



2023 Entry Undergraduate NTU Estranged Student Bursary scheme terms and conditions

1. Introduction

1.1 Nottingham Trent University offers the NTU Estranged Student Bursary to full-time undergraduate students who meet the eligibility criteria specified below.

1.2 These terms and conditions apply to those joining Nottingham Trent University in the 2022/23 academic year, or those moving from a lower level foundation degree to higher level undergraduate course at Nottingham Trent University in 2023/24.

1.3 The NTU Estranged Student Bursary is given in the form of non-repayable cash awards.

1.4 Recipients of the NTU Estranged Student Bursary will receive a cash payment of £1000 for each year of their course in line with section 5 of these terms and conditions.

2. Eligibility Criteria

2.1 In order to be considered for a 2023 Entry NTU Estranged Student Bursary students must meet the following eligibility criteria below:

- i. Students must have been financially assessed by their UK national Student Finance Service as an Independent student on the grounds of estrangement from their parents; or

Where they have been financially assessed by their UK national Student Finance Service as an Independent student on grounds other than estrangement, they must have demonstrated to the University that they are irreconcilably estranged from their parents;

and

- ii. Students must be under the age of 25 on 1 September 2023; and
- iii. Students must have joined Nottingham Trent University in the 2023/24 academic year, or moved from a lower level foundation degree to higher level undergraduate course at Nottingham Trent University in 2023/24.

Students who have applied and are eligible for the NTU Care Leaver & Foyer Resident Bursary you will not be eligible to receive the NTU Estranged Student Bursary.

3. Application process and assessment for NTU Estranged Student Bursary

3.1 Students can apply for the NTU Estranged Student Bursary as soon as they hold a firm unconditional or conditional offer of a place at Nottingham Trent University.

3.2 To apply for the NTU Estranged Student Bursary, students must complete and submit the NTU Estranged Student Bursary application form to the Student Financial Support Service and provide suitable evidence to confirm independent status on the grounds of estrangement.

3.3 It is recommended that applicants apply for the Bursary no later than 04 September 2023. The deadline for applications to be submitted for the 2023/24 NTU Estranged Student Bursary is 31 July 2024.

3.4 On receipt of an NTU Estranged Student Bursary application, a student's eligibility for a Bursary will be checked against the criteria detailed in Section 2 of the terms and conditions.

3.5 Student will receive written confirmation of their entitlement to an NTU Estranged Student Bursary from the University's Student Financial Support Service.

3.6 The first payment will be released once the application has been approved and evidence has been verified, provided the student has completed their enrolment and activated their NTU student ID card. Payment will not be released before the start of the academic year.

4. Payment of the £1000 cash award

4.1 The overall amount of NTU Estranged Student Bursary payable to a student for the academic year will be split into two instalments. Eligible students will receive a notification letter each academic year, advising of the dates of payment

4.2 The NTU Estranged Student Bursary will be paid directly into the student's bank account. Payment will usually be made by the Student Loans Company, on behalf of the University, using the account details supplied by the student to the Student Loans Company. Payment will be made directly to the student by the University if a student is not in receipt of Student Finance from the Student Loans Company.

5. Payments in subsequent years

5.1 A student who has been assessed as eligible to receive a NTU Estranged Student Bursary in 2023/24 will remain eligible to receive a NTU Estranged Student Bursary each year for the duration of their course, subject to their remaining fully enrolled and in attendance on their course.

5.2 Foundation degree students awarded a 2023 entry NTU Estranged Student Bursary will remain eligible for the 2023 entry NTU Estranged Student Bursary if they return to study a 'top-up' undergraduate degree at NTU in a related subject in the academic year following the completion of their foundation degree. The NTU Estranged Student Bursary will be paid subject to their continued full-time attendance and enrolment on the 'top-up' undergraduate degree course and their eligibility for the tuition fee loan and maintenance loan.

5.3 Students will not receive the NTU Estranged Student Bursary during any year-long work placement as part of a sandwich degree.

6. Effects of changes in a student's status after a NTU Estranged Student Bursary has been awarded

6.1 The University reserves the right to review and (at its sole discretion) revise or revoke the award of an NTU Estranged Student Bursary in certain circumstances.

- **Deferral/Suspension of Studies** If the student suspends or defers his/her studies (with the approval of the University and in accordance with the relevant University procedures) part way through a year, no further bursary payments will be released during, or in respect of the period of suspension / deferral. Upon resumption of studies, entitlement to the NTU Estranged Student Bursary will usually be reinstated subject to the student meeting the necessary criteria for the NTU Estranged Student Bursary in the academic year of his/her return.

- **Withdrawal** If the student's studies are terminated (by the student or the University) part way through an academic year, the Estranged Student Bursary will be cancelled and no further bursary payments will be released.

- **Change of course / mode of study** If a student transfers to another course at NTU or changes their mode of study, his/her entitlement to an NTU Estranged Student Bursary will be reviewed and the NTU Estranged Student Bursary may be withdrawn.

7. Miscellaneous provisions

7.1 Students are obliged to inform the University immediately of any change in their circumstances (including but not limited to those in these terms and conditions) which may affect their entitlement to receive the NTU Estranged Student Bursary. In the event of a failure by the student to notify the University promptly of any such changes, the University will be entitled to recover or adjust (as appropriate) any associated Bursary cash payment.

7.2 If the initial assessment confirming eligibility for the NTU Estranged Student Bursary was made on the basis of information which was false or materially incorrect at the time of that assessment and thus had the effect of erroneously securing an NTU Estranged Student Bursary for the student, the NTU Estranged Student Bursary will be cancelled and no further bursary payments will be released;

7.3 The University shall also be entitled to recover or adjust any NTU Estranged Student Bursary benefit given in error.