

# The Aberystwyth University Scholarships & Merit Awards

## Terms & Conditions



1. Scholarships and Merit Awards are open to candidates who will be at least 17 years old by 1st October in the year of entry to university. Applications from mature students are welcome, but candidates who have been a degree student at any university for more than one semester are NOT permitted to sit the Aberystwyth University Scholarship and Merit Award Exams.
2. Applicants must be applying to study full-time for a degree in any undergraduate subject at Aberystwyth University and must study 120 credits per year. Please note that any undergraduate applicant applying to a course where the course duration is less than 3 years is not eligible for this award.
3. Candidates must submit an online application form by the closing date as published, noting their two exam subjects. Candidates must ensure they select papers in a combination of subjects acceptable to their proposed department of study.
4. Candidates will receive their results within 4-6 weeks of the exams taking place.
5. The University reserves the right to withdraw a Scholarships & Merit award application for any candidate to whom they are unable to offer a place to study. Whilst every effort will be made to identify such candidates at the earliest opportunity, it is possible that this decision may be made after the examinations have been taken, for example when the UCAS application has been received close to the closing date for the Scholarships & Merit Awards exams and has not been fully reviewed before the date of the exams. Please note that the results of the Exams will have no bearing on this decision - the decision on whether or not to offer a place to study will be made purely on the basis of information contained within the applicant's UCAS application form.
6. To be considered for an award and/or an unconditional offer it is important to select exam papers which are acceptable to the Department(s) you have applied to study at. It is your responsibility to ensure you have selected appropriate subjects. For further information, visit our FAQ page: [aber.ac.uk/scholarships/entrance-exams](http://aber.ac.uk/scholarships/entrance-exams)
7. In the case where a Department is unable to offer a candidate a place to study on their first choice of course but instead offers a place to study on a similar course which includes a foundation year, any award will be applicable to that amended scheme only.
8. Where a candidate has applied for a scheme which includes a foundation year and is offered a place on that course, any award received will be applicable to that scheme only, and will not be automatically transferable to a 3-year degree scheme.
9. Where a Scholarship or Merit award has been awarded, payments are made through Aber Aspire. Students will receive an email notification from Aber Aspire when their funds are ready to access, along with guidance on how to withdraw them.
10. It is the award holders' responsibility to withdraw their funds before they expire. Any remaining balance that has not been withdrawn by the specified date will be unavailable, and you will no longer have access to those funds.
11. Payments are not made during years abroad, years in employment, sandwich years, repeat years etc.
12. Students deferring their entry will be entitled to receive Scholarships/Bursaries at the level publicised for the year of application (rather than the year of entry in the case of deferred applications).
13. Scholarship holders will be active in raising awareness of the University by engaging with promotional schemes where appropriate (e.g. visits to schools/colleges, Open Days, Visiting Days, Widening Participation activities). Students will need to register with AberWorks in order

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to participate and will be paid at the standard student ambassador rate. Further information on these opportunities will be advertised during the academic year.

14. Scholarships are subject to the general regulations governing the awards and the tenure of all awards is subject to the Standing Orders of the Senate.
15. The Senate will reduce or totally withhold an award if the holder has not made distinct progress in their studies as certified by their teachers and as shown in the sessional examinations of the University, or if their conduct and diligence have not been satisfactory.
16. The Senate reserves the right to withhold any award if it is found that there is no candidate of sufficient merit, and of dividing any scholarship in case of equality, and reserves the right to modify any award in the event of a candidate obtaining an award from another body.
17. Payments for students who temporarily withdraw will resume from the start of the next full term in which they recommence their studies (any remaining payment from the term in which they withdrew will not be repaid).
18. Please note that if you become indebted to the University, Scholarship and Bursary payments will be withheld and set against any outstanding debt.
19. If a student permanently withdraws from their studies before 1 December, the entire first instalment of any award will be reclaimed by the Finance Department. If a student permanently withdraws from their studies between 1 December and 2 March, the entire second instalment of any award will be reclaimed by the Finance Department. Failure to repay any award in such an instance could result in a referral to the University's debt collection agency.
20. The information contained in this document is only applicable to applicants who will undertake their studies in Aberystwyth and does not apply to students studying franchised or validated programmes delivered by our partners.
21. Aberystwyth University reserves the right to change or remove any of our current Scholarships, Bursaries and Financial Awards.
22. Failure to meet any of the above requirements will result in the Scholarship being withdrawn.