



**Bournemouth  
University**

## Undergraduate Academic Excellence Scholarship Equivalences

September 2020 and September 2021 entry

To be eligible for an Academic Excellence Scholarship, you need to achieve **a minimum of 144 UCAS Tariff Points, from qualifications equivalent in size to three A-levels in total** e.g. AAA from three A-levels or DDD from a BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma.

If you have qualifications equivalent in size to *more than three A-levels in total* then we would consider your best three A-levels or equivalent qualifications.

If you have qualifications equivalent in size to *less than three A-levels in total* then you would not be eligible for the award of an Academic Excellence Scholarship.

We will consider any qualification that attracts UCAS Tariff Points and is defined by UCAS 'size band 4' as 'equivalent to one A-level'.

We will not consider UCAS Tariff Points from qualifications defined by UCAS 'size band 1' or 'size band 2' (e.g. AS-level, Core Maths or EPQ) when assessing eligibility for this Scholarship.

Please see [UCAS Tariff tables](#) to identify the relative size of your qualification(s) and the UCAS Tariff points which are allocated for each grade.

### The following combinations of qualifications would be accepted:

Three x 'size band 4' qualifications.

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Size band 4 qualifications include:

- **GCE A-level (official title: Advanced GCE)**
- **BTEC Subsidiary Diploma (QCF)**
- **BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate (RQF)**
- **Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma**
- **Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate**
- **Cambridge International Pre-U Certificate (Principal Subject)**
- **Scottish Advanced Higher**
- **Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate - Skills Challenge Certificate**
- **IFS Diploma in Financial Studies**

Two x 'size band 6' qualifications.

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Size band 6 qualifications include:

- **A-level with (additional) AS-level**
- **BTEC 90-credit Diploma (QCF)**
- **BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma (RQF)**
- **Cambridge Technical Subsidiary Diploma**
- **Cambridge Technical Foundation Diploma**

This table is accurate as at June 2020. Date published to BU website – 26 June 2020. BU reserves the right to review and amend this list. Scholarships are reviewed on a regular basis and the university reserves the right to withdraw, amend, or introduce new scholarships at any time. Scholarships are offered subject to funding and availability.

One x 'size band 8' qualification plus 1 x 'size band 4' qualification.

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Size band 8 qualifications include:

- **A-level Double Award (official title: Advanced GCE (Double Award))**
- **BTEC Diploma (QCF)**
- **BTEC Level 3 National Diploma (RQF)**
- **Cambridge Technical Diploma**
- **University of the Arts London (UAL) Diploma**

Size band 4 qualifications as listed above.

One x 'size band 12' qualification.

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Size band 12 qualifications include:

- **BTEC Extended Diploma (QCF)**
- **BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma (RQF)**
- **Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma**
- **Access to HE Diploma**
- **University of the Arts London (UAL) Extended Diploma**

### **Exceptions:**

#### **International Baccalaureate (Official title: IBO International Baccalaureate Diploma)**

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma (achieved by passing each of the required components) does not attract UCAS Tariff points. For the purpose of assessing Academic Excellence Scholarship eligibility we consider the total IB point score rather than the UCAS Tariff Points allocated to each of the constituent qualifications of the IB Diploma.

- To be eligible for an Academic Excellence Scholarship, you need to achieve a total IB point score of 34 or above.

### **Scottish Highers**

The SQA Scottish Higher qualification is a size band 3 qualification. For the purpose of assessing Academic Excellence Scholarship eligibility we consider the total UCAS Tariff Points achieved from 5 Scottish Highers.