International Postgraduate Excellence Scholarships (IPES) Terms & Conditions 2019

1. Up to 13 scholarships worth £5,000 towards tuition fees for full-time non-EU students on taught Masters courses are available for students who commence their studies in September 2019 on a first-come-first-serve basis.

2. Separate application forms are not required. Therefore it is essential that the application for a place be received by the Postgraduate Admissions Office by 23rd August 2019 at the very latest.

3. Selection will be on the basis of academic excellence and the applicant’s suitability for their proposed course. A minimum (UK) 1st Class Honours (or equivalent) is required for an award. Information on the comparability of non-UK degrees is available on our Comparability Calculator (https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/postgrad/apply/comparability/).

4. Acceptance of an offer of an award and payment of the £2000 course deposit, must be received within 2 weeks of being offered.

5. Decisions for 2019 will be made centrally on the basis of academic excellence.

6. Scholarships are available for entirely self-financed students (i.e. they cannot be held by students with full-awards, e.g. Chevening Scholarships, Commonwealth Shared Scholarship or any governmental award or any partial awards, including AU departmental awards, Aber-grad Scholarships nor HEI partnership discounts).

7. Scholarships should be used the year for which they are applied and awarded for. In the event of candidates deferring the year of entry the scholarship can also be deferred. If it is deemed necessary for the Scholarship holder to suspend their studies, the scholarship will be held on University account and carried forward to the year of resumption of studies and the candidate will be expected to pay their contribution on a pro-rata basis.

8. During and after the period of study the candidate may be asked to participate in promotional activities for the University. This may include receptions and social events, testimonial or publicity articles or even assisting with activities in their home country.

9. For taught programmes, scholarships may be transferred between same level degree schemes where the applicant changes the programme of study during the course of the degree. Transfers may only occur between degree schemes of the same level, i.e. from one postgraduate taught programme to another.

10. If, in the view of the appropriate Faculty Pro-Vice Chancellor, a scholarship holder’s progress is deemed unsatisfactory, the scholarship may be withdrawn. A scholarship may also be withdrawn on the grounds of failure to comply with any of the conditions of the award. The candidate may be required to repay the University any award which has been made, in whole or in part. If the scholar feels that such a withdrawal is unjustified s/he may appeal in writing to the Director of the International Office within 15 days of the date of notification.
11. Where the applicant arranges to pay fees by instalment the scholarship will be deducted from the final instalment. Where the candidate arranges to pay their tuition fees in full in advance, they will receive the scholarship deduction immediately and the tuition fee will be adjusted accordingly. International (non-EU) applicants are required to pay a deposit towards their tuition fees in accordance with University policy.*

12. This scholarship scheme is subject to annual review. The University reserves the right to make, amend, withdraw, suspend or cancel without notice these and other such Regulations as may be in force from time to time and such decisions shall be final.

* Please note that an IPES award cannot be used against the non-refundable tuition fee deposit that was specified in the offer letter for your place on the Masters course. You would have to pay this deposit in advance of completing the admissions process. The International Postgraduate Excellence Scholarship would thus be a reduction in the remaining tuition fees.