

2017 Entry Undergraduate NTU Bursaries Scheme Terms and Conditions

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Nottingham Trent University offers financial support, in the form of non-repayable bursaries, to full-time undergraduate students who meet the eligibility criteria specified below.
- 1.2 These terms and conditions apply only to those joining The Nottingham Trent University in 2017/18 academic year.
- 1.3 This support is given in the form of bursaries, which are cash awards. These are additional to the maintenance loan that students receive as part of the national student finance package.
- 1.4 Recipients of the NTU Bursary will receive a cash payment of £750 for each academic year of their course provided that in each year they are fully enrolled, are in full time attendance and are eligible for a tuition fee loan and a maintenance loan from their respective student finance body.
- 1.5 The NTU Bursary is awarded by the University to all those who meet the eligibility criteria in section 2 below. Please note that bursaries will not be backdated to cover any years prior to eligibility being met.

2. Eligibility Criteria

In order to be considered for a 2017 Entry NTU Bursary a student must:

- 2.1 Be enrolled as a new entrant in 2017/18 on a full-time undergraduate degree or full-time Foundation degree course at NTU; AND
- 2.2 Be paying, whether directly or by fee loan, the full-time home undergraduate 2017/18 entry tuition fee for their course; AND
- 2.3. Be eligible to receive a tuition fee loan and a maintenance loan from their national student finance service; AND
- 2.4 Have a household income level (as assessed by their national student finance service) of £25,000 or less.



3. Application process and notification of NTU Bursary entitlement

- 3.1 Application for a NTU Bursary is 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, Northern Ireland or Wales). There is no other route for NTU Bursary applications.
- 3.2 Information gathered via that application process is provided (subject to the consent of the applicant, and sponsors where applicable) to the University to allow eligibility for a NTU Bursary to be considered. It is, therefore, essential that the applicant (and sponsors where applicable) grant consent to share the relevant data with the University, otherwise eligibility for a Bursary cannot be assessed.

4. Assessment timings

- 4.1 Eligibility for the NTU Bursary 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.
- 4.2 Eligibility for the NTU Bursary cannot be assessed when there is any outstanding element to a student's student finance application.
- 4.3 Formal assessment of a student's eligibility for a NTU Bursary in the 2017/18 academic year (and any subsequent academic year) can take place at any time up to 31 July of that academic year, 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.
- 4.4. No assessment of eligibility for a NTU Bursary for a specific academic year will take place after 31 July of that academic year, irrespective of any subsequent change in a student's circumstances. (e.g. no assessment for a NTU Bursary for 2017/18 academic year will take place after 31 July 2018).
- 4.5 If a student is not assessed as eligible for a NTU Bursary for the 2017/18 academic year, they may still become eligible for a NTU Bursary for subsequent full fee paying academic years of their course, subject to them meeting the eligibility criteria outlined in point 2 above and subject to the terms and conditions of payment outlined in these terms and conditions.

5. Payment of the £750 cash award

- 5.1 The overall amount of NTU Bursary payable to a student for an academic year will be split into three instalments. Eligible students will receive a notification letter each academic year, advising of the dates of payment.
- 5.2 The NTU Bursary will be paid 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. Payments in subsequent years

- 6.1 A student who has been assessed as eligible to receive a NTU Bursary at NTU will not be subject to financial reassessment in subsequent years of study on their course.
- 6.2. A student will therefore remain eligible to receive a NTU Bursary for the remaining years of study, subject to their continued full-time attendance and enrolment on the course and eligibility for the tuition fee loan.
- 6.3 Students will not receive the NTU Bursary during any year-long work placement as part of a sandwich degree.

7. Retrospective adjustments

- 7.1 Subject to paragraph 7.2, a student who has been assessed as eligible to receive a NTU Bursary in a particular academic year will not be subject to financial reassessment in that year, or subsequent years of study. Students will continue to receive the NTU Bursary in line with 6 above.
- 7.2 However, the University reserves the right to review and (at its sole discretion) revise or revoke the award of an NTU Bursary if:
 - The initial assessment confirming eligibility for the NTU Bursary 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 a NTU Bursary for the student; OR
 - The student changes his/her course or mode of study to one which would not then meet the NTU Bursary eligibility criteria specified at 2 above.
- 7.3 If the student suspends his/her studies (with the approval of the University and in accordance with the relevant University procedures), no further bursary payments will be released during, or in respect of the period of suspension. Upon resumption of studies on the same course, entitlement to the NTU Bursary will usually be reinstated subject to the student meeting the criteria outlined in points 2 or 6.

- 7.4 In the event of termination of a student's studies part way through an academic year, eligibility for the NTU Bursary will be terminated on the date of withdrawal and no further bursary payments will be released.

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 in these terms and conditions) which may affect their entitlement to receive a Bursary. In the event of a failure by the student to notify the University promptly of any such changes, the University will be entitled to recover or adjust (as appropriate) any associated Bursary cash payment.
- 8.2 The University shall also be entitled to recover or adjust any NTU Bursary benefit given in error.