

## Terms and Conditions for Sport Scholarships 2018-19

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## 1. Scope

The following guidelines apply to University of Bath's sport scholarships financial support framework for prospective and current students. These guidelines do not cover financial support made under other university schemes or government loan or grant frameworks.

## 2. Terminology and definitions

2.1 A **scholarship** is a non-repayable cash award. The eligibility criteria for scholarships usually involve an element of academic, sporting or other special merit and, in some cases, are based on your student loans household income assessment. They are highly competitive and cannot be automatically guaranteed, even if the applicant meets all of the criteria. Scholarships are paid in instalments and, again, there are no restrictions on how you spend any award. Scholarships come from a variety of sources and are mainly funded through the generosity of alumni, our corporate partners Santander and other donors.

## 3. Eligibility and Application

- 3.1 Our scholarship schemes have specific eligibility criteria which are set out in this document.
- 3.2 Our Household Income related Sports Scholarship award is based on a supporting statement as well as student loan household income assessment, academic merit and sporting ability; all criteria are outlined below.
- 3.3 Continuation of the Scholarship will be dependent on the recipient making satisfactory academic and sporting progress. Failure to achieve both satisfactory academic and sporting standards may result in the termination of the Scholarship. The Scholarship may be held in addition to any other Scholarships or assistance the Recipient may be eligible to receive, from the University or other funding bodies.
- 3.4 Students who are unsuccessful in their application to receive a sport scholarship may re-apply each year of their undergraduate or postgraduate course, unless stated in the eligibility criteria set below.

## 4. Trendell Scholarship

### Trendell Scholarship (up to two available)

If eligible you will receive:

- £1000 scholarship for three years of study
- Recipients studying part-time will be paid pro-rata
- no scholarship is payable during a placement period on a full time degree

### Eligibility criteria for the Trendell Scholarship (campus based courses)

You need to:

- be an eligible UK student *and*
- be registered on a full-time **campus based** undergraduate, full or part-time postgraduate or foundation degree programme *and*
- compete in either: athletics, badminton, football, hockey, judo, netball, rugby, swimming or tennis *or*
- be competing at an elite level in a sport outside of the above *and*
- meet the following criteria:
  1. must be competing at an elite level
  2. must contribute to BUCS points
  3. must have a recommendation from a University of Bath coach\*

*\*Applications which only state a coach's email without a full supporting statement may not be considered*

## 5. The King Scholarship

### King Scholarship (up to one available)

If eligible you will receive:

- £4000 per year for up to four years
- Recipients studying part-time will be paid pro-rata
- no scholarship is payable during a placement period on a full time degree

### Eligibility criteria for the King Scholarship (campus based courses)

You need to:

- be an eligible UK student *and*
- be registered on a full-time **campus based** undergraduate or full or part-time taught postgraduate course, preferably studying in the School of Management or be linked to one of the sports-related courses associated with the athlete pathway delivered by Department for Health *and*
- meet the following criteria:
  1. be currently competing at a junior international level or above in any sport
  2. must contribute to BUCS points
  3. have a recommendation from either a University of Bath or NGB coach\*

*\*Applications which only state a coach's email without a full supporting statement may not be considered*

## 6. Santander Sport Scholarship

### Santander Sport Scholarship (up to six available)

If eligible you will receive:

- £2000 per year of study for three years
- Recipients studying part-time will be paid pro-rata
- no scholarship is payable during a placement period on a full time degree

### Eligibility criteria for the Santander Scholarship (campus based courses)

You need to:

- be registered on a full-time **campus based** undergraduate, full or part-time postgraduate or foundation degree programme *and*
- meet the following criteria:

1. have the ability to become or have the current status as an elite international athlete within any sport
2. must contribute to BUCS points
3. have a recommendation from either a University of Bath, home or NGB official/coach\*

*\*Applications which only state a coach's email without a full supporting statement may not be considered*

## 7. Bill Whiteley Sport Scholarship

### The Bill Whiteley Sports Scholarship (up to one available)

If eligible you will receive:

- £5000 per year for up to four years
- Recipients studying part-time will be paid pro-rata
- no scholarship is payable during a placement period on a full time degree

### Eligibility criteria for the Bill Whiteley Sports Scholarship (campus based courses)

You need to:

- be an eligible UK student *and*
  - be registered on a full-time **campus based** undergraduate of at least three years in the School of Management, Faculty of Engineering & Design or Department of Economics *and*
  - must be a first year undergraduate *and*
  - meet the following criteria:
1. have the current status as an elite athlete within any sport
  2. must contribute to BUCS points
  3. have a recommendation from either a University of Bath, home or NGB official/coach\*

*\*Applications which only state a coach's email without a full supporting statement may not be considered*

## 8. Thompson Education Trust Scholarship

### Thompson Education Trust Scholarship (up to two available)

If eligible you will receive:

- £1750 for one year
- Recipients studying part-time will be paid pro-rata
- no scholarship is payable during a placement period on a full time degree

### Eligibility criteria for the Thompson Education Trust Scholarship (campus based courses)

You need to:

- be an eligible UK student *and*
- be registered on a full-time **campus based** undergraduate course *and*
- meet the following criteria\*:
  1. priority will be given to those with a household income of £42875 or below
  2. be competing at an elite level
  3. must contribute to BUCS points
  4. have a recommendation from either a University of Bath or NGB coach\*

*\*Applications which only state a coach's email without a full supporting statement may not be considered*

## 10. General Conditions

- 10.1 Successful candidates will be asked to:
- 10.1.1 provide a hand-written thank you letter addressed to their donor in accordance with guidance provided by the Department of Development and Alumni Relations.
  - 10.1.2 Attend a Scholar Welcome session in the first semester and the Scholar's reception
  - 10.1.3 Provide a progress report at the end of each academic year, which will be shared with your donor to update them on your time at the University of Bath. Your report is a prerequisite for future payments. You will be prompted to provide this towards the end of the second semester.
  - 10.1.4 Attend a sport scholars' photo-shoot with Matchtight Limited for the University and Team Bath website and newsletter.
- 10.2 Unsuccessful candidates will have the opportunity to re-apply for scholarships the following year if they meet the eligibility criteria, except for the Bill Whiteley Scholarship.
- 10.3 An award will not be taken away if your household income eligibility changes in any subsequent year, there will not be any routine reassessment of household income year-to-year.
- 10.4 If you join the University in 2018-19 and are transferring directly into Year 2 of your studies you will not be eligible for our Bill Whiteley scholarship but may apply for all other scholarships.

## 11. Application and Selection

- 11.1 Scholarships are awarded to those who meet the eligibility criteria at the time of allocation.
- 11.2 Applicants are asked to apply via the [Team Bath](#) Sports Scholarships home page:
- 11.2.1 Applications will open on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 and close August 31<sup>st</sup> 2018.
- 11.3 There will be a panel processes:
- 11.3.1 The first panel will discuss applications through the period from October 2017 – April 2018.
  - 11.3.2 The second panel will meet in October 2018.
- 11.4 Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be emailed the outcome of their application after the panel has met.
- 11.5 For the Thompson Education Trust scholarship, we will liaise with the Admissions and Funding team to check your assessed household income, as shared with the University by your student loans awarding agency for bursary and scholarship purposes, is within the threshold for this scheme. They will not divulge what the actual income is and only confirm if it meets the eligibility requirements. Applicants who did not apply to their student loans awarding agency to be income assessed will not be eligible for this scholarship. Applicants will only be awarded the Goldsmith Scholarship subject to confirmation of their household income.

- 11.6 The University cannot be responsible for any errors or omissions in the information supplied to it and on which eligibility decisions are based. The University's decision on the interpretation of eligibility criteria is final and there is no right of appeal.
- 11.7 You cannot be considered for an award if you have not completed to appropriate application form to apply for our sport scholarship schemes and submitted appropriate evidence, as appropriate. Awards cannot be claimed retrospectively.
- 11.8 The final deadline date to apply for a University of Bath Sport Scholarship is August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 11.9 The University reserves the right to alter its allocation schedule.

## **12.Failure to meet scholarship performance levels**

- 12.1 Scholarships may be withdrawn if you no longer meet any specific course requirements, sporting performance or other progression criteria. This is at the discretion of the Department of Sport Development and Recreation, Department of Development and Alumni Relations and/or the scholarship funder.

## **13.Payment**

- 13.1 Sport Scholarships will be paid in three equal instalments during each academic year of study. You will be notified in your award email about the payment schedule.

## **14.Placement Periods**

For the purposes of the Sport Scholarship schemes a placement is defined as:

- 14.1 Students who undertake a thick or thin sandwich course that has a full or half year placement option as an integral part of their course. These courses have defined UCAS codes that identify them as an undergraduate degree course with placement.
- 14.2 Placements can be made up of paid or unpaid employment, research or study abroad. These periods normally attract a reduced tuition fee liability.
- 14.3 Some degree courses offer an 'optional' additional study abroad placement, normally in Semester 1 of your fourth year of studies. Your eligibility for support during any such period will relate to your tuition fee liability e.g. placement rate or full fees payable.
- 14.4 The BSc (Hons) Social Work and Applied Social Sciences has practice learning opportunities as part of the course and these are not considered as a placement under these Terms and Conditions.
- 14.5 For courses that are defined as a thin placement course (e.g. Business Administration), bursaries and scholarships are applied on a pro rata basis across the relevant placement years.
- 14.6 Sport scholarships will not be paid on any paid or unpaid placement year.

## **15. Honours top up year**

- 15.1 Following graduation from your Foundation Degree in Sports Performance, if you continue immediately onto the Honours top up year, then you will continue to receive sport scholarship if you continue to meet the criteria and the Department of Sport Development and Recreation, Department of Development and Alumni Relations and/ or the scholarship funder are satisfied. If you take a break in your studies before continuing, then your scholarship will no longer be payable and you will have to re-apply in your final year of study.

## **16. Changes to study**

- 16.1 If you change your course or mode of study and are in receipt of an award which is for example course/mode specific, it may be withdrawn. If you make a change to your original course of study you must notify the [Department of Development and Alumni Relations](#), as it may affect your continued eligibility for the scholarship for the scholarship.

## **17. Suspensions and withdrawal from studies**

- 17.1 If you suspend or withdraw from your studies then you will not be eligible to receive any future award payments in that year. You must notify the [Athlete Support Officer](#) of your change in circumstances. You must also notify the [Department of Development and Alumni Relations](#), as it may affect your continued eligibility.
- 17.2 If you suspend or withdraw from your studies then any donor or corporate scholarship paid to you may have to be repaid at the discretion of the Department of Development and Alumni Relations and the relevant donor or corporate partner.

## **18.Repeating or deferring your studies**

- 18.1 Awards will not be paid during any repeat period(s) of study. This includes studying for the same academic year twice even if this is for a different course. For example if commenced studies in Yr1 of Engineering in 2017/18 then transferred to Yr1 of Biology in 2018/19.
- 18.2 Awards are allocated for 2018-19 entry only. If you defer or withdraw and restart, any award already offered will become void. You must re-apply if you are to be considered for a scholarship the following year.
- 18.3 If you make changes to your study pattern where for example the units are split across two years, payments will normally be paid pro-rata to reflect the credit split. Some scholarship funders may continue to pay the scholar in full, however such decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis and will be at the discretion of [Department of Development and Alumni Relations](#) and the donor.

## **19. Disciplinary action and fraudulent applications**

- 19.1 The University reserves the right to terminate a scholarship award in the case of any disciplinary action being taken against an award-holder. The University may also seek repayment of any scholarship overpayment on a pro rata basis, should your award be terminated due to disciplinary action being taken. Cases will be considered on an individual basis by the Head of Student Support Services.
- 19.2 The University reserves the right to withdraw an award from anyone who is found to have misled the University about any aspect of their eligibility and to seek repayment of any monies already paid to



them. In such cases the University may seek to recover any money paid as a debt in the county court (in which case it may also seek to recover additional sums such as interest, court fees and legal costs). We may request at any point, for audit purposes, evidence of any widening participation criteria as stated in your application.

## 20. Definitions

The following definitions apply:

<b>UK Student</b>	Eligible Home UK students are those that are classed as UK (England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland), as assessed for student support purposes, as determined by Student Finance England (SFE) or other relevant UK student loans awarding agency. This is in addition to a Home UK fees status as determined by the University. Students from the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man are not UK students according to this definition and are subject to 'Islands students' status.
<b>EU Student</b>	EU students are those that are classed as Home EU (European), as assessed for student support purposes, as determined by SFE. This is in addition to a Home EU fees status as determined by the University. Students from the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man are not EU students according to this definition and are subject to 'Islands students' status.
<b>Overseas Student</b>	Overseas students are those that are classed under the international fee status as determined by the University.
<b>Campus-based</b>	These are undergraduate degree or foundation degree courses delivered on the University of Bath site at Claverton Down, BA2 7AY. Courses delivered off site via franchised agreements with partner organisations are excluded.
<b>BUCS</b>	British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) is the national governing body for Higher Education (HE) sport in the UK. Students receiving a scholarship which requires them to contribute to BUCS points must participate in BUCS competitions for the University of Bath at all eligible competitions, unless otherwise agreed with a University of Bath coach or Athlete Support Officer.
<b>Elite</b>	<p>The University of Bath deserves the right to set the definition of elite to reflect the performance level of athletes based at the University of Bath. Where the scholarship requires 'elite' level performance, we recognise this as athletes who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top four in age group competition</li> <li>• International level at both junior and senior level</li> </ul> <p>This criteria is set to give applicants a guideline to follow when understanding the term 'elite', however the University may adapt its criteria depending on the</p>

	sport in question.
<b>Widening Participation Criteria</b>	
<b>Household income</b>	This refers to the annual <a href="#">residual household</a> income calculation we receive from your student loans awarding agency. Residual income is the household income before tax and after any pension contributions or allowances for dependent children. For full time students, a full financial assessment must have been carried out by your student loans awarding agency and it is your responsibility to ensure this has been completed.

## 21. Appeals

The University's decision on the interpretation of eligibility criteria is final and there is no right of appeal. You may make a complaint if you believe that you have not been considered for an award because of a procedural error, or you believe that there has been some other procedural problem with our allocating and awarding system. Complaints should be made to the [Athlete Support Officer](#) in the first instance. If necessary, after the first instance, a panel made up of the Director of Sport, Deputy Director of Sport and the Athlete Support Officer will consider the appeals and the appropriate outcomes.

## 22. Use of data

The University may use widening participation (WP) data / information passed to us by UCAS and your student loans awarding agency held in relation to our funding schemes (together with any other data you may provide) to provide information and advice about the University to you as an applicant. Should you subsequently join the University, the University may also use the data to inform our strategies for supporting you as a new entrant, to inform you about provision that you may be able to access, to monitor student success and for other legitimate reasons. Data may also be used by the [Study Abroad Office](#) in the allocation of ERASMUS grants for students on study abroad placement courses. We may also use your data in the allocation of other scholarships on offer in partnership with corporate donors where funding may be allocated based on the widening participation factors as defined in these guidelines. Your actual widening participation and household income data will not be shared with a third party but selection for a scholarship may give an indication that you have met any such factors.

All sports scholarships are funded through the generosity of individuals, companies and organisations who wish to support promising student athletes. Donors who fund scholarships like to know who is benefitting from their donation. For this reason, the University may give your funder some information about you based on your student record and scholarship application form, including contact details and exam results. In most cases we will remove sensitive or personal elements or generalise information about difficult circumstances. We will also provide you with information about your donor, as appropriate. Any queries relating to these Terms and Conditions should be addressed to the [Athlete Support Officer](#).

## 23. Promoting Scholarships

You may be asked to take part in activities that promote the concept of scholarships to current and potential donors. This may include being interviewed for an article, taking part in a video, giving a written testimonial or having your photo taken. You are not obliged to take part in any of these if requested.

However, your cooperation would be very much appreciated since it will help make it possible for future students to enjoy the same support you have received.

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