The Aberystwyth University Scholarships & Merit Awards
Terms & Conditions

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. Please note, applicants who are assessed as international-fee payers are not eligible to sit the Aberystwyth University Scholarship and Merit Award Exams. By completing the application form, applicants are confirming their status as a home-fee payer. The University reserves the right to withdraw a Scholarships & Merit award application for any candidate who does not meet these criteria.

5. Candidates must submit an online application form by the closing date as published, noting their exam subject.

6. To be considered for an award and/or an unconditional offer it is important that candidates ensure they select an acceptable exam paper for their proposed study scheme. Where a candidate has applied for multiple courses, they must choose which course they would like their unconditional offer and/or financial award to be applied to and choose an acceptable exam paper for this course on the application form. It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure they have selected an acceptable exam paper. Failure to do so may result in the scholarship application being rejected. For further information, visit our FAQ page: aber.ac.uk/scholarships/entrance-exams

7. If successful in the exam, Veterinary Nursing applicants' offer will remain conditional until all outstanding conditions of the offer have been met and reviewed by our Admissions Team. This may include evidence of two weeks' work experience at a veterinary practice, evidence of GCSE Maths and English/Welsh at grade C/4 or above (or equivalent) and evidence of UK nationality or UK immigration status.

8. Candidates will receive their results within 4-6 weeks of the exams taking place.

9. 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 exam. Please note that the results of the Exam 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. Where a Scholarship or Merit award has been awarded, students will be required to add their bank details to their Student Record, under 'Personal Information' at the start of term to ensure there are no delays in payment.
13. Payments are not made during years abroad, years in employment, sandwich years, repeat years etc.
14. 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).
15. 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 to participate and will be paid at the standard student ambassador rate. Further information on these opportunities will be advertised during the academic year.
16. Scholarships are subject to award regulations and Senate Standing Orders. Students must make satisfactory academic progress and show good conduct and commitment to their studies, or their award may be reduced or withheld. Awards may also be withheld if no candidate meets the required standard, and scholarships may be shared between equally deserving candidates.
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. Aberystwyth University reserves the right to change or remove any of our current Scholarships, Bursaries and Financial Awards.
21. Failure to meet any of the above requirements will result in the Scholarship being withdrawn.