

Southampton International Merit Scholarships 2016 Entry – Terms and Conditions

Please read this document carefully and ensure that you understand the conditions of these scholarships.

The University of Southampton reserves the right to withdraw a scholarship if award-holders are subsequently found to be ineligible or if these terms and conditions are not adhered to.

1 Eligibility criteria

You will be considered eligible for a Southampton International Merit Scholarship if you meet all of the following criteria:

1. You, the student, are liable to pay full international tuition fees and you will be self-funding, ie you are not in receipt of a full scholarship from another source or sponsored by one of the University's international funding partners.
2. You are in receipt of either a conditional or unconditional offer for a place at the University of Southampton for 2016 entry (September 2016).which you have accepted (non-UCAS applications) or accepted firmly (UCAS applications).
3. The programme you wish to study is eligible. See the **Exceptions** below.
4. You meet any nationality or domicile requirements of the scholarship.
 - 4.1 For foundation scholarships: you must be a national of, and domiciled in, one of the eligible countries/territories and classified as 'Overseas' for fees purposes.
 - 4.2 For undergraduate (Bachelor) scholarships: you must be a national of, and domiciled in a country outside of the EU and classified as 'Overseas' for fees purposes.
 - 4.3 For postgraduate taught (Masters) scholarships: you must be a national of, and domiciled in, one of the eligible countries/territories and classified as 'Overseas' for fees purposes.
5. You meet the specific academic requirements of the scholarship. The equivalency of relevant international qualifications will be determined by the University's standard admissions criteria.
6. You pay any necessary tuition fee deposit by the date notified on your offer letter.

Specific country-specific and academic criteria for the scholarships can be found here:
[International Foundation Year International Merit Scholarships](#)
[Undergraduate International Merit scholarships](#)
[Postgraduate International Merit Scholarships](#)

2 Exceptions

Please note that scholarships are not available for the following programmes:

- English Language pre-sessional programmes
- Engineering or Science Foundation programmes
- Undergraduate programmes which include a foundation year
- Undergraduate programmes (Bachelors) in the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Faculty of Medicine

- Postgraduate taught programmes (Masters) in the Faculty of Business, Art and Law; the Faculty of Social, Human and Mathematical Sciences and MSc Physiotherapy in the Faculty of Health Sciences
- PGCert or PGDip qualifications
- Postgraduate Research programmes i.e. PhD, Doctorate, MPhil, EngD, MRes
- Continuing professional development programmes
- Distance Learning programmes
- Programmes offered at a University of Southampton partner institution/ campus overseas

The following categories of students are not eligible:

- Students who are entering the second year, or subsequent years, of an undergraduate degree or repeating a year.
- Students who are entering an undergraduate degree with a foundation qualification.
- University of Southampton undergraduate students who are progressing onto a Masters programme.
- Students who are studying at the University of Southampton as a period of study abroad, a student exchange or as a student visitor.

Students in receipt of the following funding are not eligible:

- Students whose tuition fees are fully funded by an external sponsor organisation. Students who are receiving partial payment of their tuition fees may be eligible.
- Students whose tuition fees are fully or partially funded by one of the University's international funding partners as detailed on the [International Funding Partnerships webpage](#).

3 How scholarships are awarded

Your eligibility will be assessed when you make your application to study at the University.

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit. The criteria for scholarship awards are available on the appropriate [International Merit Scholarships webpages](#). The equivalency of international qualifications will be determined by the University's standard admissions criteria, and are available on request from the relevant Admission team. All decisions are final.

For country-specific scholarships, eligibility will be determined by your nationality and qualification as indicated in your University of Southampton application, supported by your passport and your academic transcript.

You can only be in receipt of one Southampton International Merit Scholarship. If you meet the eligibility criteria for more than one scholarship, you will be awarded the scholarship which is the most beneficial to you.

If you are awarded a scholarship, you will receive confirmation in writing.

4 Scholarship Conditions

All scholarships, unless otherwise specified, are non-deferrable and apply to 2016 entry only. If you are offered a scholarship and then choose to defer your place to a later year, the offer of the scholarship will be withdrawn.

If you are awarded a scholarship, you must:

- meet any conditions attached to your academic offer. A scholarship will only be awarded subject to meeting all the conditions attached to your offer to study at the University of Southampton (UK campus) in September 2016.
- enrol as a full-time student on your academic course by the given start date, as specified in your confirmation email/letter.
- provide evidence of your nationality, domicile and qualification when you enrol.
- be, and remain throughout your period of enrolment, classified as 'Overseas' for fee purposes.
- pay all outstanding tuition fees by University deadlines. Non-payment of fees by the due date may result in the scholarship being withdrawn and you may be charged full fees.

If you intend to apply for other funding, you must inform the Faculty Admissions team of any other scholarships/sponsorship you hold, or are awarded at a later date. If you are awarded funding from another source, the Southampton International Merit Scholarship may be adjusted or withdrawn.

All decisions by the University of Southampton are taken in good faith and based on the information that you provide in your application form. If we discover that you have made a false statement or fail to provide significant and relevant information the University reserves the right to withdraw your scholarship.

5 Payment of the scholarships

Southampton International Merit Scholarships will be awarded for 2016 entry only and are non-renewable after the 2016-17 year of study. In subsequent years, full international tuition fees will be payable, fixed at the full tuition fee rate for 2016 entry.

The scholarship will take the form of a tuition fee reduction and will be applied before any other discounts e.g. alumni discount, discount for payment in full.

The scholarships will normally be awarded in the first semester, but variations may apply, depending on each Faculty.

The University of Southampton scholarships are not available as a cash alternative.

6 During your studies at the University of Southampton

If you are awarded a scholarship:

- You must seek permission and obtain consent from the Faculty before you make any changes to your programme of study. This includes changing course title, transferring to another course, and suspending your studies. Please note that approval is not guaranteed. Where changes are made without prior Faculty approval, the scholarship may be withdrawn and you may be required to repay the funding in full.
- You must seek permission from the Faculty Admissions team before extending your period of study. Scholarships are not automatically extendable.
- If you withdraw from your course before you complete the full year of study, you will be required to repay the scholarship amount, pro-rata.
- You agree to act as an ambassador for the University of Southampton at appropriate scholarship/recruitment events as required, and to contribute a student profile.
- You agree to contribute feedback to the University of Southampton about the scholarship scheme, and to be contacted approximately two years after your graduation for an update on how the scholarship has influenced your career.

7 Further information

For further information on any of the scholarships above, please [email the International Office](#) or contact the Admissions team for [the awarding Faculty](#).