



SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND DISCOUNTS POLICY

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Introduction

QA Higher Education (QAHE) and university partners are proud to greet and welcome prospects from all over the world. We reward academic excellence and we equally recognise possible barriers that may affect applicants' journey to higher education. Thus, we constantly seek to make studying more accessible by promoting the availability of scholarships, bursaries and discounts.

This policy aims to set out the background, eligibility and Terms & Conditions for QAHE scholarship and bursary awards available to new applicants and progressing students.

Purpose

As an education provider we continuously thrive to recruit and retain talented students as well as maintain and improve our performance. This is achieved by creating opportunities for qualified applicants who would not otherwise be able to study with us or by meeting QAHE recruitment requirements, promoting a new course or subject area, or facilitating increased student diversity and access to UK higher education opportunities.

QAHE is committed to present such information in a transparent way and can be used as a point of reference for:

- QAHE Staff
- Representatives of QAHE
- Applicants
- Students
- University Partners

Definitions

QAHE awards scholarships and bursaries as a fee waiver and not cash in hand. All qualifying students will be able to see their fee reduction in their offer letter or fee schedule email, which is sent with their conditional or unconditional offer letters.

A Bursary is a guaranteed and fixed fee waiver applicable to pathway, undergraduate and postgraduate programmes and is aimed at encouraging students of certain countries of domicile to join QAHE and university partners. The objective is to maintain a thriving and diverse student body as well as assist applicants that need partial tuition fee remission.

A Scholarship is a variable fee waiver applicable to pathways, undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. The fee reduction varies according to QAHE regional management and takes the following criteria into consideration:

- Academic merits
- University programme
- Professional experience
- Achievements in sports
- Extra-curricular achievements

A Discount may be applicable to students who have previously studied with us, or for students paying their tuition fees upfront and in full. This is subject to selected programmes. Discounts do not apply where a maximum scholarship or a bursary is awarded.



Review dates

Scholarships, bursaries and discounts are reviewed on an annual basis in May. Scholarships may be reviewed during an academic year, please visit the webpage frequently or contact your regional representatives.

The scholarships, bursaries and discounts available for the 2021/22 academic year are available in Annex 1 of this Policy.

Alumni discounts

QAHE rewards Alumni discounts to students who have previously studied with us in recognition of the value they provide to our student body and the success they have achieved in their previous studies.

This Alumni discount applies to students who have completed undergraduate studies with us and wish to continue their studies through postgraduate studies.

This discount is awarded as a % fee waiver. The discount amount is dependent on:

- Whether the student is progressing to postgraduate studies with the same university partner as their undergraduate studies
- Final undergraduate grade

The QAHE Alumni discounts for the 2021/22 academic year are available in Annex 2 of this Policy.

Conditions and eligibility

- You must have been offered a place on a full-time or part-time pathway, undergraduate or a postgraduate programme offered through QAHE and its university partners.
- You need to meet a scholarship requirement and accept your offer to secure your award as outlined in the criteria in this policy.
- If an unconditional offer is deferred and not cancelled the previously awarded scholarship/bursary/discount can be preserved and transferred to the following intake, please contact your regional representative team to discuss such request.
- Only ONE scholarship or bursary of the highest value can be awarded.
- Where a fee reduction is extended over subsequent years of an academic programme, the award will be subject to satisfactory performance, attendance and behaviour.
- Programmes where admission is not administered exclusively by QAHE, e.g. a partner university main campus, may be subjected to a limited availability of scholarships per intake.
- Scholarships or Bursaries are not applicable to stand-alone short-term courses at QAHE or University Partners' including Pre-Sessional English, Pre-Masters, English for University Studies. Any exceptions to this will be published in advance and included in the scholarship list.
- Where a student is sponsored by a government or private organisation no fee reduction will apply. This includes students funding their undergraduate programme through Student Finance England.
- Students must be prepared to fund their remaining tuition fees as well as visa and living expenses for the entire duration of their programme as per the [UKVI](#) and [UKCISA](#) guidelines.



Scholarship application process

A scholarship or bursary is granted as a part of the admissions process and is based on your application to study in a chosen intake. Consideration is given to your supporting documents such as academic credentials, CV and personal statement letter.

There is no separate form to complete. Successful applicants will be notified in their fee schedule email after they receive their conditional or unconditional offer letter, or in their offer letter.

Right to appeal

Applicants that believe they have been unfairly excluded from an award have the right to appeal. Appeals must be submitted by sending an email to the relevant QAHE Regional Team, contact details of which can be found on the final page of this Policy. The appeal needs to be brought to the attention of the Regional Management no later than the end of the relevant intake date detailed in your offer letter and cannot be backdated.

You can find our deadlines on our [Dates and Fees](#) page.

What to include in the appeal

- If you have an agency representative, please copy your counsellor in the email.
- Please provide your student number, your University and the course you've been offered a place on.
- Reason and evidence confirming an unfair allocation or absence of scholarship/bursary/discount.

When you cannot appeal

Appeals will not be accepted if:

- You do not meet the university or a programme eligibility criteria.
- Your circumstances have not changed after a decision has been made.
- You have not submitted the required evidence requested by admissions or recruitment teams to qualify for a scholarship.
- You are not a registered applicant or a student, and are appealing on behalf of someone else.

Further references to international scholarships available at QAHE University Partners

Northumbria University London: [Scholarships and Bursaries](#)

Ulster University London and Birmingham: [Scholarships and discounts](#)

Northumbria University Newcastle Pathway Campus: [Scholarships and Bursaries](#)

Solent University Southampton Pathway Campus: [Scholarships and Bursaries](#)



Regional Teams

If you didn't find a scholarship you may be eligible for or have questions regarding available scholarships, bursaries and discounts, please address them to your regional teams below.

Africa

QAHE.Africa@qa.com

Latin America

QAHE.Americas@qa.com

Russia, Balkans, Central Asia

QAHE.RCA@qa.com

China and East Asia

QAHE.China@qa.com

MENA

QAHE.Mena@qa.com

South East Asia

QAHE.SouthEastAsia@qa.com

South Asia

QAHE.SouthAsia@qa.com

Home

Home.admissions@qa.com

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Annex 1: Scholarships, Bursaries and Discounts Available 2021/22

Partner Campus:

- NUL: Northumbria University London
- UORMC: University of Roehampton Main Campus
- UORP: University of Roehampton Pathway
- SUP: Solent University Pathway
- NUP: Northumbria University Pathway

Please note this Policy does not include Scholarships, Bursaries and Discounts available at our University of South Wales Pathway College or Ulster University London and Birmingham. Please get in touch using the regional email addresses above to discuss your options.

Home and Europe

We are finalising the Scholarships, Bursaries and Discounts available for students who are defined as Home status for fee purposes, and for European students. Please contact our regional inbox above or your study adviser to discuss your options in the meantime.

All regions

Scholarship/Bursary/Discount	Amount	Further Discounts	Programmes	Partner Campus	Eligibility criteria	Intakes
Academic Excellence Scholarship	£2,000	N/A	Undergraduate Postgraduate	NUL	Dependent on country, please contact your regional team. Not applicable with country bursary.	Sept, Jan, May

Africa

Scholarship/Bursary/Discount	Amount	Further Discounts	Programmes	Partner Campus	Eligibility criteria	Intakes
Direct Applicants	Up to 20%	N/A	Postgraduate	NUL, UORMC	Subject to academic credentials	Sept, Jan, May
Agent Specific	20%	N/A	Pathway and Undergraduate	NUL, UORMC	Contact regional team	Sept, Jan, May
Agent Specific	20%	N/A	Postgraduate with Advanced Practice	NUL	Contact regional team	Sept, Jan, May
Academic Excellence	10%	N/A	Postgraduate	NUL, UORMC	You must achieve First class or upper second in your Bachelor's degree	Sept, Jan, May
Progressing students	25%	N/A	Postgraduate	NUL, UORMC	Students who have studied an undergraduate programme with QAHE and are looking to study a postgraduate	Sept, Jan, May



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Pathway Academic Excellence Scholarships	30% to 40%	N/A	Pathway	NUP, SUP, UORP	Applied automatically	Oct, Jan, Mar

Asia

Bangladesh

Scholarship/Bursary/Discount	Country	Amount	Further Discounts	Programmes	Partner Campus	Eligibility criteria	Intakes
Regional Bursary	Bangladesh	30%	N/A	Undergraduate Postgraduate	NUL	Applied automatically	Sept, Jan, May
Regional Bursary	Bangladesh	20% to 30%	N/A	Pathway	NUP	20% applicable to 2-semester 30% applicable to 3-semester	Oct, Jan, Mar
Regional Bursary	Bangladesh	20%	N/A	Pathway Undergraduate Postgraduate	UORP, UORMC	Applied automatically.	Sept, Oct, Jan
Regional Bursary	Bangladesh	20%	N/A	Pathway	SUP	Applied automatically.	Oct, Feb

China

Scholarship/Bursary/Discount	Country	Amount	Further Discounts	Programmes	Partner Campus	Eligibility criteria	Intakes
Early Bird Payment Discount	China	£1,000	£500	Undergraduate (Top-Ups)	NUL	Students need to secure their offer and make payment no later than the advertised date.	Sept, May

India

Scholarship/Bursary/Discount	Country	Amount	Further Discounts	Programmes	Partner Campus	Eligibility criteria	Intakes
Regional Bursary	India	£3,000	N/A	Undergraduate Postgraduate	NUL	Applied automatically	Sept, Jan, May
Regional Bursary	India	20% to 30%	N/A	Pathway	NUP	20% applicable to 2-semester 30% applicable to 3-semester	Oct, Jan, Mar
Regional Bursary	India	20%	N/A	Pathway Undergraduate Postgraduate	UORP, UORMC	Applied automatically.	All available intakes
Regional Bursary	India	20%	N/A	Pathway	SUP	Applied automatically.	Oct, Feb



Indonesia

Scholarship/Bursary/Discount	Country	Amount	Further Discounts	Programmes	Partner Campus	Eligibility criteria	Intakes
Regional Bursary	Indonesia	£5,000	N/A	Pathway	NUP	Applied automatically	Oct, Jan, Mar
Regional Bursary	Indonesia	£3,000	N/A	Undergraduate Postgraduate	NUL	Applied automatically	Sept, Jan, May

Malaysia

Scholarship/Bursary/Discount	Country	Amount	Further Discounts	Programmes	Partner Campus	Eligibility criteria	Intakes
Regional Bursary	Malaysia	£1,500	N/A	Pathway	NUP	Applied automatically	Oct, Jan, Mar
Regional Bursary	Malaysia	£1,500	N/A	Undergraduate Postgraduate	NUL	Applied automatically	Sept, Jan, May
Pathway 'Early Bird' Application	Malaysia	£3,000	£500 full-fee payment discount	Pathway	NUP, SUP, UORP	Applied automatically	Oct, Jan, Mar
Regional Bursary	Malaysia	£1,500	£500 full-fee payment discount	Undergraduate Postgraduate	NUL, UORMC	Applied automatically	Sept, Jan, May

Nepal / Pakistan / Sri Lanka

Scholarship/Bursary/Discount	Country	Amount	Further Discounts	Programmes	Partner Campus	Eligibility criteria	Intakes
Regional Bursary	Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka	£4,000	N/A	Undergraduate Postgraduate	NUL	Applied automatically	Sept, Jan, May
Regional Bursary	Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka	20% to 30%	N/A	Pathway	NUP	20% applicable to 2-semester 30% applicable to 3-semester	Oct, Jan, Mar
Regional Bursary	Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka	20%	N/A	Pathway Undergraduate Postgraduate	UORP, UORMC	Applied automatically.	Sept, Oct, Jan
Regional Bursary	Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka	20%	N/A	Pathway	SUP	Applied automatically.	Oct, Feb

Thailand / Vietnam

Scholarship/Bursary/Discount	Country	Amount	Further Discounts	Programmes	Partner Campus	Eligibility criteria	Intakes
Regional Bursary	Thailand, Vietnam	£2,000	N/A	Pathway	NUP	Applied automatically	Oct, Jan, Mar
Regional Bursary	Vietnam	£3,000	N/A	Undergraduate Postgraduate	NUL	Applied automatically.	Sept, Jan, May



Americas

The amounts listed in the table below shows the final course fee. It is not the value of the discount.

Scholarship/Bursary/Discount	Country	Amount	Further Discounts	Programmes	Partner Campus	Eligibility criteria	Intakes
Regional Discounted Tuition Fees	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, Uruguay, Venezuela	£8,500	N/A	Postgraduate	NUL	Applied automatically	Sept, Jan, May
Regional Discounted Tuition Fees	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, Uruguay, Venezuela	£11,000	N/A	Postgraduate with Advanced Practice	NUL	Applied automatically	Sept, Jan, May
Regional Discounted Tuition Fees	Caribbean Island Countries, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti	£7,500	N/A	Postgraduate	NUL	Applied automatically	Sept, Jan, May
Regional Discounted Tuition Fees	Caribbean Island Countries, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti	£10,500	N/A	Postgraduate with Advanced Practice	NUL	Applied automatically	Sept, Jan, May
Regional Discounted Tuition Fees	Colombia	£8,750	N/A	Postgraduate	NUL	Applied automatically	Sept, Jan, May
Regional Discounted Tuition Fees	Colombia	£11,000	N/A	Postgraduate with Advanced Practice	NUL	Applied automatically	Sept, Jan, May
Regional Discounted Tuition Fees	Chile, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay, Peru,	£9,000	N/A	Postgraduate	NUL	Applied automatically	Sept, Jan, May
Regional Discounted Tuition Fees	Chile, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay, Peru	£12,000	N/A	Postgraduate with Advanced Practice	NUL	Applied automatically	Sept, Jan, May
Regional Bursary	Latin America	50%	N/A	12 weeks Pre-Sessional English	NUL	Only applicable when progressing onto Postgraduate courses.	All available intakes



MENA (Middle East and North Africa)

Scholarship/Bursary/Discount	Amount	Further Discounts	Programmes	Partner Campus	Eligibility criteria	Intakes
Academic Excellence / Financial Support	Up to 30%	N/A	Undergraduate Postgraduate	NUL	Subject to Academic merit and financial need	Sept, Jan, May
Academic Excellence / Financial Support	Up to 30%	Students successfully progressing to their target undergraduate course will be awarded with a £3,000 discount in Yr 1 and £1,500 discount in Yr 2 and 3.	Pathway	NUP	Subject to Academic merit and financial need	Oct, Jan, Mar
Pathway "Early Bird" Application	Up to 30 %	Students successfully progressing to their target undergraduate course will be awarded with 10% to 30% discount for each year of study	Pathway	NUP, SUP, UORP	Subject to students paying their deposit before the relevant deadline provided.	Oct, Jan
Academic Excellence / Financial Support	Up to 20%	Students successfully progressing to their target undergraduate course will be awarded with the same percentage scholarship discount for each year of study	Pathway	SUP, UORP	Subject to Academic merit and financial need.	Oct, Jan

Russia, Central Asia and Balkans

Scholarship/Bursary /Discount	Country	Amount	Further Discounts	Programmes	Partner Campus	Eligibility criteria	Intakes
Regional Bursary	Albania	20%	£500 full fee payment discount	Pathway Undergraduate Postgraduate	NUL, UORMC	Applied automatically	Sept, Jan, May
Academic Excellence Scholarship	Russia	50%	N/A	Pathway	NUP	Secondary education certificate with excellent grades in all subjects. Awarded on first come first served basis.	Oct 2021

Academic Excellence Scholarship	Ukraine	50%	N/A	Pathway	NUP	Secondary education certificate with excellent grades in all subjects. Awarded on first come first served basis.	Oct 2021
First UK Degree Scholarship	Russia, Ukraine, Central Asia, Balkans	15%	£500 full fee payment discount	Undergraduate Postgraduate	NUL, UORMC	You must show that you have never studied a degree programme in the UK before, this could be your updated CV, most recent diplomas and transcripts showing your place of study	Sept, Jan, May
Professional Experience	Russia, Ukraine, Central Asia, Balkans	20%	£500	Postgraduate	NUL, UORMC	2 years full time professional work experience	Sept, Jan, May
Academic Excellence Scholarship	Russia, Ukraine, Central Asia, Balkans	25%	N/A	Pathway Undergraduate Postgraduate	NUL, UORMC, NUP, SUP, UORP	Excellent average score in your high school, bachelor's or master's course	All available intakes
Regional Bursary	Russia, Ukraine, Central Asia, Balkans	40%	N/A	Pathway	NUP	You must meet academic and language entry requirements Limited spaces available	Mar, Oct
Pathway "Early Bird" Application Scholarship	Russia, Ukraine, Central Asia, Balkans	30%	Students successfully progressing to their target undergraduate course will be awarded with 10% discount for subsequent years of study for each year of study	International Foundation Programme	NUP	You must secure your unconditional offer by 1st November for January intake and 1st June for October intake	All available intakes
Academic Excellence Scholarship	Kazakhstan	2 x 50% discount	N/A	Pathway	NUP	Secondary complete education with excellent grades in all subjects; the fee waiver will be awarded on a first come first served basis	Oct 2021
Regional Bursary	Uzbekistan	20%	£500 full fee payment discount	Pathway Undergraduate Postgraduate	NUL, UORMC, NUP, UORP, SUP	Applied automatically	All available intakes



Annex 2: QAHE Alumni Discounts Available in the 2021/22 Academic Year

Definitions:

- UORC: University of Roehampton Centres
- NUL: Northumbria University London
- 'Other partner': If the desired Postgraduate degree is from a **different** university than the undergraduate degree
- 'Same partner': If the desired Undergraduate degree is from the **same** university as the undergraduate degree

Please note this Policy does not include Discounts available at Ulster University London and Birmingham. Please get in touch using the regional email addresses above to discuss your options.

Progressing onto the University of Roehampton Centres

Scholarship/Bursary/Discount	Other partner	Same partner	Other partner + 1 st class	Same partner + 1 st class	Partner Campus	Eligibility criteria	Intakes
QAHE Alumni Discount	20%	30%	40%	50%	UORC	Applied automatically	All

Progressing onto Northumbria University London

Scholarship/Bursary/Discount	Other partner	Same partner	Other partner + 1 st class	Same partner + 1 st class	Partner Campus	Eligibility criteria	Intakes
QAHE Alumni Discount	20%	30%	40%	50%	NUL	Applied automatically	All