



National Scholarship Programme arrangements for 2013/14

1. The Arts University College at Bournemouth has been allocated 89 awards under the National Scholarship Programme. Students who are given an award under this Programme will receive a benefit of £3,000 in their first year, which is match-funded by the University College 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 2013/14 in the first instance, and will rise in line with the allocations determined by the Government.

2. The specific benefits will be as follows:

- i) In the first year of study, a partial fee waiver. In 2013/14 this will be £1,100, reducing the cost of study to £7500.

A total of £400 will be available for students to spend on accommodation or University College services. (Accommodation support of £150 per calendar month will be drawn down monthly.) University College services will include expenditure as determined by the student from a range of options (printing and copying costs; subsistence costs in the Refectory; and expenditure in the campus materials shop).

The remaining value of the award, a total of £1,500, can be split between the two above options according to student choice (ie either an increased fee waiver, or increased funding available for University College services).

- ii) In the second year of study, a partial fee waiver of £500 (reducing the cost of study to £8,100); and £500 for the student to spend on accommodation or University College services. (Accommodation support of £100 per calendar month will be drawn down monthly.) The remaining value of the award, a total of £500, can be split between the two above options according to student choice (ie either an increased fee waiver, or increased funding available for University College services).

- iii) In the third year of study, a partial fee waiver of £500 (reducing the cost of study to £8,100); and £500 for the student to spend on accommodation or University College services. (Accommodation support of £100 per calendar month will be drawn down monthly.) The remaining value of the award, a total of £500, can be split between the two above options according to student choice (ie either an increased fee waiver, or increased funding available for University College services).

3. Criteria for National Scholarship Programme awards at AUCB

3.1 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 (ie be eligible for a full grant).
- ii) The applicant is a care-leaver, ie is under local authority care immediately prior to enrolment at the University College or is 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).

- iii) 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)
 - iv) The applicant undertook Level 2 qualifications at a school or college with a low School performance at GCSE or equivalent
 - v) The applicant has engaged in two or more outreach activities organised by the Arts University College
 - vi) 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).
- 3.2 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 Arts University College by 7 June 2013, and who share their financial data with the University College through Student Finance England, will automatically be considered for an award.
- 3.3 A number of awards will also be held back, and available to applicants who accept a place at the University College after this date. The final date of acceptance for those who wish to be considered will be 5 September, 2013.
- 3.4 Successful applicants will be notified as soon as possible after 16 August, 2013