

RUK Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions:

Our undergraduate Scholarships, for those classified as Rest of UK (RUK) Fees, are available based on two criteria: "Access" and "Merit". Scholarships based on "Access" exist to support those who may otherwise struggle to meet the cost of studies while "Merit" scholarships are designed for those who have shown considerable academic potential in their A Level results. Students meeting the criteria of both scholarships are entitled to receive both payments. The scholarships are not available to graduate students undertaking further study.

Q. How and where do I apply for an RUK scholarship? There doesn't seem to be an application form available online.

A. **You do not have to apply for the RUK scholarships. Both types of scholarship (Access and Merit) will be automatically awarded to you if you meet the criteria. To be considered for an Access scholarship, you must however ensure that you submit an application for funding to the Student Loans Company as it will be the information declared to the SLC that will determine whether or not you meet the Access criteria. [Information on the criteria and how the University assesses your eligibility is available on our website.](#)**

Q. It says on your website that the University will use the residual household figure calculated by the Student Loans Company (SLC) to determine whether I'm entitled to an Access scholarship. Do I need to provide the University with copies of any of the paperwork which I sent with my loan application?

A: **No, there is no need to provide anything. The University will have access to the necessary information regarding qualification and will also receive notification from the Student Loans Company if you meet the Access criteria. Please note that our RUK scholarships are available in addition to applicable Government loans and grants.**

Q. I am coming to study Medicine at the University. Could I be entitled to receive both RUK scholarships?

A. **You would not be entitled to receive a Merit scholarship as a student of Medicine, but you would be entitled to our Access awards, provided you have applied to the Student Loans Company and you meet the criteria.**

Q. I am a graduate coming to study another undergraduate degree programme will I be eligible for an RUK scholarship?

A. **No, our RUK scholarships are not available to graduate students.**

Q. I am coming to the University to study Medicine. This is a 5 year course, but if I take the intercalated option it could run for 6 years. Would I be entitled to receive my scholarship for the full length of this degree programme?

A. **The RUK Merit Scholarship is one payment only. For the Access Scholarship you would be entitled to receive the scholarship for its full duration provided that you make satisfactory progress throughout your studies. This also applies to other enhanced undergraduate degree programmes such as the MEng and the MSci. (Please note: students coming to study Medicine are not eligible for our RUK Merit Scholarships)**

Q. What happens if I am forced to repeat a year of study, will I lose my scholarship?

A. **If you are forced to repeat a year or temporarily suspend your studies, your scholarship will be suspended for that year. You are only entitled to receive a scholarship payment once for each year of the course and repeat years are not covered. Once you resume your studies satisfactorily, your scholarship will recommence.**

Q. When will I be notified if I have been successful in obtaining an RUK scholarship and when will the money be paid to me?

A. **The scholarship funds will be paid in annual instalments in April, providing that you have made satisfactory progress.**

Q. Once I have completed my first year, do I have to do anything to receive the scholarship payments in my subsequent years of study or is this an automatic process as well?

A. **No, it is an automatic process. You will continue to receive the scholarship[s] for its full duration provided that you have progressed satisfactorily.**