

# The UEA Sanctuary Scholarships – 2021 Terms and Conditions

## UEA Sanctuary Scholarship (Fees and Bursary)

The UEA Sanctuary Scholarship (Fees and Bursary) are awarded to asylum seekers or applicants who have been granted Discretionary Leave/Humanitarian Protection and do not qualify for support from Student Finance England.

### Eligibility

1. To be eligible for this Scholarship, applicants must:
  - a. Have applied for a place at UEA and met the offer conditions;
  - b. Be an asylum seeker in the UK or a person granted Discretionary Leave / Humanitarian Protection in the UK and unable to qualify for support from Student Finance England;
  - c. Not apply for a course at the UEA with a qualification aim that is equal to or lower than a qualification they already possess;
  - d. Not apply for a course at the UEA within the Norwich Medical School.
  - e. OR; Current UEA students seeking asylum will be considered for the scholarship if no applications for their level of study have been received in the annual admissions cycle.
2. Preference may be given to applicants based on:
  - a. Academic potential
  - b. Academic history
  - c. Regional residence

### Value of Scholarship award

3. The Scholarship awards the student honorary Home fee status, and pays for:
  - a. Undergraduate level: the Home/EU rate (£9,250\* per annum) and an annual bursary (£3000) for up to four years of study.
  - b. Postgraduate taught level: the Home/EU rate (£8,450\* per annum) and an annual bursary (£3000) for one year of study.
  - c. Postgraduate research level: the Home/EU rate (£4,407\* per annum) for three years of study and an annual bursary (£3000) for three years of study plus an additional bursary for the year of thesis write-up (post registration), and an annual bench fee (to be agreed with Sanctuary budget holder).

## The UEA Sanctuary Scholarship (Fees Only)

A course-fee only scholarship is available to applicants with Refugee status or Humanitarian Protection who are not eligible for funding by Student Finance England, due to the UEA course qualification aim being equal or lower to a qualification they already possess.

### Eligibility

1. To be eligible for this Scholarship, applicants must:
  - a. Have applied for an undergraduate place at UEA and met the offer conditions;
  - b. Be recognised by the UK government as a Refugee or have Humanitarian Protection;
  - c. Apply for a course at the UEA with a qualification aim that is equal to or lower than a qualification they already possess;
  - d. Apply to Student Finance England for a maintenance loan.
2. Preference may be given to applicants based on:
  - a. Academic potential

- b. Academic history
- c. Regional residence

#### **Value of award**

3. The Scholarship awards the student Home fee status, and pays for:
  - a. Undergraduate level: the Home/EU rate (£9,250\* per annum). All other additional expenses will be met by the Student Finance maintenance loan.
  - b. Postgraduate taught level the Home/EU rate (£8,450\* per annum) and an annual bursary (£3000) for one year of study.
  - c. Postgraduate research level: the Home/EU rate (£4,407\* per annum) for three years of study and an annual bursary (£3000) for three years of study plus an additional bursary for the year of thesis write-up (post registration), and an annual bench fee (to be agreed with Sanctuary budget holder).

#### **Selection process**

4. In the event of more applicants than scholarships available the UEA Sanctuary Scholarship will be awarded by a Selection Panel whose decision is final.
5. The recipient will be chosen on the basis of:
  - a. Academic potential
  - b. Academic history
  - c. Regional residence

## **The Pre-Sessional English Sanctuary Scholarship**

In partnership with INTO UEA, a 12-week or 8-week Pre-sessional English scholarship is available to applicants whose standard of English does not meet UEA's course requirements.

#### **Eligibility**

1. To be eligible for this Scholarship, applicants must:
  - a. Have applied for a place at UEA and met the offer conditions, except for the English language requirement;
  - b. Have applied for a place at INTO Norwich for 12-week or 8-week pre-sessional English and met INTO's offer conditions.
  - c. Be recognised by the UK government as either: a Refugee, Humanitarian Protection, an asylum seeker, or discretionary leave, or be of another forced-migration immigration status.
2. Preference may be given to applicants based on:
  - a. Academic potential
  - b. Academic history
  - c. Regional residence

#### **Value of Pre-Sessional English Award**

1. The Scholarship pays for a 12-week or 8-week pre-sessional course at INTO Norwich.
2. A bursary of £1000 is also available to cover costs whilst studying the 12-week pre-sessional course.
3. If the successful applicant is of an immigration status that makes them ineligible to Student Finance funding, a Sanctuary Scholarship (fees and bursary) will be guaranteed for their University course.

4. If the successful applicant is of an immigration status that makes them eligible for Student Finance, it is expected that the applicant will apply for Student Finance and fund their course as a Home student.

**Additional awards (eligible for all of the above awards, upon discretion of the UoS Committee)**

1. Sanctuary budget allowing, additional financial awards will pay for:
  - a. Travel Expenses: the scholarship may also cover commuter expenses upon request, for example an annual bus pass or a seasonal rail fare.
  - b. Accommodation Expenses: the scholarship may also cover accommodation expenses of up to £2000 per annum, upon request, where the applicant is directly liable for private rent. This does not include G4S/government supplied housing accommodation.
  - c. Placement Costs: for Health Science students only, the scholarship may also cover costs whilst undertaking hospital placements of up to £2000 per annum.
  - d. Consumable Costs: for postgraduate research students only, the scholarship may also cover costs of laboratory consumables up to £2000 per annum.

**Scholarship terms**

1. The Fee Scholarship is awarded once the recipient has completed the University's registration process. The Bursary component will be payable in monthly instalments throughout the academic year.
2. The number of Sanctuary scholarships available each year will be awarded between the (Fees and Bursary) and (Fees Only) categories.
3. If two or more candidates are deemed to be of equal merit, the Scholarship will not be divided.
4. If no candidate is judged to be of sufficient merit, the Scholarship will not be awarded.
5. In the event that a recipient's asylum application is refused by the UK Government, the recipient will be allowed to study pending an appeal on their asylum claim. The University reserves the right to suspend studies following notification from the Home Office.
6. In the event that a recipient's asylum claim is upheld and refugee status (Leave to Remain) is granted by the UK Government, the applicant will be removed from the scholarship effective from the next academic year, where the applicant will then be able to apply for support from Student Finance England.
7. In the event of an intercalation or withdrawal the fee scholarship and expenses bursary will be reduced pro-rata as per the University's advertised cut-off dates.
8. The Scholarship award can be subject to UKVI 'right to study' checks as well as meeting the admissions offer of your course.
9. The Scholarship is subject to these terms and conditions which must be formally agreed to by the recipient before the award is made.
10. To be eligible for the accommodation award, applicants must provide a rental agreement between themselves and a private landlord/rental agency.
11. Consumable costs will be awarded directly to the research project supervisor.

\*Fee increases for subsequent years of study or masters course fees at a higher rate will be covered by the scholarship.

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