

Leeds Beckett University – National Scholarship Programme Academic Year 2014-15

We are participating in the National Scholarship Programme (NSP) and will award 498 scholarships for 2014-15. The programme provides a financial support package designed to help students from low income families wishing to progress to Higher Education in England. The scholarships are jointly funded by the government and our University.

Details

A full time Leeds Beckett University National Scholarship is a non-repayable award rather than a loan and is worth a total of £6,000. This will be paid over three years, broken down by each year as follows:

Year 1

- £1,000 Cash Payment
- £2,000 worth of institutional services and support (*restrictions may be placed on the options available to EU nationals*)

Year 2

- £1,500 worth of institutional services and support (*restrictions may be placed on the options available to EU nationals*)

Year 3

- £1,500 worth of institutional services and support (*restrictions may be placed on the options available to EU nationals*)

Part-time students will receive a pro-rata amount each year based on the amount of credit studied each year (e.g. a part-time student studying half the credit will receive half of the payment for that academic year).

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a National Scholarship from Leeds Beckett University you must;

- Be assessed to pay home fees and charged at the 2014-15 undergraduate fee rate for new entrants.
- Be eligible for student support from Student Finance England – includes EU residents but excludes students ordinarily resident in Scotland, Wales and N. Ireland.
- Have applied for and qualified for student support under the current *The Education (Student Support) Regulations* and consented to share financial information with the University.

- Be starting University for the first time in the 2014-15 academic year. The NSP is aimed at new students to Higher Education. If you are topping up an award you would not be regarded as a new student for this purpose.
- Have a residual household income of £25,000 or less as verified by the SLC.
- Be paying your own fees. If you have your fees paid or part paid through a sponsorship arrangement you would not be eligible for this scholarship.
- Be studying a HEFCE or Teaching Agency fundable undergraduate course. If you are studying for a course that is NHS funded or a PGCE, you would not be eligible.
- Be studying at least 30 undergraduate credit points during the academic year.
- Be registered and enrolled on your course in 2014-15.

We have a limited number of Scholarships to award in 2014-15 and therefore in addition to requiring you to meet the above criteria we will give priority to students with the lowest residual household income as verified by the SLC.

Application Process

Full Time UK students do not need to make a direct application as you will be automatically assessed as long as you apply for government support through Student Finance England, and consent to share your information with the University. Household income information must be received from the SLC by the University by 29th September 2014 in order for full-time students to be considered for a NSP Scholarship.

The University will not make any assessments of household income itself or accept any evidence sent directly. It is your responsibility to ensure that Student Finance England have the required evidence to make a means tested assessment. You must ensure your application to Student Finance England is made early enough to enable the assessment to be received by the University by the 29th September 2014 deadline.

For Part Time and EU students you must have applied for government support through Student Finance England and have consented to share information with the University. If you think you meet the criteria you should contact the Student Funding Team for an application form by 29th September 2014. All completed forms returned to the Student Funding Team by the deadline agreed with the Student Funding Team thereafter.

Payment

You will be notified by the University if you are eligible for an award. Tuition fee waivers and cash bursaries will be made via your SLC account. Payment of the cash bursary will be made in February 2015 as long as you are still enrolled on your course.

Institutional Services

The full detail of the available institutional services will be made available to those awarded an NSP following the notification to the individuals concerned. Awarded students who

require further details about these services should contact our university Bursaries and Scholarship Administrator at the following email address:

bursaryandscholarship@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Appeals

The University has a limited number of scholarships available and meeting the criteria does not equate to entitlement to a scholarship.

All scholarships, with exception of part-time and EU scholarships, will be allocated by 1 January 2015. Any student who has not been awarded a scholarship by this date and wishes to appeal against the decision must do so by 1 February 2015.

Appeals must be made in writing to Jenny Share, Secretary and Registrar via studentfunding@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

The Secretary and Registrar will investigate the case and provide a written response. Decisions made by the Secretary and Registrar will be final.

General

The University is using the HEFCE criteria to define both the eligibility and non-eligibility of programmes of study and home (English) students for the NSP.

The cash bursary is administered by the Student Loans Company and the University shall not be liable to the student for any delay or error in relation to the payment. A student in receipt of the NSP may be eligible to receive any other scholarship, bursaries or discount offered by the University.

The University reserves the right to vary these terms and conditions as it deems appropriate.

If you have any queries or require further information please contact studentfunding@leedsbeckett.ac.uk