

USW Academic Achievement Scholarship 2020/21*

Frequently Asked Questions

The Academic Achievement Scholarship is available to EU (non UK) citizens.

1. Who is eligible?

The main points of eligibility are below however, the following FAQs clarify more detailed questions regarding eligibility.

To be eligible, you will need to:

- Be an **EU** (non UK) student liable for the EU rate of tuition fees and eligible for EU student support from the UK government
- Apply for a full time eligible bachelor honours degree at a University of South Wales campus by **24 May 2020**
- Apply for the Academic Achievement Scholarship by **28 June 2020**
- Accept our offer of a place on an eligible course on a firm basis by **12 July 2020**
- Meet or exceed the grades outlined in Appendix A , in one sitting from final high school qualifications **completed during or after summer 2018**
- Be enrolled on a full time eligible course at a University of South Wales campus at the time of payment

2. How do you apply?

Once you have applied for and been offered a place on an eligible full time course, you will be sent an email containing a link to an online application form from February 2020. The email will be sent to the email address listed on your course application to the University. If this email address is an agent email address the please see FAQ (3) below.

3. I am an agent – how can my student apply for the scholarship?

If the student has listed your email address on their course application and you receive the email to apply for the scholarship then please ensure that you send this information to the student for completion. The application form for the scholarship **MUST** be completed by the prospective student and not the agent.

4. What qualifications are taken into consideration for the scholarship?

Prospective students must meet or exceed the grades outlined in Appendix A, in one sitting from final high school qualifications **completed during or after summer 2018**.

5. I have already achieved some or all of the qualifications outlined above before 2018, will I still be considered for the scholarship?

No, the scholarship requires prospective students to achieve or exceed the grades outlined above in one sitting **during or after summer 2018 only**.

6. How will I know if I am successful?

The Student Money Advice Team will notify students of their eligibility via their University email address by October 2020. **Please note:** the award will be confirmed in February 2021 to all students that have remained eligible for the scholarship.

7. How much is the scholarship worth?

Successful students will receive £2000 paid directly into their bank account by BACS when the award is confirmed in February 2021. **Please note:** Eligible students must be in good academic and financial standing with the University at point of payment e.g. they must not be a debtor without a payment plan and payment can only be made to a UK bank account which is held in the student's name.

8. Do I have to be enrolled on an eligible course at the time of payment?

Yes.

9. Will I receive payment in subsequent years on my course?

No, this scholarship is payable in your first year only.

10. I meet the criteria for the Academic Achievement Scholarship and another University of South Wales scholarship or bursary – can I receive more than one scholarship or bursary?

Yes.

11. I was going to apply to the University for 2020 entry but am now considering a gap year, will I still be eligible?

If you are planning to start your course in September 2021, you will need to check the details of any bursary or scholarship scheme available to new students starting in September 2021, including fulfilling the eligibility criteria relating to that scheme and making an application if necessary. Details regarding any 2021/22 scheme that might be offered are expected to be announced in summer 2020.

12. What courses are eligible?

All full time undergraduate honours degrees starting at year 0 and year 1 will be considered with the exception of the following courses:

Course Code	Course Title
B701	Bachelor of Nursing (Hons)(Adult)
B702	Bachelor of Nursing (Hons)(Child)
B703	Bachelor of Nursing (Hons)(Learning Disabilities)
B704	Bachelor of Nursing (Hons)(Mental Health)
B720	Bachelor of Midwifery (Hons)

Please note the scholarship is also not applicable to students starting a HND/HNC, CERT HE, Foundation Degree, top up year(s), NHS funded degree or non-honours degrees.

13. What happens if I transfer courses in my first year?

You will still be eligible to receive payment at the intended time if you continue to meet the eligibility criteria as outlined above.

14. I am a part time student; will I be eligible?

No. The Scholarship is only for new students starting a new full time eligible undergraduate honours degree in September 2020.

15. I am a continuing undergraduate student; will I be eligible?

No. The Scholarship is only for new students starting a new full time eligible undergraduate honours degree in September 2020.

16. I am a current student progressing onto year 2 (or 3) of a course – am I eligible?

No. The Scholarship is only for new students starting a new full time eligible undergraduate honours degree in September 2020.

17. What happens if I leave/ am suspended/ excluded from the University?

- If you leave the University before payment in February 2021, you will not be eligible to receive the scholarship payment.
- If you decide to leave the University after your payment has been made, you are entitled to keep the payment, providing the payment was not made in error.

18. If I receive an overpayment, will I have to repay it?

Yes. By accepting any payments you are agreeing to repay any amounts that are subsequently found to be overpayments or incorrect payments. Any overpayments that are not repaid will result in the debt being referred to the University Finance department and the appropriate action taken.

19. Is the scholarship repayable?

No, there is no requirement for you to repay the Scholarship, unless payment has been made in error, in which case please see the FAQ (18) above regarding overpayments.

20. I want to study a University of South Wales course at an accredited/associate college. Will I be entitled to this Scholarship?

No, however you may be eligible for any scholarships or bursaries offered by the college. Please contact the accredited/associate college direct.

21. Can I appeal against any decisions regarding my eligibility?

All students have the right to appeal decisions made by the Student Money Advice Team regarding their eligibility for the Academic Achievement Scholarship.

Full details regarding the Scholarship / Bursary Appeal process are available here:

<http://www.southwales.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/scholarship-bursary-appeal-process/>

***University of South Wales scholarships are offered on the basis that they are potentially subject to change in the event of changes to the fee and student support regime applicable in Wales. The University also reserves the right to limit the number of scholarships available.**

Appendix A

Country	Scholarship requirement (UCAS ABB Equivalents)
European Baccalaureate	Pass with overall result of 77%
International Baccalaureate Diploma	32 points
Austria	1.8 or above in the Reifeprüfung or Matura
Belgium	7.5 or above in Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur or the Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs
Bulgaria	5.5 in the Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie
Croatia	4.0 in the Svjedodzba o Maturi
Cyprus	18.5 in the Apolytirion, 93% for Private schools and 9.3 for in Develet Lise Diplomas for students from Northern Cyprus
Czech Republic	2 overall in the Maturitni Zkouška
Denmark	10 or above in the Bevis for Studentereksamen (STX), Bevis for Højere Forberedelseseksamen (HF)/Bevis for Højere Handelseksamen (HHX)/Bevis for Højere Teknisk Eksamen (HTX)
Estonia	Average grade of 4 and above in the Gümnaasiumi Lõputunnistus
Finland	Pass with overall result of 6.0 (Eximia cum laude approbatur) in the Ylioppilastutkinto
France	14 or above in the Baccalauréat Général
Germany	2.0 or above in the Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife/Abitur
Greece	18.5 in the Apolytirio of Lykeio (Apolytirion)
Hungary	4.5 in the Erettsegi / Matura
Ireland	ABB equivalent from the UCAS Tariff table (128 points) against the 2016/2017 Leaving Certificate results
Italy	85% in the Esame di Stato
Latvia	8/B in the Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitibu
Lithuania	8 overall in the Brandos Atestatas

Luxemburg	44 or above in the Diplôme de Fin d'Etudes secondaires or Diplôme de Fin d'Etudes secondaires Techniques
Malta	B in the Advanced Matriculation or Matriculation Certificate Examination (from the University of Malta)
Netherlands	8 overall in the Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO)
Poland	Average of 75% in best two extended levels
Portugal	16 in the Certificado de fim de Estudos Secundarios
Romania	8.75 in the Romanian Baccalaureat
Slovakia	2 in the Maturitná skúška / Maturita or a Vysvedcenie o Maturitnej Skúške
Slovenia	4 in Matura/ secondary School Leaving Diploma
Spain	7.5 in Titulo de Bachillerato
Sweden	Overall grade B or above in the Avgångsbetyg / Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskola