**THE SIR THOMAS SUTHERLAND SCHOLARSHIP**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN AND HSBC ARE LOOKING FOR FRESH TALENT THROUGH A NEW SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME WORTH £99,000 OVER 4 YEARS – HERE’S HOW TO APPLY**

Ever thought you would make a fantastic international student in the UK?

Are you from India, Indonesia, Thailand or Malaysia\*[[1]](#footnote-1)?

Are you the first member of your immediate family to attend university?

Do you need financial support to allow you to pursue a university education?

Have you been offered a place at the University of Aberdeen starting in September 2016?

If you have answered “Yes” to all these questions, the University of Aberdeen and HSBC are offering you the chance to win a fully funded undergraduate Scholarship for the University of Aberdeen worth £99,000 over four years, which includes tuition fees, travel and maintenance (stipend) costs.

The successful scholar will receive funding each year for the duration of their four year degree

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|  | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 |
| Fees\* | £13,000 | £13,000 | £13,000 | £0\*\* |
| Travel | £2,000 | £2,000 | £2,000 | £2,000 |
| Stipend | £13,000 | £13,000 | £13,000 | £13,000 |
| Total | £28,000 | £28,000 | £28,000 | £15,000 |

*\*If the tuition fee is higher than £13,000 as is the case for science degrees, the fee will be met up to the cost of £16,200*

*\*\*As Fourth year students are not required to pay fees, there will be no scholarship funding for fees in that year.*

If you are academically outstanding, the first member of your immediate family to attend University and have the enthusiasm and motivation to succeed academically and professionally, you could be the lucky recipient of this amazing opportunity.

Here’s how:

Send us a completed application and a short video clip up to a maximum of 1 minute long – and do make sure it is no longer than 1 minute or the video won’t be accepted – telling us what a university degree, particularly from the University of Aberdeen, would mean to you. You can decide on the best way to tell us your story but remember it cannot be any longer than a minute.

You also need to include a copy of your passport, one academic reference and a copy of your high school transcript to date.

We need to receive your video clips, application form and all supporting documentation by 29 April 2016, so time to start working on those video clips!

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**APPLICATION FORM**

**To be considered for the Sir Thomas Sutherland Scholarship you must:**

1. **Return this application form, with all sections completed**
2. **Submit a video clip of a maximum of 1 minute in duration**
3. **Include a copy of your passport**
4. **Include one academic reference**
5. **Include a copy of your high school transcript to date**

**Applications missing any of the information detailed above will not be considered for the scholarship. All information MUST be received by the application deadline: 29 April 2016.**

**The successful applicant will be notified by email by 27 June 2016**

**SECTION ONE** – Personal details

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| Name (please CAPITALISE family name) |  |
| Male or Female |  |
| Application number  *This is the UCAS number you were given as part of your UCAS application.* |  |
| Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY) |  |
| Contact address (please ensure this is current) |  |
| Email Address (please double check this!) |  |
| Which of the eligible countries are you from?  *Please delete as appropriate* | India/ Indonesia/ Thailand /Malaysia |
| Have you been awarded any financial assistance from any other source?  *Please delete as appropriate* | Yes / No |
| Are you the first member of your immediate family to attend university? Please give details any other member family member attending Higher Education. |  |
| Have you ever studied in the UK or outside your home country? If yes, please give details | Yes / No |

**SECTION TWO** – Proposed study information

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| Name of Undergraduate Degree and Eligible Subjects applied for  *See section 9 of Guidelines for applicants* |  |
| Have you received an offer of a place at the University of Aberdeen?  *Please note if you have not applied and received an offer by the scholarship deadline you will not be eligible for the scholarship.* |  |
| Have you firmly accepted a conditional/unconditional offer from the University of Aberdeen? |  |

**SECTION THREE -** Video

Please send your video to [sirthomas@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:sirthomas@abdn.ac.uk)

* The video should be no longer than 1 minute in duration. Videos longer than this will not be considered.
* Please ensure the size of the video attachment is no larger than 20mb

**SECTION FOUR –** Personal statement

Please complete no more than 500 words (total) on the following:

* Your aspirations to attend the University of Aberdeen specifically;
* Your enthusiasm, motivation and determination to succeed academically and professionally.
* Your commitment to self-development and pro-active and committed approach to your education
* Your communication and inter-personal skills
* Your awareness of and interest in, your chosen field of study.
* How you think you will benefit in terms of career and personal development from obtaining this qualification.

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| **I understand and agree to abide by the terms and conditions listed in the Guidelines for Applicants of the Sir Thomas Sutherland Scholarship. I confirm that I am the 1st person in my family to attend University and that the information I have given on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.** | |
| **Signed:** |  |
| **Print Name:** |  |
| **Date:** |  |

Please email or post your completed application to:

Mrs Jenny Fernandes, Head of International Office

University of Aberdeen

Elphinstone Road

Aberdeen AB24 3TU

SCOTLAND

UK

Email: [sirthomas@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:sirthomas@abdn.ac.uk)

**Sir Thomas Sutherland Scholarship**

**Guidelines for Applicants**

The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of nationality, academic merit, financial hardship and personal characteristics. **ONE** scholarship valued at £99,000 will be awarded for September 2016.

**Terms and Conditions**

1. Indian, Indonesian, Thai or Malaysian nationals, who are normally resident in the relevant country i.e. India, Indonesia, Thailand or Malaysia, and classified as paying international students fees, commencing a full time undergraduate degree at the University of Aberdeen in September 2016 are eligible to apply.
2. Applicants must have received a conditional or unconditional offer at the University of Aberdeen starting in September 2016. Only those who have made Aberdeen their first (firm) choice will be considered.
3. Students need to be year 1 entrants. Advanced entrants are not eligible.
4. Preference will be given to those applicants who have not studied in the UK before.
5. The scholarship can only be held by a student of the University of Aberdeen commencing study in September 2016 – it cannot be transferred to other institutions or deferred to a different start date. If an applicant defers they will lose their scholarship and it will be offered to the next best candidate.
6. Applicants must be the first member of their immediate family (other than siblings) to attend university.
7. Academic merit: Applicants must be able to demonstrate in their application that they have outstanding academic ability and have achieved the minimum of the following academic credentials:

5.1 Applicants from India:

* Indian School Certificate or Higher Secondary School Certificate
* For ALL courses, a minimum grade of 80% in English at Standard XII
* For SCIENCE courses: at Standard XII a minimum grade of 80% overall, including 80% or more in two science subjects or mathematics and a science subject. A minimum grade of 80% is required where the applicant specifies good performance in a particular subject.
* For ENGINEERING: at Standard XII a minimum percentage of 80% overall, including 80% or more in two science subjects or mathematics and Physics

5.2 Applicants from Indonesia:

* Students must have completed their High School in Indonesia and either have completed a 1 year at University or a bridging course to be eligible for first year entry in their chosen degree programme.

5.3 Applicants from Malaysia

* Sijil Tinggi Pesekolahan Malaysia (STPM)
* For ALL courses, a Grade C or better in GCE O level English
* For SCIENCE courses: a CGPA of 3.0 or more, including grade B or better in two science based subjects or Mathematics and a science based subject. A minimum grade of B is required where an applicant specifies good performance in a particular subject.
* For ENGINEERING courses: a CGPA of 3.0 or more, including grade B or better in Mathematics and Physics

5.4 Applicants from Thailand

* Mathayom Suksa 6 (M6);
* Mathayom 6 is the final examination taken by students at the end of their three years of upper secondary education and is acceptable at grade 1 or better in lieu of GCSE on a subject for subject basis, except in English language. It would need to be supplemented by GCE A Levels, Scottish Highers or Advanced Highers; or a bridging course.

1. Students must have met any relevant English Language requirements. Proficiency in written and spoken English, as per the standard entry requirements are detailed at <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/international/english-requirements.php>
2. Applicants must be a privately funded student, and not in receipt of any other financial assistance.
3. Personal characteristics - Applicants must provide a personal statement , in addition to the video submission, with their application showing that they:

* Have aspirations to attend the University of Aberdeen specifically;
* Are enthusiastic, highly motivated and determined to succeed academically and professionally.
* Have a strong commitment to self-development and take a pro-active and committed approach to their education
* Possess good communication and inter-personal skills
* Have an awareness of and interest in, their chosen field of study.
* How you think you will benefit in terms of career and personal development from obtaining this qualification.

1. Where a student is required to repeat a year of study because they failed to reach the required academic requirements, payment will not be made for the repeat year and resumption of the scholarship will be based on individual circumstances and will be at the discretion of the Head of School.
2. Undergraduate Degree and Eligible Subjects

Accountancy

Biochemistry

Biology

Biotechnology

Business Management

Chemical Engineering

Chemistry

Civil and Structural Engineering

Computing

Computing Science

Conservation Biology

Ecology

Economics

Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Engineering

Environmental Science

Finance

French

Geography

Geology and Petroleum Geology

German

Information Systems

Information Systems and Management

Law

Legal Studies

Marine Biology

Mathematics

Mechanical Engineering

Microbiology

Natural Philosophy (Physics)

Petroleum Engineering

Physics

Plant and Soil Science

Politics and International Relations

Psychology

1. Timetable: The closing date for applications is 29 April 2016.
2. Notification of Awards: Successful applicants will be informed by email Monday 27 June 2016.

If you have any queries not answered by the guidelines above please contact Jenny Fernandes, Head of International Office at [sirthomas@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:sirthomas@abdn.ac.uk) or telephone + 44 (0)1224 272090.

1. See terms and conditions for full details [↑](#footnote-ref-1)