

University of Hull Sanctuary Studentship Policy 2020/21

First year entrants in 2020/21

Background principles

The *University of Hull Sanctuary Scholarship* aims to provide financial support to three entrants seeking asylum in the UK.

This policy document aims to clarify the eligibility criteria and conditions of the Sanctuary Scholarship award available to new entrants at the University of Hull (the University) in 2020-21

Users of this document are invited to refer any unaddressed issues to access@hull.ac.uk in writing.

1. Eligibility for an Award

To receive a *University of Hull Sanctuary Scholarship* applicants must:

- Apply for a place to study at the University, commencing in September 2020
 - Apply for the Sanctuary Scholarship, providing all requested information and evidence by 28 February 2020
 - Live within commuting distance of the University of Hull
 - Not require assistance with accommodation costs or living expenses
 - Be seeking asylum in the UK, or be the dependent or spouse of someone seeking asylum
- OR
- have been granted Discretionary/Limited Leave to Remain following an application for asylum, or be the dependent or spouse of someone who meets the aforementioned criteria

The following groups of students are not eligible to be considered for a *University of Hull Sanctuary Scholarship*:

- Applicants who are eligible for UK Government student financial support
- Continuing students at the University of Hull

The accompanying tables at section 12 show full eligibility criteria for the *University of Hull Sanctuary Scholarship* and list those who would be ineligible.

2. Applications

University of Hull Sanctuary Scholarships are awarded through a competitive process, and applicants must apply to the University through the advertised route. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The University reserves the right to contact applicants and their referees to confirm details or obtain more information.

3. Continuation of Award

The Sanctuary Scholarship is payable to students with the immigration statuses outlined in Section 2. If a Sanctuary Scholarship holder's immigration status changes, causing them to become eligible for UK government student financial support, the student must inform the University immediately. Students would be expected to apply for financial support from the UK Government for the rest of their studies, and the tuition fee waiver and study grant elements of the award will normally cease from the start of the next academic year.

The Sanctuary Scholarship is awarded for the ordinary duration of the recipient's studies. Failure to satisfactorily progress on to the next year of study, or withdrawal from the course, ends the award with immediate effect.

If an awardee intercalates they will remain eligible for the remainder of the award upon return to their studies, providing they continue to satisfy eligibility and progression criteria.

4. Appeals

Please note that this is a competitive process and not all eligible applications will be successful. There is no right of appeal and the University's decision is final. You may make a complaint if you believe that you have not been considered for an award because of a procedural error. Complaints may be made via email to access@hull.ac.uk or be addressed in writing to:

Access, Funding and Support Coordinator
Access, Funding and Support Office
The University of Hull
Hull
HU6 7RX

Complaints must be raised by the applicant themselves. Complaints received from third parties will not be investigated.

5. Number of awards

Three.

6. University of Hull Sanctuary Scholarships

The *University of Hull Sanctuary Scholarship* consists of a full tuition fee waiver, an annual £2,000 study grant, and tailored personal support for the full duration of a programme of study, while the applicant remains eligible.

Personal support will be co-ordinated by Student Wellbeing, Learning and Welfare Support, who will meet with awardees to discuss their needs and offer appropriate support.

7. Payment of Awards

University of Hull Sanctuary Scholarships comprise of a full tuition fee waiver and a £2,000 study grant. No tuition fees will be charged to the recipient while they remain eligible for the award. In addition:

- As a general principle no award will be paid prior to registration.
- Cash payments are made throughout the academic year directly into the awardee's bank account.
- Bank details must have been supplied to the University so that the award can be paid directly into the awardee's bank account.
- Where a student has outstanding debts to the university any Scholarship payment will be released only when these debts have been paid. Scholarship payments can be used to reduce any debt to the university at the awardee's request.

Please note a *Sanctuary Scholarship* award may be considered as income received for the purposes of any application to the University of Hull's Hardship Support Fund.

8. Publicity

The University will ensure that the Sanctuary Scholarship scheme outlined above is publicised as widely as possible to potential applicants to the University. This will include the University of Hull website (www.hull.ac.uk) and printed promotional materials. Publicity will normally include full conditions/eligibility criteria relating to the Sanctuary Scholarship, or links to these.

9. 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 Sanctuary Scholarships, including the payment of any cash, resides with appropriate departments across the University.

10. Monitoring and Review of this Policy

This document refers explicitly to arrangements for Sanctuary Scholarships awarded to those entering the University in 2020-21. The policy will be formally reviewed to meet the needs of 2021-22.