

UNIVERSITY OF READING ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP – GUIDELINES AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Guidelines

- 1.0 This information applies to students taking up a place of higher level study at the University of Reading from September 2027 onwards who have previously studied at the University of Reading.
- 1.1 The University of Reading Alumni Scholarship is offered to master's students for entry in the **2027/28** academic year and is dependent on the student's fee status. There are two different streams available:

Fee status ¹	Scholarship	Amount
Home fees	Alumni Scholarship	20% off tuition fee
International fees	Alumni Scholarship	£10,000 off tuition fee

- 1.2 The Alumni Scholarship for students assessed as 'International' for tuition fee purposes will receive a £10,000 tuition fee discount, also referred to as the "International Stream". Students assessed as 'Home' for tuition fee purposes will receive 20% off their total tuition fee, also referred to as the "Home Stream".²
- 1.3 Students in receipt of the International Stream award are not eligible to receive the University of Reading Excellence Scholarship or Partner Scholarship or discount. . Home Stream recipients of the Alumni Scholarship are still eligible to combine this award with other applicable University of Reading scholarships, including the *UK Academic Achievement Scholarship*, subject to their Terms and Conditions.
- 1.4 The Scholarship will be applied to tuition fees only and will not be applicable to research or other expenses.
- 1.5 All decisions on eligibility for the Alumni Scholarship will be made by the University and the decision of the University on eligibility for the scholarship is final. The University reserves the right to withdraw or vary the scheme at any time but any such withdrawal or variation would

¹ Your fee status is determined according to set criteria provided in regulations, and guidance, provided by the Government of the four countries of the UK: England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland. Further information is provided by the UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA). These are set out on the UKCISA website, which is available [here](#).

² On occasion, additional information received by the University after the offer of admission has been made may necessitate a change in fee status. This will be notified to the offer holder. In the event a student who is initially offered admission on an International fee basis is reclassified as a Home fee student, they will be considered for the 20% fee reduction for Home fee payers.

not apply to eligible students who have firmly accepted the offer of a place prior to its withdrawal/variation and who register for a course in the academic year for which they applied.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for consideration for the Alumni Scholarship, candidates must:

- 2.0 Be applying to undertake a new programme at a higher level which comprises at least 120 credits at the University of Reading.
- 2.1 Have previously completed a programme of study at the University of Reading of at least 120 credits (or equivalent) or have completed at least one term / semester of study at the University of Reading as a Study Abroad student³.
- 2.2 Not already be in receipt of a scholarship from a third party that pays in full the cost of tuition fees.
- 2.3 Have applied for entry to a University of Reading programme using the appropriate application form.
- 2.4 **The following students are not eligible for the Alumni Scholarship because their studies are deemed to form progression within an overall programme of study:**
 - 2.4.1 Students who complete the International Foundation Programme (IFP) and progress on to an undergraduate programme of study;
 - 2.4.2 Students who complete the Pre-session English course and progress onto the IFP, an undergraduate, or postgraduate degree programme; and
 - 2.4.3 Students who are moving into the final year of an Integrated Master's programme.

Terms and Conditions

- 3.0 Alumni Scholarship recipients must satisfy the Eligibility Criteria and the Terms and Conditions.
- 3.1 The Scholarship is applied at the point of admission to the qualifying programme in the form of a reduction in tuition fees. No cash alternative will be offered. It is non-transferable. The Scholarship will be applied automatically, so there is no need for the alumnus to submit an application for the discount.
- 3.2 Scholarship recipient is required to be an alumnus/alumna of the University of Reading, or will be, at the time of entry onto the programme for which they are seeking eligibility for the discount.

³ This is evidenced through the students RISIS record or the supply of a degree certificate/transcript. Should a student believe themselves to be eligible for the Alumni Scholarship but it has not been applied, they should contact pgadmissions@reading.ac.uk and provide the relevant information in support of their case. This should be done before the end of the first semester of their programme. The discount will not be applied after that point.

- 3.3 Alumni in receipt of a partial tuition fee discount from an outside organisation may hold the scholarship in conjunction with the Alumni Scholarship. We are unable to offer the Alumni Scholarship to anyone in receipt of a full tuition fee discount from a third party. Alumni 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 Alumni Scholarship if the student obtains full tuition fee funding from an external source.
- 3.4 International Stream recipients are not allowed to combine this Scholarship with the Excellence Scholarship or Partner Scholarship or discount.
- 3.5 Alumni studying on a full-time or part-time, basis are entitled to the Alumni Scholarship. Dual and Flexible / part-time modular masters courses are excluded.
- 3.6 Scholarships cannot be deferred to future years and are valid for entry in the 2027-2028 academic year only. In the event a student defers their admission to the following academic year they will be eligible for consideration for any appropriate funding schemes in operation at that time.
- 3.7 Alumni qualify for the Scholarship only once in respect of a previous period of study. However, where a person successfully completes a second period of study falling within 2.1 above, they are eligible to receive the Alumni Scholarship in respect of a further programme of study providing that the further programme comprises at least 120 credits. For example, a person successfully completing an undergraduate degree would be eligible to receive the Alumni Scholarship when embarking on a taught postgraduate programme. If the taught postgraduate programme is completed successfully, the person would then be eligible for a further discount if they embarked on a postgraduate research degree.
- 3.8 **In being of receipt of a University of Reading Alumni Scholarship, the alumnus / alumna is deemed to have read and accepted these Terms and Conditions.**
- 3.9 Any queries about the Alumni Scholarship should be addressed to scholarships@reading.ac.uk.