Jim Duncan Scholarship

Guidelines for Applicants

What are the Jim Duncan Scholarships?

The Jim Duncan Scholarships were established in 2001 by a graduate and supporter of the University, to provide financial support to students who are returning to education after an extended break, or who are resuming their studies at the University of Aberdeen after an interruption in studies. The Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need and academic potential.

Each scholarship is valued at £2,500 per annum. The scholarships shall initially be awarded for a two-year period of the undergraduate course to provide security to the successful recipient. Thereafter, the recipient can apply to have the scholarship renewed on an annual basis. The successful candidates will be expected to submit an annual report at the end of each academic year.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

The Jim Duncan Scholarships are open to either:

1. Applicants applying to the University of Aberdeen for a full-time, undergraduate degree starting in September 2021 after having had a break in education of more than one year. Applicants must be in receipt of a conditional or unconditional offer of entry for September 2021, or

2. Full-time undergraduate students who are resuming their studies in September 2021 at the University of Aberdeen after an interruption of more than one year.

Please note that a one year ‘Gap Year’ does not constitute a sufficient break in education.

How do I apply?

To apply please complete and submit the online application form at Jim Duncan Scholarship 2021 | University of Aberdeen (geckoform.com)

The Closing Date for Applications is:

17 September 2021.
How do I complete the Application Form?

**Personal Details** - Make sure that you provide your name and a valid email address. We will use this email address to confirm receipt of your application and for any future correspondence about your application.

**For New Undergraduate Applicants only - UCAS Personal ID Number** – This is a 10-digit number provided by UCAS.

**For Returning Undergraduate students only – Student ID Number** – This is your 8-digit Student ID Number.

Inputting the correct UCAS Personal ID Number or University Student ID Number is essential as we will use this to verify your eligibility to apply. Please note that applications that do not contain an accurate ID Number will not be considered.

**Personal Statement**

In this section please give reasons why you think you should be considered for a Jim Duncan Scholarship. Please provide details about your educational journey, your reasons for taking time away from education and why you have decided to return to full-time education now.

**Financial Circumstances**

This scholarship is awarded based on financial need; applicants must demonstrate financial need so please tell us as much as you can about your financial circumstances. Please supply information relating to all sources of household income and expenditure. If you have applied for, or have already been awarded a bursary or scholarship to support your undergraduate studies please give details of the sources and amounts involved, e.g. A Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) Bursary. The Selection Panel may contact you for supporting documentary evidence.

**Academic Potential**

Please list any prizes or awards you have gained for academic performance or in employment, or for other skills or achievements, whether in school or college, or outside which you feel are relevant to your application.
How will my application be assessed?

All eligible applications will be considered by a University panel drawn from both Academic and Administrative staff who have an interest in and/or specialist knowledge of student support and widening access issues.

When will I be notified of the outcome of my application?

You will be notified of the panel’s decision by email by the end of October 2021 with a view to making initial scholarship payments in December 2021.

Additional Information

If you have any questions or need any advice on applying to the Jim Duncan Scholarship Scheme please email: entrance.scholarships@abdn.ac.uk we will be happy to help.