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Guidance and Application Form for Students

Closing Date: Friday 28 October 2022

About the WEST Scholarship Programme

At UWS, we believe financial restrictions should never be a barrier to education.

We want students to enjoy every second of their time at UWS and feel confident about planning for their future.

We know times are difficult and now more than ever, students are experiencing increased financial pressures.

WEST Scholarships (Widening Education and Supporting Talent) are funded entirely through kind donations from alumni and friends of UWS to support students to have an outstanding experience at UWS.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a WEST Scholarship, students must have accepted an unconditional offer of admission to an undergraduate degree course at UWS and;

Nationality Any (candidates must be living in Scotland full-time)

Subject Any

Level of Study Undergraduate

Mode of Study Full Time

Year of Study First year of study at UWS

The following criteria must be met per year for students to receive their funding awards:

- Obtain a **PASS** to progress to their next year of study
- Complete a satisfactory annual report of 300 words.

Scholarship Value

The total scholarship award is £5,000. This will be paid directly students in instalments of £1,250 per year up to a maximum four years. If students choose to study a fifth year, additional awards may be available.





If successful, students will receive their first award 2 weeks after notification of their successful application

What can a WEST Scholarship be used for?

We encourage students to be as creative as possible with their scholarship funding to ensure it benefits their university experience in the most effective way.

You could use a WEST Scholarship to;

- Help with the cost of purchasing books or equipment, such as a laptop, relevant to your studies
- Help with travel expenses to and from campus
- Reduce part-time hours at work to allow more time to focus on studying and taking advantage of campus facilities
- Reduce part-time hours at work to join a Sports Club or Society and enjoy social time at the UWS Students Union

Your scholarship **does not** need to be paid back and we **do not** ask for proof of spending (receipts etc). You must however submit a satisfactory report of 300 words each year sharing how the scholarship supported you.

Additional Support

Being a recipient of a WEST Scholarship is a fantastic opportunity and can open doors to lots of further opportunities. Your scholarship donor may offer additional support to you, such as mentoring or careers advice. It is highly encouraged that you take advantage of these great opportunities and engage with your scholarship donor, however this is your decision and is not mandatory.

Selection Process

Applications will be shortlisted and reviewed by our Scholarship Selection Panel.

Our scholarship selection process is targeted towards supporting students who need it the most and have demonstrated in their personal statement how a WEST scholarship will support them throughout their studies.

We actively welcome applications from students from the lowest family income brackets, those who are care experienced or students who may be estranged from their families.





How to Apply

Please complete and return an application form. You'll be asked to tell us about yourself, a few questions about your personal circumstances and how the scholarship will support you during your studies at UWS.

We take every application into consideration on an individual basis and urge students to provide as much detail as possible.

What Happens Next?

Following the panel meeting, applicants will be informed whether they have been successful in securing a WEST Scholarship. You will then be asked to sign and return a scholarship terms and conditions document, after which you'll receive your first payment.

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Questions

Please contact westscholarships@uws.ac.uk if you have any questions or require support with applying.

