UGS Scholarships (PGT) 2023 -24

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These Terms and Conditions apply to postgraduate taught students taking up the University Graduate School (UGS) PGT Scholarship until the end of the Academic Year [July] 2024.

1. Definitions

1.1 “Academic Year” means the University’s year of academic study, according to the length of a full-time PGT course.

1.2 “Leave of Absence” means a recognised and authorised break from studies approved in accordance with the University’s Code of Practice on Leave of Absence Procedures.

1.3 “Postgraduate Taught Student” means a normally registered research student studying on a postgraduate taught degree at the University. This includes the courses: MA, MSc, MBA, MEd, LLM, MPH, Maths SKE, MPA, PG Affiliate, PG Certificate, PG Dip Ed, PG Diploma, and PGCE.

1.4 “Scheme” means the University’s University Graduate School Scholarship initiative.

1.5 “Scholar” means a Postgraduate Taught Student in receipt of a Scholarship.

1.6 “Scholarship” means the Scholarship payment made to a Scholar pursuant to the Scheme.

1.7 “The University” means the University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT.

2. Award

2.1 Whenever the University agrees to award a Scholarship to a Scholar, these Terms and Conditions shall apply unless otherwise expressly excluded in whole or in part.

3. Payment

3.1 Payment of the Scholarship will be made in monthly instalments to a bank account held by the Scholar.

3.2 The University reserves the right to withhold payment of all or part of the Scholarship in the event that the Scholar has failed to pay the tuition fee charges for the Academic Year (or failed to make arrangements for such payment acceptable to the University).

4. Termination

4.1 In any of the circumstances set out in this clause below the Scholarship shall be withdrawn and the University shall make no (or no further) payments of the Scholarship:

4.1.1 The Scholar permanently leaves the University due to illness (whether or not following a Leave of Absence).

4.1.2 The Scholar leaves the University voluntarily for reasons other than illness.

4.1.3 The Scholar is required to withdraw from the University pursuant to disciplinary or fitness to practise proceedings.

4.1.4 The Scholar otherwise fails to complete satisfactorily the requirements of their programme of study.

4.1.5 Concerns about the Scholar's ability to complete the requirements of their programme of study are raised by the Scholar's academic programme or department, or by the Scholar themselves, and the scholarship commitment is determined to be a significant obstacle in course completion.

4.1.6 The Scholar fails to meet the minimum delivery requirements detailed in clause 6 below.

5. Leave of Absence

5.1 In the event that the Scholar takes, or is required to take, a Leave of Absence during the Scholarship, Scholarship payments will continue for up to 4 weeks within the Scholarship period.

5.2 If the Scholar fails to return to the University after a Leave of Absence then the provisions of clause 4 above will apply.

6. Minimum Delivery

6.1 Between November and August all Scholars will be required to support and contribute to University Graduate School activities and to lead delivery of at least one Scholar activity.

6.2 Between December and July Scholars are expected to support delivery of one activity per month, open to all PGT students.

6.3 Scholars are expected to support administration and/or delivery on at least one flagship event, such as ‘UGS Talks’, ‘Images of Research’, or the Postgraduate Research Festival.

6.4 Throughout the Academic Year, Scholars are expected to spend an average of 2-3 hours per week, adding up to one day per month, planning, designing, promoting and delivering events.

6.5 Throughout the Academic Year, Scholars are required to engage the PG community on social media and online platforms and support the promotion of University Graduate School activities, within the limits of their time as covered in 6.4.

6.6 Throughout the Academic Year, Scholars are required to attend UGS Scholar meetings hosted by UGS.

6.7 Throughout the Academic Year, Scholars are required to contribute to relevant projects by advising on the PGT experience at the University.

7. Miscellaneous

7.1 The Scholarship lasts for a nine month period and cannot be re-awarded to an existing Scholar beyond this period.

7.2 A Scholar may be eligible to receive any other scholarships or bursaries offered from time to time by the University, subject to the terms and conditions for those awards.

7.3 Any dispute or complaint arising in connection with the Scheme should in the first instance be addressed in writing to the Director of Student Affairs.