UNIVERSITY OF READING SOCIOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP – GUIDELINES AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Guidelines

1.0 This information applies to new undergraduate students taking up a place of study in 2027-2028 at the University of Reading (Whiteknights and London Road (UK) campuses) who are eligible for consideration for the University of Reading Sociology Scholarship.

1.1 The University of Reading Sociology Scholarship (hereafter referred to as 'the Scholarship') is a competitive award funded by the University of Reading. The Scholarship provides a cash payment and may be held in conjunction with other funding, but note the ceiling on financial aid (clause 3.2).

1.2 The Scholarship is awarded by the University. In 2027/28 the University will offer to UK and International students.

1.3 The Scholarship is available to students paying both home and international fees, comprising of £3,000 for Year 1 of study, paid directly to students for maintenance and living costs (i.e. not as a fee discount), in accordance with these terms and conditions.

1.4 There are other scholarships schemes students may be eligible for, but this information relates only to the Sociology Scholarship.

1.5 The Scholarship is awarded on a rolling basis. No application form is required – all students who choose the BSc Sociology, BSc Sociology with Placement Year, BSc Sociology and Criminology, BSc Sociology and Criminology with Placement Year at the University of Reading as their Firm UCAS choice are considered automatically. The closing date for consideration is 5 May 2027 (23:59 GMT). Late applications will not be considered

1.6 The allocation of funds is competitive and not all applications received may be successful. We will only contact successful scholarship applicants.

1.7 We will endeavor to notify successful scholarship applicants within 5 weeks of the closing date. However, if a student for any reason declines an awarded scholarship, we will then move on to a reserve list. Therefore, some students may be contacted beyond 5 weeks of the closing date. If a student has not been contacted by the University regarding a scholarship by the beginning of September, they should assume they have been unsuccessful at this time.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for consideration for the scholarship candidates must:

2.0 Have applied and received a formal offer of admission on a University of Reading undergraduate Sociology programmes[1] for admission in the academic year 2027-2028

2.1 It is not necessary to have firmly accepted an offer of admission in order to be considered for the Scholarship but Reading must be the Firm Choice in order for the funding to be awarded.

2.2 Not already be in receipt of the Global Sustainability Leaders Scholarship.

2.3 Not already be in receipt of a full scholarship or sponsorship.

2.4 Not already be enrolled on an undergraduate programme in the UK.

2.5 Demonstrate to the University outstanding academic achievement.

Terms and conditions

3.0 Candidates will only be considered if they satisfy the Eligibility Criteria and the Terms and Conditions.

3.1 Candidates will be assessed on the basis of their academic accomplishments (predicted or actual) to date, although reference may also be made to achievements outside of the field of education, for example extracurricular activities, voluntary work, overcoming adversity. Supplementary documents cannot be submitted, although university staff reviewing scholarship applications will make reference to the information provided as part of the UCAS application process, including supporting information, such as transcripts or references.

3.2 We will not award the Scholarship to anyone who already has a full scholarship or sponsorship to pay for their tuition fees and living expenses. Scholarship recipients are required to advise us if their financial situation changes and they are subsequently granted a full scholarship from another source. The University reserves the right to withdraw all or part of the Scholarship and make no (or no further) payments if the student obtains sufficient funding from another source.

3.3 Candidates selected for a scholarship will be notified by email and it is therefore essential that the University has up-to-date contact information. Upon being notified of an award, a candidate will be given a deadline they will need to have registered their acceptance of the scholarship. If the candidate has not accepted their offer of admission for their chosen course, they will not be considered for this Scholarship. If the Scholarship is not accepted by the deadline given in the e-mail notifying them of the award, it will be assumed the candidate does not wish to receive funding and the scholarship offer will be withdrawn.

3.4 If a scholarship is offered to a conditional offer holder, then the award of the scholarship will also be conditional on the student meeting these requirements for entry.

3.5 The University will only contact successful scholarship applicants and the University will

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endeavor to do so within 5 weeks of the deadline.

3.6 All scholarships are applied in the form of a one-off cash payment into a UK bank account. Scholarships cannot be deferred to future years and are valid for entry in the 2027-2028 academic year only.

3.7 The University's decision is final, and we are unable to receive requests for reconsideration. The University reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship if students are subsequently found to be ineligible or if these Terms and Conditions are not adhered to.

3.8 Candidates offered the Scholarship are deemed to have agreed to the above terms and conditions. Any queries about the Scholarship should be addressed to scholarships@reading.ac.uk

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