

**ABERDEEN INTERNATIONAL MASTERS SCHOLARSHIP  
TERMS AND CONDITIONS / FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

As part of our commitment to attracting the very best students to join our diverse international community, we are delighted to offer the **Aberdeen International Masters Scholarship**. This scholarship is worth £2,000 in the form of a tuition fee discount and is open to self-funding students who are nationals of Vietnam, China, and African countries, and are classed as international for tuition fee purposes.

**1) What is the scholarship worth?**

The scholarship is worth £2,000 and will be offered in the form of a tuition fee discount. Students cannot receive a cash alternative.

**2) What are the criteria for being awarded the scholarship?**

- You must have been given a conditional or unconditional offer of admissions for an eligible Masters programme (postgraduate taught programme) at the University of Aberdeen
- The majority of courses are eligible. See Q8 for a list of courses which are **exempt**
- You must be planning on beginning your studies in September 2016 or January 2017
- You must be classed as overseas for tuition fee purposes
- You must be a full-time international student
- You must be based on the Aberdeen campus for the course of study
- You cannot be an Aberdeen Alumni as you would then be entitled to the Aberdeen Alumni discount: <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/alumni/benefits-services/postgraduate-study-154.php>
- You cannot be coming via a University partnership, as it is likely a different financial arrangement would be in place. If you have questions around this please contact your relevant International Officer: <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/international/contact-us.php>
- You must be a national of one of the following countries: China, Vietnam, Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

**3) How do I apply for the scholarship?**

You do not need to apply for the scholarship but as noted under Q2, you must have applied and been given a conditional or unconditional offer of admissions for an eligible Masters programme. If you are eligible you will automatically receive an email from the Vice Principal for Internationalisation to advise you that you have been offered the scholarship with instructions on how to accept this.

**4) How do I accept my offer of a scholarship?**

To accept this scholarship students should click reply on the email which they receive detailing their scholarship offer. This email will go directly to [international@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:international@abdn.ac.uk). If we do not receive your acceptance the scholarship will not be applied to your fees.

Please note you must accept your offer of admissions separately – instructions on how to do this are included with your offer of admissions.

**5) What if I am offered another scholarship from the University of Aberdeen in addition to the Aberdeen International Scholarship?**

You cannot hold two scholarships from the University of Aberdeen, therefore you should consider the scholarships you have been offered and decide which one you would like to accept. There is an assumption that you would normally accept the scholarship which is of higher value.

It is essential that you notify us of any other source of funding you are in receipt of.

**6) What if I am offered another scholarship from an external source e.g. British Council Scholarship or company scholarship?**

You must declare how your studies will be funded before we can issue you with a CAS which you will need for your Tier 4 visa. You will no longer be eligible for the Aberdeen International Scholarship, as this scholarship is only open to self-funding students.

It is essential that you notify us of any other source of funding you are in receipt of. Please note that, if you accept the Aberdeen International Scholarship but are later offered funding from an external source, the Aberdeen International Scholarship will be withdrawn.

**7) Can I defer my scholarship?**

The scholarship cannot be automatically deferred. If you are requesting a deferral of admission, you should also request a deferral of the scholarship with this. Our Admissions Office will then confirm if you are able to defer your offer.

**8) Which courses are exempt?**

- Petrophysics and Formation Evaluation
- Oil and Gas Innovation

**9) When will I receive my scholarship offer?**

Your scholarship will be applied at the point at which the University issues your CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies) which you require to progress your visa application. If you have not accepted your scholarship offer, the scholarship will not be applied at this point and you will be required to pay the full tuition fee.

**10) Is there a deadline?**

No there is no formal deadline, however, you must be aware of the time it takes to organise your visa and arrive in time to start your studies for the start of term, therefore it is strongly recommended that you accept your offer of admission and your scholarship as soon as possible and before the CAS is issued to you.