

## Nottingham Trent University

### 2014 Entry NTU Scholarships scheme for full-time undergraduates Terms and conditions for academic year 2019/20

#### Introduction

- 1.1. These terms and conditions apply only to those who joined The Nottingham Trent University (NTU) in the 2014/15 academic year.
- 1.2. The NTU Scholarship provides financial support by reducing the amount of tuition fees payable by the Scholarship recipient (often referred to as a fee reduction or fee waiver).
- 1.3. In addition to this fee reduction, those 2014 entrants who are awarded the NTU Scholarship, will receive a cash payment of £300.
- 1.4. Recipients of the NTU Scholarship receive the above cash payment and a reduction of £1,300 in the annual tuition fee payable for their course at NTU as follows:

Course type	Maximum Scholarship entitlement
Full-time 2-year Foundation Degree courses	2 years
Full-time 3-year undergraduate Degree courses and those which also have a sandwich or placement year	3 years
Full-time 4-year undergraduate taught-degree courses	4 years

- 1.5. No NTU Scholarship is awarded (i.e. no tuition fee reduction or cash payment shall apply) for any year in which the tuition fee payable by the student is less than the full tuition fee for that course in that year. Examples include sandwich placement years (in which no tuition fee is payable) and repeat years in which the student repeats only part of the previous year's study and for which the University charges only a proportion of the full year's tuition fee.

#### 2. Eligibility Criteria

- 2.1. In order to be considered for an NTU Scholarship a student must:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have been enrolled as a new entrant in 2014/15 on a full-time undergraduate degree or full-time Foundation degree course at NTU, AND</li></ul>                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have been paying, whether directly or by Fee Loan, the full 2014/15 tuition fee for their course (£9,000 for full degree or £6,750 for Foundation degree), AND</li></ul> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have been in receipt of the maximum means-tested maintenance grant* from their national Student Finance Service or the maximum Special Support Grant in 2014/15, AND</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Had a household income level (as assessed by their national Student Finance Service) of £25,000 or less in 2014/15.</li> </ul>  |

\* Known as a "Young student bursary (YSB) or Independent Student Bursary (ISB)" for Scottish students

- 2.2. In order to receive the £300 cash payment, a student must be in attendance and liable for the above tuition fee on the date of payment (see section 5).
- 2.3. For avoidance of doubt, a student cannot receive an NTU Scholarship if he/she is, in that same academic year, receiving a National Scholarship (details of which are covered separately).
- 2.4. A student whose tuition fees are being paid (in part or in full) by their employer or other formal sponsoring organisation is not eligible to receive an NTU Scholarship.
- 2.5. A student who was assessed as not being eligible to receive an NTU Scholarship in the first year of his/her course will not be eligible to receive an NTU Scholarship in any subsequent year of study on that course, irrespective of any subsequent change in his/her circumstances which might then be perceived as satisfying the eligibility assessment criteria.

### **3. Application process and notification of NTU Scholarship entitlement**

- 3.1. Application for an NTU Scholarship was made automatically as part of the student's application for financial support from his/her national Student Finance Service (i.e. Student Finance England or its counterparts in Scotland and Northern Ireland). There is no other route for NTU Scholarship applications.
- 3.2. Information gathered via that application process is provided (subject to the applicant's consent) to the University to allow eligibility for an NTU Scholarship to be considered. It is, therefore, essential that the applicant grants consent to share the relevant data with the University, otherwise eligibility for a Scholarship cannot be assessed.

### **4. Assessment timings**

- 4.1. Eligibility for the NTU Scholarship can only be assessed when the University has received final confirmation from the student's national Student Finance Service that his/her eligibility for financial support has been established and all required evidence verified. Eligibility for the NTU Scholarship cannot be assessed when there is any outstanding element to a student's Student Finance application.
- 4.2.

Formal assessment of a student's eligibility for an NTU Scholarship in the 2014/15 academic year took place at any time up to 31 July 2015, subject to the timing of the

student's application to his/her national Student Finance Service and the transmission of necessary information from that Service to the University. Once the assessment of eligibility has taken place there will be no right for a student to seek later reassessment irrespective of any subsequent change in his/her personal circumstances.

## **5. Payment of the £300 cash award**

- 5.1. The cash award of £300 will be made in a single payment on 12 February 2020. If a student ceases to be eligible for the Scholarship before this date (due to a change in enrolment status or fee liability), the cash payment will not be made.
- 5.2. The cash award will be made directly into the student's bank account. It will be made by the SLC, on behalf of the University, using the account details supplied by the student to the Student Loans Company.

## **6. Retrospective adjustments**

- 6.1. As a general principle, a student who has been assessed as eligible to receive an NTU Scholarship in 2014/15 for the first year of his/her course will not be subject to reassessment in subsequent years of that course, and will thus be automatically eligible to receive an NTU Scholarship for the remaining full-fee paying years of study, subject to the limits on maximum scholarship entitlement in table in 1.4.
- 6.2. However, the University reserves the right to review and (at its sole discretion) revise or revoke the award of an NTU Scholarship if:
  - after commencing his/her course the student is retrospectively classified by their national Student Finance Service as being subject to the fee and funding support levels applicable to pre-2012/13 entrants, OR
  - the initial assessment confirming eligibility for NTU Scholarship was made on the basis of information which was false or materially incorrect at the time of that assessment and thus had the effect of erroneously securing an NTU Scholarship for the student, OR
  - after commencing the course the student is offered and accepts payment of their tuition fees (whether in full or in part) by an external sponsor, OR
  - the student changes to another course at the University, OR
  - the student changes his/her mode of study to one which would not then meet the NTU Scholarship eligibility criteria specified at 2 above, OR
  - the student suspends or defers his/her studies (with the approval of the University and in accordance with the relevant University procedures) part way through a year for which an NTU Scholarship had been granted to the student, OR
  - the student's studies are terminated (by the student or the University) part way through an academic year for which an NTU Scholarship had

been granted to the student.

In each such case, the University shall be entitled to revise or revoke a Scholarship from the year in which the event which triggered the revision/revocation took place. Accordingly, the University shall have the right to make any retrospective adjustment to the student's fee liability and that may become necessary as a result.

- 6.3. In the event of termination of a student's studies part-way through an academic year, any resulting partial Scholarship entitlement for that year shall be calculated on a pro rata basis in accordance with calculation of tuition fee payable under the University's policy on Tuition Fee Refunds, except where such calculation would result in a cash refund to the student in which case the maximum permitted benefit to the student shall be to reduce to zero the student's tuition fee liability for that year. In addition, the student will cease to become eligible for the cash award from the date of termination.

## **7. Timing of fee reductions resulting from award of NTU Scholarships**

- 7.1. In making any application for a tuition fee loan from their national Student Finance Service, students must not assume entitlement to an NTU Scholarship and should make their application for any tuition fee loan on the basis that that they are liable for payment of the full tuition fee for their course.
- 7.2. If an NTU Scholarship is awarded, the student will be notified and the Student Loans Company (SLC) will also be advised of the resulting change in the tuition fee payable by the student. The SLC will then make any necessary adjustment to the value of the student's associated tuition fee loan.

## **8. Miscellaneous provisions**

- 8.1. Students are obliged to inform the University immediately of any change in their circumstances (including but not limited to those listed in these terms and conditions) which may affect their entitlement to receive a Scholarship. In the event of failure by a student to notify the University promptly of any such changes, the University will be entitled to recover or adjust (as appropriate) any associated Scholarship or benefit.
- 8.2. The University shall also be entitled to recover or adjust any NTU Scholarship benefit given in error.