

National Scholarship Programme : 2014/15

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The Arts University Bournemouth will allocate 116 awards under the National Scholarship Programme (NSP). Students who are given an award under this Programme will receive a benefit of £2,000 in their first year, which is match-funded by the University over the remaining years of their programme. This is to support student retention and progression, especially as courses within the creative disciplines can be more expensive in the later years of study. All of the figures provided refer to 2014/15 in the first instance, and will rise in line with the allocations determined by the Government.

The University acknowledges that the circumstances of each individual will determine the most effective way of delivering the NSP to support their learning. At the same time, it is important that the NSP is delivered in a manageable way which does not impose a complex administrative burden. As such, it has developed a range of options from which students can select, based on its early experience of student preference and behaviour,

The specific benefits will be as follows:

- i) In the first year of study, benefit to the value of £2,000. This can be claimed in one of the following ways:
 - Option One*: a fee waiver of £2,000, reducing the fee for the year to £7,000
 - Option Two*: a partial fee waiver of £1,000, reducing the fee for the year to £8,000; £1000 against rental accommodation costs, whether in University Halls of Residence or privately rented accommodation (support per calendar month will be drawn down in four instalments for those in private-rented accommodation);
 - Option Three*: a partial fee waiver of £1,320, reducing the fee for the year to £7,680; £680 for University services, including printing and copying costs, subsistence costs in the Refectory and sports membership;
 - Option Four*: £1,500 against rental accommodation costs, in University Halls of Residence (support per calendar month will be drawn down in four instalments); £500 for University services, including printing and copying costs; subsistence costs in the Refectory; and sports membership;

Please note that option four is only available to those living in University Halls of Residence.

Support for accommodation costs can only be claimed by those who are renting either from the University, or from a private landlord, and may not be claimed by anyone living in the parental / own home.

- ii) In the second and third years of study, benefit to the value of £1000 per year.
This can be claimed in one of the following ways (selected on an annual basis):

Option One: a partial fee waiver of £1,000 (reducing the cost of study to £8,000);
Option Two: a partial fee waiver of £500 (reducing the cost of study to £8,500);
£500 against rental accommodation costs (support per calendar month will be drawn down in four instalments)

Option Three: a partial fee waiver of £320 (reducing the cost of study to £8,680);
£680 against University services

Option Four: £500 against rental accommodation costs (support per calendar month will be drawn down in four instalments); £500 for University services.

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Criteria for National Scholarship Programme awards at AUB

- 1.1 The following criteria will apply. They are weighted in accordance with the rank order below:
- i) The applicant must have a declared household income of £25,000 or less (i.e. be eligible for a full grant).
 - ii) The applicant must have taken out a full tuition fee loan.
 - iii) The applicant is a care-leaver, ie is under local authority care immediately prior to enrolment at the University are automatically eligible; or, is under the age of 25 at enrolment, and has been in care for 3 or more months up to and including the period of GCSE/A level or equivalent study (evidence will normally be required).
 - iv) The applicant is from a low participation neighbourhood (ie from one of the areas where the lowest proportion of the eligible population go to higher education)
 - v) The applicant undertook Level 2 qualifications at a school or college with a low School performance at GCSE or equivalent
 - vi) The applicant has engaged in two or more outreach activities organised by the University
 - vii) The applicant has engaged in two or more outreach activities organised by one of our partner organisations (the Aimhigher LIFE partnership, the National Arts Learning Network or the South-west Lifelong Learning Network).
- 1.2 Applicants are not required to express an interest in an NSP award, or declare that they may be eligible. All applicants who accept a place with the University by 9 June 2014, and who share their financial data with the University through Student Finance England, will automatically be considered for an award.
- 1.3 A number of awards will also be held back, and available to applicants who accept a place at the University after this date. The final date of acceptance for those who wish to be considered will be 5 September, 2014.
- 1.4 Successful applicants will be notified as soon as possible after 5 September 2014.