

Opportunity Scholarship For Final Year MBBS and BDS Students

Terms and Conditions 2025/26. For final year
MBBS (A100) and BDS (A206) students

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1. If you are a final year UK undergraduate student studying Medicine and Surgery (A100) or Dental Surgery (A206) at Newcastle University, then you may be eligible for this award. You need to meet the conditions detailed in this document in order to be considered.

2. You need to have a household income figure **at or below £40,000** to be considered for the award.

3. In order to be considered for the scholarship you need to have been income assessed by Student Finance England (SFE), Student Finance Wales, Student Finance Northern Ireland or the Student Awards Agency for Scotland **for the previous (2024/25) academic year.**

Students who were intercalating in the 2024/25 academic year will be considered for the scholarship based on their household income assessment for the 2023/24 academic year.

There are no exceptions to the above as the University does not complete income assessments.

4. You must have **consented to share** your household income details with the University in order to be considered for this award. If you are unsure if you have done this then you should contact the Student Loans Company (SLC) on 0300 100 0612.

5. If you have been classified as **independent** by SFE (or equivalent) then they will consider your household income to be your personal income (or your personal income and that of your

partner). Any enquiries regarding a change of status should be directed to SFE (or equivalent).

6. If you are **not in receipt of NHS funding**, then you are **not eligible** for this award, as you will already be in receipt of the Opportunity Scholarship. Please refer to the [terms and conditions of the Opportunity Scholarship](#) for more detail on eligibility.

7. Students eligible for the award will be contacted directly by the University via their University Email Address..

8. If you are eligible for this award, you will receive a one off cash payment of the following, depending on your household income:

Household income at or below £25,000 - You will receive a **£2,000 cash bursary.**

Household income between £25,001 and £35,000 -You will receive a **£1,000 cash bursary.**

Household income between £35,001 and £40,000—You will receive a **£500 cash bursary.**

Payment will be made in one lump sum on **Wednesday 7th January 2026** to the student's nominated bank account.

Additional payments will be made to any newly eligible students within 10 working days of bank detail confirmation.

There will be no early payments or exceptions to the above payment dates. You should allow two working days for potential delays and carefully check all bank accounts before contacting us regarding any non-payment.

9. If you are **repeating part of a year** or you are **studying part time** then you will have a reduced fee liability. In this scenario you will receive a pro rata award e.g. if you are paying 50% of the total tuition fee then you will receive 50% of the award).

10. If you withdraw or suspend your studies prior to the expected payment date, you will no longer be eligible to receive the award.

11. You will not be considered for the award if you already hold a degree at honours level or equivalent.

12. You will not receive the award if you fail to update your bank details with the University before Friday 5th June 2026.

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