



Asylum Seekers Bursary 2020

A sanctuary award

The University of Liverpool is pleased to offer tuition fee and maintenance support for up to four undergraduate students who have sought protection in the UK, so they can succeed in higher education. The scholarships cover the cost of tuition and provide awards from £3,000* per year to support the costs of study e.g. equipment, books, travel and accommodation.

These awards are for applicants applying for undergraduate programmes only, excluding clinical programmes in the Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Health Sciences and Veterinary Science.

**The value of the bursary awarded will be dependent upon individual circumstances.*

Eligibility

To be considered for our Asylum Seekers Bursary you must:

- be an asylum seeker in the UK, a dependant of someone seeking asylum, or have temporary status such as discretionary leave or limited leave to remain in the UK, or be the dependent of someone with such status
- have been granted Humanitarian Protection, leave as a stateless person, or Limited Leave to Remain in the UK, or be a dependant or partner of someone with leave on these grounds.
- have applied for asylum in the UK before you applied for a place at University
- be unable to access mainstream funding, e.g. funding from the Student Loans Company or local authority grants

hold a conditional or unconditional offer from the University of Liverpool for a full time undergraduate course starting in September 2020 (excluding clinical programmes in the Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Health Sciences and Veterinary Science)

- not already hold a degree or equivalent higher level qualification
- currently attend a school, college, community or voluntary group who will provide a reference in support of your application. Priority may be given to applicants who have been educated in the local area (Merseyside)
- submit a complete application form with all relevant documentation by the deadline – **30th April 2020.**

Required documentation

- **Visa Status Documentation:** please submit a copy of your visa status documents
- **Proof of current residency:** e.g. bank statement, utility bill, tenancy agreement
- **Proof of date of entry to the United Kingdom:** e.g. passport stamp, letter from UKVI

These documents may need to be obtained from your immigration solicitor.

Enquiries

If you have any **questions** about the award please contact John Moffatt:

Email: iagteam@liverpool.ac.uk

Submitting your application

Email

Please email your application form and the documents requested to: deonned@liverpool.ac.uk

In the subject line of the email please write the following words: 'Bursary Application'

If you do not receive an email to acknowledge your bursary application within 1 week of submission, please get in touch to check that we have received your application.

Closing Date

Your completed application and supporting documents must reach us by the closing date of **30th April 2020, 5.00pm.**

Decisions:

Final decisions on bursary applications will be taken by a panel, comprised of representatives from the following:

- Admissions
- Faculty of Science and Engineering
- Faculty of Health and Life Sciences
- Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- International Advice and Guidance
- The Liverpool Guild of Students
- Widening Participation and Outreach

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their Asylum Seeker Bursary application before mid-June 2020.

Part 1: Your personal details

Student ID Number*:

(*Please **do not** apply for the bursary until you have received a conditional or unconditional offer from the University of Liverpool)

Your title Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other:

Last name:

First name(s):

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY): / /

E-mail address:

Permanent home address:

Postcode:

What is your current visa status?

What was the date of your first entry to the UK?
 / /

Part 2: Your University of Liverpool course

Course title:

Qualification e.g. BA, Meng, BSc:

Duration of course in years: 1 2 3 4 5 other

Expected End date (MM/YY):

Conditions of your offer: (Are there any conditions attached to your offer e.g. achievement of a specific subject grade or IELTS score? If you require IELTS please state what you are doing to obtain this:)

Part 3: Your family details

Household

Who do you live with now?

Parents Other family Friends
Alone Partner/Spouse Halls of residence

Where will you live during term time?

Parents Other family Friends
Alone Partner/Spouse Halls of residence

Children

How many children do you have?

Please tell us their ages:

Do they live with you? Yes No

Are you a single parent? Yes No

Part 4: Residential history

Please give us a basic history of the locations you have been living since birth.

We are aware that your circumstances may not always be straight forward, however we do need the information in order to make an accurate assessment of your eligibility.

From (MM/YY)	To (MM/YY)	City	Country	Reason to live there e.g. moved with family

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Part 5: Your funding

Please tell us about any charities, trusts and foundations you have applied for funds from – if you do not yet know the outcome of your application please advise us of the date this will be known.

Name of organisation	Date applied (DD/MM/YY)	Result, if known

Please continue on separate sheet if necessary

Part 6: Your statement

Please provide a personal statement (750 word limit).

To help with their decision-making, it is important to the bursary committee for you to include information about your interests, your academic and career plans, your family circumstances, your financial circumstances, any special reasons why you think you should be considered for the bursary and any other information that you feel might be useful or interesting. For example, please tell us if it would be possible for you to attend university without this award.

Specifically, you should think about the following questions and include responses in your personal statement:

- Why have you chosen your particular course of study, what makes you well suited to it?
- What are your ambitions for the future and how would the bursary help you to achieve these ambitions?
- What contribution have you made to school/college life or your community?
- What are your personal and family circumstances and what barriers have you overcome in order to continue with your education – with specific reference to your current status in the UK? **You do not need to give details of the events that led to your seeking asylum.**
- What are your financial circumstances – how have you managed financially whilst at school/college and how will you support yourself at university? The funding available is adjusted according to individual needs, so please explain your plans for how you will manage financially at university.
- What additional support will you need to succeed at university?

Part 7: Your reference

Please provide a supporting statement from a referee to complete your application. The referee must provide their contact details and confirm that the school, college, community or voluntary group they represent wishes to support your application. The supporting statement should be no longer than 750 words and should answer the following questions:

- What are the applicants personal and financial circumstances and what barriers have they overcome to continue their education.
- How well suited is the applicant to the university course they plan to undertake and how realistic are their ambitions?
- What contribution, to your knowledge, has the student made to college life and/or their community?
- How do you think the student would benefit from the support offered by the University of Liverpool?
- Is there any other information that you believe is relevant to the student's application?

Part 8: Your declaration

The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief:

I have enclosed proof of my visa status

I have enclosed proof of my current residency

I have enclosed proof of my date of entry to the United Kingdom

I have enclosed my personal statement

I have enclosed my referees supporting statement

Signed:

Name (please print):

Date:

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- ☐ All sections complete
- ☐ Visa status documents received
- ☐ Proof of current residency received
- ☐ Proof of entry to UK received
- ☐ Personal statement received
- ☐ Reference received

Decision _____

Initials

Date