

Guidance for Applicants

Purpose & Overview

- These awards are **exam-based scholarships** available to undergraduate applicants, giving students a chance to obtain a **financial award** and/or an **unconditional offer**.
- The awards are **optional** — sitting the exams does not replace your original offer; if unsuccessful, your original offer remains.
- Note: **Veterinary Science, Veterinary Nursing and Nursing applicants are *not eligible*** to sit these exams. If you have applied to study one of the above courses and have already completed the application form, please contact scholarships@aber.ac.uk so we can discuss your options.

Awards Available

Award Type	Financial award	Value	Duration / Year(s)	Additional Benefit	Awarded to
Vice Chancellor's Scholarship	Yes	£2,000 tuition-fee discount	For each year of your course (maximum £6,000)	Also includes an unconditional offer	The top 20% of all international students who pass the exams in that academic year.
Vice Chancellor's Merit Award	Yes	£2,000 tuition-fee discount	First year only	Also includes an unconditional offer	The remaining 80% of all international students who pass the exams in that academic year.
Unconditional Offer	No	No monetary value	N/A	N/A	N/A - awarded to strong performing candidates who miss out on securing a financial award

Timeline & Important Deadlines

- **Exam date** for 2026 entry: **Tuesday, 3 February 2026**
- **Application deadline:** by **12:00pm (noon UK Time), Friday 23 January 2026**
- Results are typically communicated **4–6 weeks after the exams**.

Exam Details & Structure

- The exams will be held at your School/College. It is your responsibility to contact your Exam Officer to make sure you are aware of the exam arrangements.

- Your exam officers will provide you with a paper copy of your exam.
- You sit **two exam papers** (each 1.5 hours) on the **same day**.
- The exams are **online**; you need a computer (with Word / browser) and internet access.
- Further guidance on how to complete and submit your exam papers will be sent to you following the deadline, and you will be given the opportunity to practice submitting papers to our Blackboard portal.
- The papers are **set and marked by the university's academic departments** and do **not follow a fixed syllabus**, though their standard is similar to A-level.
- **Subject selection:** You must choose exams acceptable to the department you have applied to; selecting inappropriate subjects may invalidate your scholarship application. If you wish to change your subjects, please contact scholarships@aber.ac.uk as soon as possible.
- **Past Papers** are available online, and we suggest you use these to familiarise yourself with the question style and **possible topics**. The format of the exam papers may vary year to year.

Results & Payment

- All candidates and exam officers are contacted **4–6 weeks** after the exams. Please note, we do not provide feedback or marks.
- **Students must provide their bank details** on their student portal (after registration at the University) in order to receive payments.
- **Payments** for awards (University Scholarship or Merit Award) are made in **two equal instalments (December & March)**, after registration at the University.
- Some awards include a financial component (University Scholarship or Merit Award), but the **Unconditional Offer on its own has no monetary value**.

Terms, Conditions & Policies

- All candidates should read the following;
 - [Policy on Good and Unfair Academic Practice.](#)
 - [Reasonable Adjustments Policy](#)
 - [Terms & Conditions](#)