

Black Students in Law Policy

First year entrants in 2026/27 Academic Year

Summary

This policy document aims to clarify the purpose, eligibility criteria and conditions for the Black Students in Law Scholarship available to new students registered at the University of Hull in September 2026.

The Black Students in Law Scholarship will be awarded to two undergraduate home students to celebrate and support aspiring legal professionals from black heritage backgrounds. Scholarship holders will receive up to £2,000 per year for the duration of their studies (up to a maximum of three academic years) subject to satisfactory progress.

If you have any questions regarding this award please contact us through one of the recommended communication channels available on our website (Enquiry Form, Web Chat or WhatsApp).

1. Description of Award

The Black Students in Law Scholarship will be awarded to two undergraduate home students who self-identify as having black heritage who will be starting their undergraduate degree in September 2026 at the University of Hull. It is paid in a series of three instalments throughout each academic year for up to a maximum of three years of study.

This is a competitive scholarship that will be assessed by a panel from the University of Hull. Whilst academic performance, motivation, and potential remain the core criteria, as part of the University's commitment to widening participation the panel may also consider widening participation factors as part of its decision-making. These considerations will perform part of a holistic review of applications and do not guarantee an award.

The application form is available at www.hull.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/fees-and-funding/scholarships-and-awards/black-students-in-law-scholarship. Applications must be received by the advertised deadline; late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Students must complete each academic year with an average mark of 60 or above, and with a minimum mark of 40 in each individual module, in order to receive the Black Students in Law Scholarship for the subsequent year.

2. Eligibility for Award

Applications will be accepted from those who plan to start a full-time LLB undergraduate degree at the University of Hull in September 2026.

To be considered for this award, applicants must:

- Self-identify as coming from a black heritage background. This may include applicants from the following
 - Black or Black British – Caribbean
 - Black or Black British – African
 - Mixed - White and Black Caribbean

- Mixed - White and Black African
- Other Black background
- Applicants must be fee payers at home-tuition rate.
- Have a household income of below £25,000 (as verified by Student Finance England. Please note that you will need to have selected for Student Finance England to share your household income information with the University as part of your student finance application, and the University must have visibility of your household income via Student Finance by the date of the scholarship deadline in order for your income to be considered verified. Applicants whose income cannot be verified by Student Finance England in accordance with the closing date will not be considered).
- Hold least a conditional offer with the University of Hull for your preferred law-related programme of study to apply for this award.
- Have confirmed their law-related programme of study at the University Hull as their firm choice via the applicant portal.

Whilst all applications from all eligible candidates will be reviewed for consideration, the panel may also take into account additional factors relating to widening participation in their assessment of applications.

The successful candidate will be expected to write a thank you letter to the donors prior to receipt of the award, and may be requested to take part in activities throughout the duration of their studies (this could include attending at least one evening event on campus per year to meet the donors).

The following groups of students are not eligible for the Black Students in Law Scholarship:

- Foundation Year students
- Anyone who is entering directly into the second or third year of a degree
- Students on any non-law programme of study
- Postgraduate students
- International students

Students cannot be in receipt of more than one University of Hull financial award at any given time. There is no restriction on the number of applications that can be made for University of Hull financial award opportunities, but in the event of successful applications for multiple awards the successful candidate will be asked to select which award they would like to proceed with.

3. Applications

Students wishing to be considered for the Black Students in Law Scholarship must apply via the application form available at www.hull.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/fees-and-funding/scholarships-and-awards/black-students-in-law-scholarship by the closing date. Late applications will not be considered.

The application form includes a request for written statements with a maximum word count stipulated at the relevant sections on the form. Submissions with text exceeding this word limit will only be considered based on content within stipulated word count of the submission only.

Use of generative AI is not permitted in this submission; the application must be the applicant's own work.

4. Payment of Awards

The Black Students in Law Scholarship is payable to a UK bank account in a series of up to three instalments only per academic year. No alternative is offered.

5. Duration and Continuation of Award

The Black Students in Law Scholarship is provided for the duration of study (up to a maximum of 3 academic years), providing successful progression to the next stage of study has been made with an average mark of 60 or above across all modules (with a minimum mark of 40 in each individual module). Additionally:

- Students will not receive any award for periods of study (e.g. repeated years) for which awards have already been made
- Transfer to an ordinary degree renders students ineligible for further payments
- Transfers between eligible law programmes offered at the University of Hull at some point over the duration of study will not impact eligibility for the award.
- Transfers during the academic year to a non-law programme of study will result in the award being discontinued.
- Student withdrawal from study ends entitlement to the Black Students in Law Scholarship
- Students who have suspended their studies will remain eligible for the remainder of the award upon return to study, providing they continue to satisfy progression criteria

Any student providing the University with false information for the purpose of gaining funding they are not entitled to will render themselves unfitted for support. No further financial awards will be made, and any awards already held will be rescinded.

6. Responsibilities

The University's Chief Operating Officer has overall responsibility within the University for the implementation of this policy.

Management of the various elements of the awarded Black Students in Law Scholarship reside with appropriate departments across the University.

7. Scope of this Policy

This document refers explicitly to arrangements for the Black Students in Law Scholarship awarded to those entering the University in September 2026.