



# **BOURNEMOUTH UNIVERSITY EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

**Academic year intake 2013-14**

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### **1. Scope and Purpose**

1.1 Bournemouth University offers a range of Academic Excellence Scholarships and Awards, and Music and Sport Scholarships in order to reward high achievement. Details of the Scholarship and Award benefits, eligibility to apply and deadline for applications are listed in Section 5 of this document. Scholarships and Awards will be reviewed on a regular basis and the University reserves the right to introduce new Scholarships and Awards or to cease the award of both at any time.

1.2 The criteria for eligibility for each Scholarship and Award has been approved by Bournemouth University's Fees Board. The administration of all University Scholarships and Awards is carried out by askBU Students Services on behalf of the Fees Board.

1.3 Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of merit only within each Scholarship Category and will not be means tested or otherwise influenced by any other award/grant held by the Scholarship applicant.

### **2. Applications**

2.1 Students do not need to apply for the 2013 Undergraduate full-time Academic Excellence Scholarships and Awards as eligible applicants will be auto-flagged following the download of results from UCAS. In those instances where qualifications are not picked up automatically, for instance EU qualifications or qualifications achieved in previous years, then applicants will have until the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013 to provide evidence of their qualifications for consideration.

2.2 Applicants who wish to be considered for a Sports, Music or Postgraduate Scholarship should obtain an application pack available from the University's website at <http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/futurestudents/funding/index.html>

2.3 An individual may apply for a Scholarship or Award in any or all of the categories listed. However, no individual may hold more than one Scholarship or Award. Eligibility criteria for each category of Scholarship are laid out in Section 5.

2.4 Where relevant completed application forms should be submitted to askBU, The Base, Talbot Campus, Fern Barrow, Poole, BH12 5BB.

2.5 Consideration will be given to all applications that meet the published criteria for each Scholarship category provided the application is received before the published deadline.

2.6 Applications for Scholarships and Awards received after the deadlines set will not be considered.

### **3. Appeals**

3.1 Unsuccessful applicants wishing to appeal should write to the Appeals, Complaints and Conduct Officer within 10 working days of being notified of the outcome of their application stating clearly the grounds for appeal.

3.2 Appeals will only be considered where there is evidence that a procedural irregularity has occurred in processing the application. Appeals against the University's judgement of the merit of an applicant against the published criteria will not be accepted.

#### 4. Payment of award

4.1 Scholarship awards will normally be paid to the successful Scholar in three equal instalments. Normally, the first instalment will be available in October each year, with the second instalment available the following January and the final payment due in April. For Scholars whose academic year begins later than October, alternative, but similar, arrangements will be put in place.

4.2 Scholarships will be awarded for the first year of study only (Level C).

4.3 Scholarships will be discontinued if, for any reason, the Scholar ceases to actively participate in the programme of study.

4.4 Scholarship awards can be withheld or adjusted to reduce an outstanding debt to Bournemouth University.

#### 5. Scholarship Categories

Scholarship Title: **BU Academic Excellence Scholarship – AAA**

Mode of Attendance: Full time (taught)

Place of Attendance: Any course delivered at either Talbot Campus, Lansdowne Campus  
Fee Category: UK or EU

Level of Study: Undergraduate Honours Year 1 (Level C) – except for NHS Funded

Criteria: Undergraduate – Bachelors Degree  
A Levels - Minimum 3 'A' grades (\*see note below)  
or  
BTEC Extended Diploma –3 x Distinctions  
or  
Equivalent other UK or EU qualification (\*\*see note below)

Value of award: £2,000 cash (see 4.1 above)

Deadline and eligibility for inclusion:

All students joining the University in September 2013 (including any deferrals) who meet the University's published criteria for Academic Excellence Scholarship will receive the award.

In the majority of cases the scholarship awards will be confirmed automatically once the University has received the student's results via UCAS.

In those instances where qualifications are not picked up automatically then applicants will have until the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013 to provide evidence of their qualifications to the University for consideration. The University will also consider qualifications achieved that pre-date the existing year of entry so long as the overall profile meets the published criteria. Students will be advised of the process at enrolment.

\*Refer to Appendix 1 for BU grade equivalents to AAA

\*\*Non-UK qualifications will be assessed against the UK equivalencies using NARIC

Scholarship Title: **BU Academic Excellence Scholarship – NHS, FdSc Paramedic Science and DipHE Operating Department Practice award - AAA**

Mode of Attendance: Full time (taught)

Place of Attendance: Any course delivered at either Talbot Campus or Lansdowne Campus.

Fee Category: UK or EU

Level of Study: Undergraduate Year 1 (Level C) – NHS Funded and FdSc Paramedic Science

Criteria: Undergraduate – Bachelors Degree and FdSc Paramedic Science  
A Levels - Minimum 3 'A' grades (subjects required for condition of offer if relevant) (\*see note below)  
or  
BTEC Extended Diploma –3 x Distinctions  
or  
Equivalent other UK or EU qualification (\*\*see note below)  
Access course not accepted

Value of award: £1,000 cash (see 4.1 above)

Deadline and eligibility for inclusion:

All students joining the University in September 2013 and January 2014 (including any deferrals) who meet the University's published criteria for Academic Excellence Scholarship will receive the award.

In the majority of cases the scholarship awards will be confirmed automatically once the University has received the student's results via UCAS.

In those instances where qualifications are not picked up automatically then applicants will have until the 15th November 2013 to provide evidence of their qualifications to the University for consideration. The University will also consider qualifications achieved that pre-date the existing year of entry so long as the overall profile meets the published criteria. Students will be advised of the process at enrolment.

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Scholarship Title: **BU Academic Excellence Award – AAB**

Mode of Attendance: Full time (taught)

Place of Attendance: Any course delivered at either Talbot Campus, Lansdowne Campus

Fee Category: UK or EU

Level of Study: Undergraduate Honours Year 1 (Level C) – except for NHS Funded

Criteria: Undergraduate – Bachelors Degree  
A Levels - AAB Grade or equivalent (\*see note below)  
or  
Equivalent other UK or EU qualification (\*\*see note below)  
Access course not accepted

Value of award: £1,500 cash (see 4.1 above)

Deadline and eligibility for inclusion:

All students joining the University in September 2013 (including any deferrals) who meet the University's published criteria for Academic Excellence Award will receive the award.

In the majority of cases the awards will be confirmed automatically once the University has received the student's results via UCAS.

In those instances where qualifications are not picked up automatically then applicants will have until the 15th November 2013 to provide evidence of their qualifications to the University for consideration. The University will also consider qualifications achieved that pre-date the existing year of entry so long as the overall profile meets the published criteria. Students will be advised of the process at enrolment.

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Scholarship Title: **BU Academic Excellence Awards – ABB**

Mode of Attendance: Full time (taught)

Place of Attendance: Any course delivered at either Talbot Campus, Lansdowne Campus  
Fee Category: UK or EU

Level of Study: Undergraduate Honours Year 1 (Level C) – except for NHS Funded

Criteria: Undergraduate – Bachelors Degree  
A Levels - ABB Grade or equivalent (\*see note below)  
or  
Access course 45 credits at Level 3, of which 30 must be at Distinction and 15 credits at Merit or higher  
or  
Equivalent other UK or EU qualification (\*\*see note below)

Value of award: £1,000 cash (see 4.1 above)

Deadline and eligibility for inclusion:

All students joining the University in September 2013 (including any deferrals) who meet the University's published criteria for Academic Excellence Award will receive the award.

In the majority of cases the awards will be confirmed automatically once the University has received the student's results via UCAS.

In those instances where qualifications are not picked up automatically then applicants will have until the 15th November 2013 to provide evidence of their qualifications to the University for consideration. The University will also consider qualifications achieved that pre-date the existing year of entry so long as the overall profile meets the published criteria. Students will be advised of the process at enrolment.

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Scholarship Title: **Excellence in Sports Scholarship**

Mode of Attendance: Full time (taught)

Place of Attendance: Any course delivered at either Talbot Campus, Lansdowne Campus  
Fee Category: UK or EU

Level of Study: Undergraduate Honours Year 1 (Level C) – except for NHS Funded

Criteria: You must be able to demonstrate that you are a talented sportsperson and have a desire to continue to develop your sports skills, as well as your academic profile.

You will be expected to represent your sport at national or junior international level or be able to demonstrate the potential to compete at this level.

Selection Process: Applicants applying for a scholarship in a varsity sport will need to attend BU trials to be assessed by the coach. Those who are applying for a sport that sits outside our varsity programme will need to ensure that references are sent alongside their application. This must be a sealed sporting reference from a high performance coach or National Governing Body. All scholarship decisions will be made before the end of October.

Value of award: Two types of Sport Scholarship may be awarded:

(£500-£1000 range of award)

The athlete will be a talented sportsperson and have the desire to continue to develop in the sporting arena as well as academically. The applicant will be expected to be representing their sport at national or junior international level (or equivalent thereof) or be able to demonstrate the potential to compete at these levels.

(£1000- £5000 range of award)

The athlete will be expected to be representing their sport at an international level of competition (or have done within the previous two years) and have the potential to reach world-class performance level. They will be, or previously have been, on World Class support and recognised by their National Governing Body.

Deadline for application: The deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> September 2013.

Scholarship Title: **Excellence in Music Scholarship**

Mode of Attendance: Full time (taught)

Place of Attendance: Any course delivered at either Talbot Campus, Lansdowne Campus  
Fee Category: UK or EU

Level of Study: Undergraduate Honours Year 1 (Level C) – except for NHS Funded

Criteria: Grade 8 or above on main instrument / voice + academic musical qualifications.

You must be able demonstrate that you are a talented instrumentalist or vocalist.

You will normally have reached at least Grade 8 of the Associated Board or the equivalent level, and have been involved in ensemble activity.

You must demonstrate how you wish to develop musically, as well as academically.

**Selection Process:** If your application is shortlisted you will be invited to an audition. We will let you know the outcome in principle two weeks after you come and see us; however your award will not be formally approved until you hold an unconditional firm offer.

**Value of award:** Two types of Music Scholarship may be awarded:  
A Major award is worth £1,000  
A Minor award is worth around £300.  
Scholarships can be paid in kind (tuition and equipment) or in cash.  
Scholarships will be paid for the first year of study and may be continued for subsequent years of study providing you continue to meet the criteria.

**Deadline for application:** The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

**Scholarship Title:** **BU Postgraduate Academic Achievement Scholarship**

**Mode of Attendance:** Full time and part-time (taught)

**Place of Attendance:** Any course delivered at either Talbot Campus, Lansdowne Campus  
**Fee Category:** UK or EU

**Level of Study:** Postgraduate Masters level course (Level M)

**Criteria:** Have met the conditions relating to the offer and have achieved a First Class Honours Degree at first degree level.  
Alternative but equivalent qualifications will be considered (\*see note below).

**Value of award:** £1,000 payable by cheque in two installments x 15 available

**Deadline for inclusion:** Have received and accepted an offer of a place for a Postgraduate Bournemouth University course. Applications can be made on the basis of expected grades or achieved results as appropriate. You may also apply for this award after receiving your exam results. The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

\*Non-UK qualifications will be assessed against the UK equivalencies using NARIC

## **6. Disclaimer**

Scholarships will be reviewed on a regular basis and the University reserves the right to introduce new Scholarships or to cease the award of Scholarships at any time.

For the purposes of scholarship awards BU recognises only those equivalent qualifications as outlined in Appendix 1.

**Appendix 1 – Equivalencies for Academic Excellence Scholarships and Awards**



<b>Equivalencies for BU Academic Excellence Scholarships – September 2013 entry</b>			
<b>Qualification/BU Award</b>	<b>BU Academic Excellence Scholarship – AAA</b>	<b>BU Academic Excellence Award – AAB</b>	<b>BU Academic Excellence Award – ABB</b>
A Level	A* A* A* A* A* A A* A A A* A* B A, A, A A* A B A* A* C	A A B A* A* D A* A C A* B B A* A* and an A at AS-level	A* A* E A* B C A A C A B, B A* A* and a B at AS-level A*, A* and a C at AS-level A* A and an A at AS-level
BTEC (NQF): one Diploma, OR one Certificate and one Award, OR three Awards <i>(three grades)</i>	D D D		D D M
BTEC (QCF): one Extended Diploma OR one Diploma and one Subsidiary Diploma OR three Subsidiary Diplomas <i>(three grades)</i>	D* D* D* D* D* D D* D* M D* D D D D D	D* D M	D* D* P D D M
BTEC (NQF): two 90 Credit Diplomas OR two BTEC (NQF) Subsidiary Diplomas <i>(four grades)</i>	D* D* D* D* D* D* D* D D* D* D D D* D* D M D* D D D D* D D M D D D D	D D D M	D* D* M M D* D M M D M D M
IB	35 or higher	33	32
OCR National Extended	D1	-	D2/M1
Scottish Advanced Highers	AAA AAB	ABB AAC	AAD ABC
Scottish Highers	AAAAA AAAAB AAAAC AAABB	AAAAD AAABD AAABC AAACC AABBB AABBC	AAACD AABBD AABCC ABBBC



		ABBBB	
Irish Leaving Certificate	A1 A1 A1 A1	A1 A1 A1 A2 A1 A1 A1 B1	A1 A1 A1 B2 A1 A1 A1 B3 A1 A1 A1 C1 A1 A1 A2 B1 A1 A1 A2 B2 A1 A1 B1 B1 A1 A1 A2 A2 A1 A2 A2 A2
Access Course	-	-	45 credits at Level 3, of which 30 credits must be at Distinction and 15 Credits at Merit or higher
BTEC National Diploma in Early Years Education	-	-	D D D
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education (CACHE) – Level 3 Diploma in Child Care and Education	A	-	-
CACHE Extended Diploma for the Children and Young People’s Workforce (QCF)	A*	A	-
NPTC Level 3 Land Based Extended Diploma	Distinction * Distinction	-	-
Progression Diploma	-	A*	-
Advanced Diploma	-	A*	-
Cambridge Pre-U	<i>BU recognises Cambridge Pre-U qualifications for Academic Excellence Scholarship; please contact askBU for more details.</i>		

BU will consider a combination of A Level and BTEC qualifications where the combination is of significant depth and breadth of study, as follows:

Qualification/BU Award	BU Academic Excellence Scholarship – AAA		BU Academic Excellence Award – AAB		BU Academic Excellence Award – ABB	
	BTEC grades	A Level grades	BTEC grades	A Level grades	BTEC grades	A Level grades
BTEC QCF Diploma and 1 A Level OR BTEC NQF Certificate and 1 A Level	D* D* D* D* D* D D* D* D* D* D* D D* D D D D D	A* A* A* B C A B A* A	D* D* D* D D D D M	D C B A*	D* D* D D	E C
BTEC NQF Subsidiary Diploma and 2 A Levels OR BTEC NQF Award and 1 A Level	D* D* D* D* D* D	A* A* A* A A* B A* C A A A B A A	D D* D* D*	A B A*D A C B B	D* D	A* E B, B

<b>BU Academic Excellence Scholarships for EU Students – September 2013</b>				
<b>EU Country</b>	<b>EU Qualifications</b>	<b>Eligible for £2,000 (Non-NHS) or £1,000 (NHS*) Scholarship</b>	<b>Eligible for £1,500 Scholarship (Not applicable for NHS courses)</b>	<b>Eligible for £1,000 Scholarship (Not applicable for NHS courses)</b>
<b>Bulgaria</b>	Diploma za Sredno	5.8	5.5	5.3
<b>Cyprus</b>	Apolyterion	19	18.5	18
<b>Denmark</b>	Studentereksamen	12 average with no score less than 10	11 average with no score less than 10	10 average with no score less than 10 in higher level subjects
<b>Estonia</b>	Gummaasiumi Loputunnistus	85% in State exams + average of 4.8 across all subjects	80% in the state exams + average of 4.5 across all subjects.	80% in the state exams + average of 4 across all subjects
<b>Finland</b>	Ylioppilastutkinto / Studentexamen	Eximia cum laude approbatur - Very Good - 6	Magna cum laude approbatur - Very Good - 5.5	Magna cum laude approbatur - Very Good - 5
<b>France</b>	French Baccalaureat	14	13.5	13
<b>France</b>	French International Option Bac.	13.5	13	12.5
<b>Germany</b>	Abitur	1.5	1.8	2
<b>Greece</b>	Apolyterion	19	18.5	18
<b>Ireland</b>	Irish Leaving Certificate	A1 A1 A1 A1	A1 A1 A1 A2 A1 A1 A1 B1	A1 A1 A1 B2 A1 A1 A1 B3 A1 A1 A1 C1 A1 A1 A2 B1 A1 A1 A2 B2 A1 A1 B1 B1 A1 A1 A2 A2 A1 A2 A2 A2
<b>Latvia</b>	Atestats par Visparejo	9	8.5	8
<b>Lithuania</b>	Brandos Atestatas	9	8.5	8
<b>Poland</b>	Matura	85% overall + 3 advanced level subjects	75% overall+ 3 advanced level subjects	70% overall+ 3 advanced level subjects
<b>Spain</b>	Bachillerato	8.5	8	7.5
<b>Sweden</b>	Slutbetyg fran Grundskola	MVG (18+)	MVG (17+)	VG (16+)
<b>Italy</b>	Diploma di Stato	90%	85%	80%

\*NHS courses = BSc (Hons); Adult Nursing, Children's and Young People's Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, Midwifery, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy. FdSc Paramedic Science, DipHE Operating Department Practice