Postgraduate Opportunity Scholarship

Regulations 2020/2021

Updated January 2020
1. All applicants **must meet the eligibility criteria** to be considered for the Postgraduate Opportunity Scholarships.

2. Each Masters’ level scholarship will be valued at £5,000. Awards will either be awarded as a fee discount or paid as cash bursaries in **three** unequal instalments during the academic year: the precise value of instalments and payment dates will be determined by the University. In 2020/21 these will be:
   - **£1,250 on the 20 November 2020** following registration
   - **£1,250 on the 26 March 2021**
   - **£2,500 on the 25 June 2020**

3. Students studying a two-year part-time course will be considered for awards and will receive pro rata payments over 2 years. The maximum payment will not exceed £5,000.

4. All scholarship applications must be received by the **closing date of midnight on the 26 June 2020**: late applications will not be considered.

5. All requested evidence must also be provided by **midnight on the 26 June 2020** at the latest: incomplete applications held at that date will be declined and awards made only to applicants submitting complete applications by that time.

6. 2020/21 awards **cannot be deferred** to the 2021/2022 academic year.

7. Awards apply for **one year only for full time students**, not for the second year of two year courses.

8. Continuing postgraduate students, students not undertaking eligible courses, postgraduate certificate and diploma students, medical and dental students intercalated Masters’ degrees, students eligible to apply for a healthcare bursary, students eligible to apply for undergraduate tuition fee loans and living cost loans from the Student Loans Company, EU students or students classified as international for fee purposes and students undertaking full-time and part-time degrees over more than 2 years are not eligible for these scholarships.

9. Students amending their registration to postgraduate diploma or certificate level or extending their programme of study to longer than 2 years from a Masters’ level degree following registration will become ineligible for **Postgraduate Opportunity Scholarships**. In such cases no further funding payments will be made and students may be required to repay any scholarship funding already allocated by the University.

10. The University does not means assess students for eligibility on financial grounds and it is each applicant’s responsibility to provide Student Finance England (or equivalent) assessment information determined during the final year of their undergraduate degree which satisfies the University.
11. All applicants must provide acceptable and verifiable proof of eligibility claims as requested by the University: it is not the University’s responsibility to seek out confirmation of eligibility under care leaver, Disabled Students’ Allowances, postcode eligibility or Widening Participation criteria.

12. If an applicant is unable to provide acceptable proof of eligibility claims as requested by the University, and by the stated deadline, the applicant’s application will be rejected.

13. If an applicant discontinues their course of study (withdraws or suspends) then the University will pay the applicant a figure calculated on a pro rata basis. This will be calculated on the number of weeks that the applicant has been registered at the University. Please note that the University also reserves the right to recoup any overpayment of the scholarship based on the same weekly pro rata calculation.

14. Students that are applying for a postgraduate course at the London Campus, Malaysia Campus or Singapore Campus cannot be considered for the Postgraduate Opportunity Scholarship. Applications can only be considered for students studying in Newcastle.

15. Eligible Newcastle University alumni Masters’ level applicants can apply for the Postgraduate Opportunity Scholarship and also receive the Alumni Tuition Fee Discount.

16. The University’s decision on all Postgraduate Opportunity Scholarship awards and interpretation of evidence, rules and regulations shall be final. Appeals will not be considered.