **Fee waivers** will be applied directly to the tuition fees at the beginning of each year of the programme. Fee waivers apply for the full duration of the programme and where that programme spans more than one year, fee waivers for subsequent years will only be applied if the student progresses to the next part of their programme.
- 1.5 **Bursary awards** will be paid in three equal termly instalments, directly to the student's bank details as stored in RISIS in October, January and April. It is the student's responsibility to ensure their bank details are correct. Bursaries will be paid for each year of study where a programme spans over more than one year. Bursaries for subsequent years will only be paid if the student progresses to the next part of their programme.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible for a University of Reading Sanctuary Scholarship candidates must:

- 2.0 be granted a temporary form of leave (limited leave to remain, discretionary leave to remain, humanitarian protection) as the result of an asylum application or human rights application; **or** be an asylum seeker; **and**
- 2.1 fulfil the following specific eligibility criteria as relevant to the award being applied for:
- for the Pre Sessional English awards, applicants should be local with priority given to those living in an RG post code area
  - for both the undergraduate and postgraduate taught bursaries, applicants should qualify for Home fees status and be able to claim Student Funding Authority support/Postgraduate loans.
  - for the full tuition fee waiver and bursary combined awards applicants should not qualify for Home fees status, and therefore not be able to claim Student Funding Authority support/postgraduate loans **and**
- 2.2 have applied to study full or part-time for one of the following University programmes, and have received either a conditional or unconditional offer:
- an undergraduate degree (including Integrated Foundation Year and M level qualifications but excluding Degree Apprenticeship study); or
  - a taught postgraduate degree of a minimum of 9 months duration; **and**
- 2.3 not already hold an undergraduate or postgraduate degree, awarded in the UK and/or overseas; **and**
- 2.4 currently reside in the UK; **and**
- 2.5 have completed the application form for the Sanctuary Scholarships and 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.
- 2.6 Every attempt will be made to award Sanctuary Scholarships after and applicants holding conditional offers have been able to transfer to unconditional. In the event that we are unable to adhere to this timeline, any Sanctuary Scholarship awards to applicants with a conditional offer will remain provisional until they are able to fulfil all of their conditions.
- 2.7 Every attempt will be made to place Sanctuary Scholarship recipients on the programme, or alternatively to transfer them to a suitable Foundation programme (in the case of Undergraduate applicants).

### **Terms and conditions**

- 3.1 The Sanctuary Scholarships will only be offered to students who satisfy the Eligibility Criteria and comply with these Terms and Conditions.
- 3.2 Each Sanctuary Scholarship is non-transferrable and its continuation into future years of study only applies to programmes of more than one-year duration, and then where the student remains registered for the same level of study for a further full year. Completion of the programme will mean the end to the Sanctuary Scholarship.

- 3.3 In the event that a Sanctuary Scholarship recipient's asylum application is refused by the UK Government, the recipient will be allowed to study pending an appeal on their asylum claim.

The recipient must however continue to have a right to reside and study in the UK. Recipients must inform our International Student Advisory team immediately if they receive any notification of a change to their asylum status. The University reserves the right to suspend studies following notification from the Home Office.

- 3.4 In the event that a Sanctuary Scholarship recipient's asylum application is granted by the UK Government during the time they are enrolled on their programme, the recipient should immediately update the University and the relevant Student Funding Authority (**SFA**) as this will update their fee status and/or entitlement to Government financial support. Once the recipient has been reassessed, and the recipient becomes entitled to financial support from that SFA, the University reserves the right to adjust the recipient's Sanctuary Scholarship accordingly (for example to the level of support applicable to Forced Migrants with Home Fees status).
- 3.5 The University's decision is final. The University reserves the right to withdraw the Sanctuary Scholarship and claim back any payments already applied, if a student is subsequently found to be ineligible or if these Terms and Conditions are not adhered to.
- 3.6 In the event of a suspension of studies, fee waivers and bursaries will be removed for the period of suspension, and will resume once the student is fully enrolled again.

In the event of a withdrawal from study, the next bursary payments will be removed as per the University's advertised cut-off dates.

Sanctuary Scholarship entitlement is for the normal duration of the programme and entitlement is not extended if overall programme duration is altered through suspension or withdrawal.

- 3.7 Students awarded a Sanctuary Scholarship may be required to participate in relevant University marketing activities about the scheme.
- 3.8 Sanctuary Scholarship applicants must adhere to any deadline and other application details as appear on [www.reading.ac.uk/sanctuary-scholarships](http://www.reading.ac.uk/sanctuary-scholarships).
- 3.9 A maximum of one Sanctuary Scholarship will be awarded per applicant - with the exception that applicants can apply for **both** a Pre-Sessional English Sanctuary Scholarship **and** one of the Undergraduate or Postgraduate Sanctuary Scholarships.
- 3.10 The University reserves the right to offer no Sanctuary Scholarships if no suitable applicants apply.
- 3.11 No further funds will be awarded other than the relevant Sanctuary Scholarship. Any other additional costs will be covered by the awardee. The University accepts no responsibility for any costs incurred in relation to the Sanctuary Scholarship.
- 3.12 Awardees must check that any other scholarship that they have been awarded allows for funding from multiple scholarships, fee waivers and/or bursaries.

3.12 In applying for a Sanctuary Scholarship candidates are deemed to have agreed to the above Terms and Conditions. Any queries should be addressed to [refugeescholarship@reading.ac.uk](mailto:refugeescholarship@reading.ac.uk).