Opportunity Scholarship for Final Year MBBS and BDS Students

Terms and Conditions 2026/27

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 to be considered.

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

3. To 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 (2025/26) academic year.**

   Students who were intercalating in the 2025/26 academic year will be considered for the scholarship based on their household income assessment for the 2024/25 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 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. We will automatically assess your eligibility for this award. If you are eligible, you will receive an email from ukscholarships@ncl.ac.uk confirming this.

   The email will be sent to your university email address and will contain instructions on how to receive the award **which you should follow carefully**. You should expect to receive this email anytime between now and mid-November.

8. If you are eligible for the Opportunity Scholarship you will receive one of the following awards depending on your household income**:**

   If your household income is **at or below £25,000**, you will receive a **£2,000 cash bursary.**

   If your household income is **between £25,001 and £35,000**, you will receive a **£1,250 cash bursary.**

   If your household income is **between £35,001 and £40,000**, you will receive a **£750 cash bursary.**

9. If you are approved for the scholarship, then your payments will be split as below:

   40% on **11th November 2026**
   30% on **10th February 2027**

30% on **12th May 2027**

There will be no early payments or exceptions to the above payment dates. *If you complete the acceptance form after 28th October 2026, you will receive any missed instalments 10 working days after we approve your scholarship (unless the academic year has ended).*

You should allow two working days for potential delays and carefully check all bank accounts before contacting us regarding any non-payment.

10. If you are **repeating part of a year** or **studying part-time,** then you will have a reduced fee liability. In this scenario you will receive a pro rata Opportunity Scholarship (e.g. if you are paying 50% of the total tuition fee then you will receive 50% of the scholarship).

11. Your eligibility for the Opportunity Scholarship is continually reviewed. **Failure to continue meeting the eligibility criteria could lead to your scholarship being cancelled**. When this happens, we will cancel all future payments, but you will not normally need to repay any instalments that you have already received.

15. You will not receive the scholarship or any backdated payments if you fail to complete the acceptance form before **Friday 4th June 2027** or if you fail to provide your bank details before then.

16. The University reserves the right to terminate your Opportunity Scholarship and recover any payments made in the event you fail to continue to meet the eligibility criteria for the award. If you withdraw or suspend your studies, then we will cancel all future payments.