UNDERGRADUATE EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP 2027 – 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 who are eligible for consideration for one of the Undergraduate Excellence Scholarships.

1.1 The Undergraduate Excellence Scholarship (hereafter referred to as 'the Scholarship') is a competitive award funded by the University of Reading. The Scholarship provides a tuition fee reduction and may be held in conjunction with other funding, [1]subject to the limit on financial aid at clause 3.4.

1.2 The Scholarship is only available to international fee status students paying international tuition fees.

1.3 The University will offer up to a total of 80 scholarships and each has an annual value of **£5000**[2] 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, subject to clause 3.10.

1.4 In the event a student from outside of the UK/Republic of Ireland qualifies for Home fee status, they will no longer be eligible for this Scholarship. The tuition fee payable is confirmed in the degree programme offer of admission3.

1.5 The Scholarship scheme does not award scholarships in order of application. . Applications will be assessed following the relevant round closing date, and the scholarship awards will be made in four rounds. The application submission deadline dates for each round are as follows:

[1] The Scholarship cannot be awarded in conjunction with the Global Sustainability Leaders Scholarship.

[2] 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)

[3] 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.

- Round One – Applications received by 23:59 on 31 December 2026.[4] **Awarding date on 28 January 2027.**
- Round Two – Applications received by 23:59 on 31 March 2027. **Awarding date on 23 April 2027.**
- Round Three – Applications received by 23:59 on 30 June 2027**. Awarding date on 26 July 2027.**
- Round Four (Clearing Round) – Applications received by 23:59 on 20 August 2027. **Awarding date on 27 August 2027.**

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 If a student for any reason declines an awarded scholarship, we will look to award to a student on the reserve list. Therefore, some students may be contacted after the closing date of a later round than the one in which they applied. If a student has not been contacted by the University regarding a scholarship by the beginning of September, they should assume that their application has been unsuccessful.

Eligibility Criteria

2.0 To be eligible for consideration for one of the Scholarships, candidates must:

2.1 Have applied and received a formal offer of admission for entry in the academic year 2027-28 (including M level qualifications, excluding Degree Apprenticeship study and international foundation year students). **It is not necessary** for candidates to have accepted the offer of admission and hold the University as their Firm choice at the Scholarship application stage.

2.2 Not already be in receipt of a full tuition fee scholarship or sponsorship, or the Global Sustainability Leaders Scholarship.

2.3 Not already be enrolled on an undergraduate programme in the UK or enrolled in a course at the University of Reading Malaysia.

2.4 Not be a transferring student from the University of Reading Malaysia (UoRM). Students transferring from UoRM to the University of Reading are not eligible to apply for the Scholarship.

2.5 Demonstrate to the University academic and non-academic achievement.

2.6 Not be eligible for Home tuition fee status at the University.

2.7 Have applied to study on a full-time course.

[4] Candidates unsuccessful in rounds one to three are automatically put forwards for consideration in later rounds, provided they still hold a valid offer of admission to an eligible course and have selected the University of Reading as their Firm choice on UCAS. We are not able to consider any students who are holding the University of Reading as their Insurance choice or have declined their place.

Terms and Conditions

3.0 Scholarship applications will only be considered if candidates satisfy the Eligibility Criteria and accept these Terms and Conditions

3.1 Scholarship applications must be submitted using the form that eligible candidates will have access to via their me@reading applicant portal. No alternative method of application will be considered. The application form must be completed in full, including confirmation that the candidate understands and accepts the Terms and Conditions under which the scheme operates. **Accepting the Scholarship shall be taken as confirmation that these Terms and Conditions have been read and accepted.**

3.2 Candidates will be assessed on the basis of their academic accomplishments (predicted or actual) to date. They will also be assessed on their achievements outside of the field of education, for example in extracurricular activities, voluntary work, or overcoming diversity. Please note there is a 1000-character limit for each question. 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.

3.3 All information in the scholarship application should be provided by the candidate themselves and be true and accurate.

3.4 Candidates in receipt of multiple tuition fee scholarships may be able to combine the scholarships, provided that they do not amount to more than the total cost of tuition. We will not give a Scholarship to anyone who already has a full scholarship or sponsorship to pay for their tuition fees. 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 alternative funding from another source. A student will not be disadvantaged if they already hold a partial scholarship, provided it would not exceed the tuition fee, as stated above.

3.5 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 also be required to do this (selecting the University as their Firm choice on UCAS). If the Scholarship and the offer of admission are 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. This includes confirming the University of Reading as an Insurance choice, rather than a Firm choice, as we will assume your intention is to study elsewhere.

3.6 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.

3.7 The University will only contact successful Scholarship applicants and will endeavour to do so by the end of September 2027.

3.8 Scholarships will be applied in the form of a tuition fee reduction. There is no cash alternative. Where students pay their tuition fees in 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). **Scholarships cannot be deferred to future years and are valid for entry in the 2027-2028 academic year only.**

3.9 The Scholarship is awarded each year the student remains a registered student at the University on the same programme and level of study.[5] In the event of a year of study being repeated, the Scholarship will not be paid for the repeat year of study. Completion of, or withdrawal from the course will mean the end of the Scholarship.

3.10 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.

3.1 In making an application for the Scholarship 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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[5] 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