

# Donor-funded Scholarships and Bursaries at NTU Academic Year 2019/2020

#### **Terms and Conditions**

Please read the following carefully and ensure that you understand the eligibility criteria and conditions attached to scholarships and bursaries funded by donors.

### **Undergraduate, Masters and PhD Scholarships and Bursaries**

Philanthropically funded scholarships and bursaries (those funded by donors) provide non-repayable awards to eligible students to help with living and associated course and extracurricular activity costs.

### In general:

- a) Unless specified otherwise, scholarships and bursaries (awards) are available to students undertaking a full-time programme of study;
- b) The successful applicant (the Scholar) is required to accept the award by the date given in the Scholarship/Bursary Offer Letter. Nottingham Trent University (NTU) reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship/bursary offer if not accepted by the required date, or if the Scholar does not satisfy the conditions, set out within the Offer and these Terms and Conditions;
- c) The scholarship/bursary is conditional on the Scholar:
  - Accepting their conditional/unconditional degree course offer from NTU;
  - Completing enrolment, and commencing their course in the 2019/20 Academic Year; and
  - Maintaining full attendance throughout the duration of their degree course. If a Scholar withdraws from their degree course, they will not be eligible to receive any further instalments.

### Would I be eligible for a Donor-funded Scholarship/Bursary?

There are a limited number of philanthropic scholarships and bursaries available each year. All eligible students in receipt of a conditional/unconditional offer to study at NTU, will be sent an invitation to apply for available philanthropic scholarships and bursaries. For entry to the 2019/20 academic year, NTU will email invitations after the UCAS deadline for offers on 11 July 2019.

To be eligible for a scholarship or a bursary you must satisfy the following general essential criteria:

- a) Be in receipt of a conditional or unconditional offer on a relevant course (See Appendix A) and commence study in the 2019/20 Academic Year;
- b) Have achieved the relevant grades for your chosen course. Special consideration will be given where an applicant can provide evidence of mitigating circumstances that resulted in underperformance at A-Level;
- c) With undergraduate awards, you must not already possess a first degree to be eligible to apply for an undergraduate scholarship or a bursary;
- d) If you are sponsored (i.e. the tuition fees are being paid) by your employer, government or a funding body (either in full or in part), you might not be eligible to apply for these scholarships and bursaries.

If you feel that you meet the eligibility criteria, and have not received an invitation to apply from NTU, you can make an application via the Scholarships and Bursaries webpage at <a href="https://www.ntu.ac.uk/study-and-courses/undergraduate/fees-and-funding/bursaries-and-scholarships">https://www.ntu.ac.uk/study-and-courses/undergraduate/fees-and-funding/bursaries-and-scholarships</a>

# If I meet the criteria, will I automatically be awarded a scholarship/bursary?

Due to the limited number of scholarships and bursaries available, even if your application satisfies the essential criteria you will not automatically receive an award. For shortlisting, NTU will also screen applications against the additional preferential criteria below, giving preference to applicants that meet all, or some of these criteria.

For the purpose of shortlisting, for some awards, NTU may give additional credit where the applicant:

- a) Is the first in their family to attend university;
   or
- b) Has attended a school with a lower than average progression to higher education; or
- c) Comes from a family with a combined annual household income of £25,000 or less.

NTU will rank applications based on their total score from the essential and preferential criteria and create a shortlist of the top scoring applicants.

### How will the Selection Panel make a decision?

The Selection Panel (the Panel) will review applicants from the shortlist who:

- a) Have met the deadline for submitting the scholarship/bursary application; and
- b) Satisfy the general essential eligibility criteria listed; and
- c) Register on their course; and
- d) Satisfy any award-specific eligibility criteria (See Appendix A);
   and
- e) Have demonstrated in their application a willingness to engage fully with the Scholar requirements set out below.

For shortlisted applicants, the Panel will rank applications further on the quality of their Personal Statement. They will assess each Statement and assign a score for each of the following:

- a) The applicant's aspirations for the future, and how they aim to contribute to society following their degree;
- b) How the applicant believes their degree, and the extra-curricular activities available at NTU, will help them meet those aspirations;
- c) How well the applicant articulates their passion and commitment to academic studies;
- d) Why the applicant has applied for a scholarship or a bursary, how they plan to spend the award, and the difference it will make to their time at NTU; and
- e) If the applicant has faced barriers in their personal, social or domestic life to achieve their educational goals, explaining how they have overcome these.

It is important that, as an applicant, you take time to address these areas in your Personal Statement to give your application the best possible chance of selection.

The Panel will rank applications based on each applicant's total score, and NTU will send scholarship/bursary offers to the highest scoring applicants, in rank order.

## When will I hear if my scholarship/bursary application has been successful?

If you are successful, NTU will notify the outcome of your application no later than 31 October 2019.

If any applicant receives a scholarship/bursary offer but do not have their place at NTU confirmed, or fail to satisfy the essential and/or preferential criteria due to a change in circumstances, NTU will withdraw their scholarship/bursary offer and offer to another applicant in order of ranking.

# If I am successful and receive a scholarship/bursary, how much will it be, and how long will it last for?

The majority of scholarships and bursaries will be for the duration of the degree, and payments will be scheduled in termly instalments. The value of the award will vary according to the individual scholarship or bursary (see Appendix A for more details).

NTU will inform Scholars of scheduled payment dates at the beginning of each academic year.

### As a Scholar, do I need to do anything?

Alumni, supporters and friends of NTU fund philanthropic scholarships. As a Scholar, you are expected to assist the University in thanking donors for their giving and helping to demonstrate the impact of donor-funded awards.

This might include:

- Confirming, in writing, acceptance of your scholarship or bursary;
- Attending an event during your studies at NTU, where you will:
  - a) Meet other Scholars and members of NTU staff;
  - b) Have photographs taken for your Scholar Profile\*; and
  - c) Get hints and tips on how to write your Thank You Letter, Letter of Introduction, and End of Year Report.
- Attending certain events, from time to time, to meet and thank donors;
- Consenting to your name, subject of study, and extracts from your Thank You Letter, Letter of Introduction or End of Year Report being shared with donors, and sometimes published online and/or used in the annual Donor Report and other University marketing materials (NTU will seek your consent separately for this).

The conditions of some scholarships and bursaries also include high attendance and a certain level of academic performance. You will need to consider this carefully when accepting your award.

\*Whilst we actively encourage Scholars to provide a photo, as our donors like to put a face to a name, if you do not want your photograph taken, it is not mandatory.

### Is there anything else I need to know?

If your circumstances change at any time, you need to let us know immediately, especially if it is likely to affect your entitlement to the award. In the event that you fail to notify NTU promptly of any such changes, NTU may withdraw the scholarship or bursary, and no further payments will be made.

If NTU make a scholarship/bursary payment to you, which you were not expecting (i.e. was not in the schedule that you were given at the start of the academic year), you must let us know as soon as you are aware that this has happened. NTU will be entitled to recover any scholarship/bursary payments made in error.

If an applicant makes a false or materially incorrect declaration that results in NTU making a scholarship or a bursary offer, then the award will be cancelled, and no further payments will be made. Depending on circumstance, NTU may attempt to recover up to 50% of any scholarship/bursary payments already made.

# All deadlines for applications are noted on the NTU Bursaries and Scholarships website:

https://www.ntu.ac.uk/study-and-courses/undergraduate/fees-and-funding/bursaries-and-scholarships

NTU will not consider applications received after the deadline.

The University's decision in all matters relating to the scholarship/bursary is final.

### Appendix A

The following scholarships and bursaries are offered in the 2019/20 academic year:

Name of Scholarship	Duration	Annual Value	Qualifying course(s)	Specific criteria
Encompass Group Scholarship	4 years	£3,000 per year and £1,380 during placement year  Total value: £10,380	Product Design BSc (Hons) (W244, H715)  Mechanical Engineering MEng (Hons) (H302, H303)  Business BA (Hons) (N101, N100)  International Business BA(Hons) (N125, N120)  Business Management and Marketing BA (Hons) (NN25, NN2M)  Business Management and Entrepreneurship BA (Hons) (N292, N293)	<ul> <li>a) Be a UK home student, assessed as paying UK/EU tuition fees, who has selected NTU as their firm choice institution;</li> <li>b) Have achieved BBB at A-level or equivalent (BBC for Product Design BA). (Special consideration will be made where individuals can produce evidence to suggest they may have underperformed at A-Level as a direct consequence of the disadvantage they have faced);</li> <li>c) Be classified as living in an area of disadvantage, as defined by ACORN data, and</li> <li>d) Must live within a reasonable commuting distance of the University as determined by the NTU Travel to Work Area.*</li> </ul>
Anonymous Donor	1 year	Total value: £1,000	No restriction	<ul> <li>a) Be a UK home student, assessed as paying UK/EU tuition fees, who has selected NTU as their firm choice institution;</li> <li>b) Be in their first year of study;</li> <li>c) Be classified as living in an area of disadvantage, as defined by ACORN data.**</li> </ul>

NMCN Bursaries	3-5 years	£15,000	Civil Engineering BEng (Hons) (H200, H203)  Civil Engineering BSc (Hons) (H201, H202)  Civil Engineering Design and Construction MEng (Hons) (7H27, 5H47)  Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management BSc (Hons) (K4K2, K240)  Building Surveying BSc (Hons) (K230, K231)  Construction Management BSc (Hons) (K200, K221)	<ul> <li>a) Be a UK home student, assessed as paying UK/EU tuition fees, who has selected NTU as their firm choice institution;</li> <li>b) Be classified as living in an area of disadvantage, as defined by ACORN data. *</li> </ul>
Dr Pauline Polkey Undergraduate Scholarships	1-4 years	Total value: between £200 and £1,000	Undergraduate courses at the School of Arts & Humanities	<ul><li>a) Priority will be given to students classified as living in an area of disadvantage, as defined by ACORN data;</li><li>b) Priority will be given to female students.</li></ul>
Stoneygate Award Programme	3 years	£3,000 per year Total value: £9,000	No restriction	<ul> <li>a) Be a UK home student, assessed as paying UK/EU tuition fees, who has selected NTU as their firm choice institution;</li> <li>b) Have achieved ABB at A-level or equivalent (special consideration will be given to those who can provide evidence that they have underperformed at A-Level due to mitigating circumstances);</li> <li>c) Be classified as living in an area of disadvantage, as defined by ACORN data, and</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>d) Must live within a reasonable commuting distance of the University as determined by the NTU Travel to Work Area.*</li> <li>Priority will be given to students who:</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Would be the first in their family to attend university;</li> <li>Have attended schools with a lower than average progression to higher education;</li> <li>Have been looked after by someone other than their parents or that have been in care;</li> <li>Have been previously eligible for Free School Meals or Post 16 Bursary;</li> <li>Have an annual household income of £25,000 or less.</li> </ul>

<sup>\*</sup>Please <u>download the pdf</u> to ensure your home address falls within a commutable distance to the University.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The University has already identified this for you through your UCAS application.