The QMUL Unite Foundation Scholarship offers its Scholars three years of free, year-round accommodation at Rahere Court.

The accommodation offered will be at Rahere Court, Toby Lane, Mile End E1 4DW. There are 36 single studios and 148 single en suite rooms with shared kitchen/diner. The Residence is located in travel zone 2 and is close to shops and local amenities and within easy travel distance to central London with very good transport links. It is also located within 5 minutes’ walk to the Mile End campus which is on Mile End Road. The closest underground stations are Mile End and Stepney Green which operate the Central, District and Hammersmith & City Lines.

Scholars will be offered a single en suite bedroom in a shared flat with a communal kitchen; the flat will be shared with a mixture of other students, most likely from QMUL.

Unite Students flats include all household bills, have wi-fi throughout and are served by maintenance and on-site support teams as well as an on-line emergency call centre. Rahere Court also includes laundry facilities, fortnightly cleaning and bike storage. Flats are furnished and the buildings have areas suitable for both study and leisure.

Your accommodation will be available all year round – including through the holiday periods – for as long as you are still eligible for the scholarship. Occasionally you might need to move flats to temporarily allow for maintenance and redecorating etc.

You will not require a rent guarantor, a deposit or any rent payments.

If you get a job in a different city during the holidays you can apply for free housing - subject to availability - in your employer location.

Where appropriate the Unite Foundation will make available to Scholars opportunities or benefits provided by our donors and supporters. This may include paid internships, employability coaching, career mentors or other items and activities geared toward making the most of our University experience.

Am I eligible to apply?

Please read the description below carefully to see if you are able to meet the principle scheme criteria of care leaver OR estranged. If you can, then check the rest of the eligibility items and continue with your application.

If you are unsure of your eligibility, the supporting evidence needed or you need help in completing the application please contact bursaries@qmul.ac.uk. We will be able to help with the scheme, application or give you advice on other avenues of support to pursue.
Care leaver
Care leave is a formal status that can begin at age 16 and lasts until aged 21, or aged 25 if in Higher Education. There are several different categories of care leaver but all legal definitions are eligible for the Unite Foundation Scholarship Scheme.

Ask your local authority personal advisor/social worker for a standard letter on headed paper confirming which category of care leaver you benefit from, and enclose it with the scholarship application.

Estranged from family
If you are estranged from both of your biological, adoptive parents, or only living parent, you will be eligible to apply for the Unite Foundation Scholarship Scheme as an estranged student. Student Finance considers you an independent student on the basis of being estranged from your parents if you have not had verbal or written contact with both of your biological, adoptive or only living parent for a significant period of time and your estrangement is irreconcilable.

Enclose with your scholarship application a copy of your Student Finance notification, along with the supporting documents Student Finance has already accepted from you as evidence of your estrangement.

Securing independent student status on the basis of estrangement with Student Finance can sometimes be time consuming and difficult. If you are struggling with this process do contact our Advice & Counselling Service at www.welfare.qmul.ac.uk for help or get in touch with StandAlone which has a dedicated students section on their website. www.standalone.org.uk/students/

Personal eligibility checklist:

☐ Care leaver OR ☐ Estranged
☐ A UK home fee status student
☐ Aged 25 or under for the duration of your scholarship
☐ Undertaking first and only course of undergraduate study - i.e. you have not been to this or another university previously

Course eligibility checklist:

☐ Have applied to start your first full-time undergraduate degree in September 2017 OR
☐ Be studying at QMUL on your first full-time undergraduate degree

The following years of study are excluded from the scholarship, should you be awarded

☐ Foundation year
☐ Years including study credits towards a Masters, whether that be postgraduate or integrated with a Bachelors (e.g. MEng)
☐ Resit years
☐ Repeat years arising as a result of changing courses
☐ Years in which you do not meet the age criteria
Responsibilities of Foundation Scholars

Each year that you take the benefit of free accommodation you will need to sign the normal rental agreement for your room and abide by the standard terms and conditions of the tenancy. Breaking the tenancy agreement will most likely result in the loss of your scholarship.

You must ensure that the Foundation team and QMUL always have up to date mobile and email contact details so that you can be kept informed of Scholarship opportunities and deadlines.

Each year you will be contacted by the Unite Foundation asking you to confirm your personal and educational situation and whether you will be continuing to live in Rahere Court. You must ensure that you respond by the deadline provided each year.

As a registered charity, Unite Foundation are continuously seeking to improve the way that we work so as to have a better impact on care leaver and estranged young students. Each year we will conduct a survey that collects numeric and quality data anonymously. You must complete this survey, within the deadlines requested, and should be completely honest so that the feedback can lead to improvements.

During your scholarship the Foundation will send you regular communications, these may include information about the Foundation team, surveys and competitions and invitations to take part.

Should there be any change to your circumstances, course or enrolment you must contact Lesley Green, bursaries@qmul.ac.uk detailing the change in your circumstances.

When will I know the outcome of my application?

The deadline for application is Friday 26th May 2017. You will be notified of the outcome of your application during July.

Application checklist

Before sending the form, please ensure that you have done the following:

☐ Completed all sections of the application form
☐ Provided a copy of your Student Finance notification
   please ensure this shows a breakdown of all loans and grants awarded
☐ Give SFE/SFW/SFNI/SAAS consent to share your financial information with QMUL
☐ Provided a copy of evidence that you have been in Local Authority care, or are estranged from your parent(s)
   this may be in the form of a letter confirming your circumstances from a teacher, social worker, carer or accommodation manager
☐ Completed your personal statement

Ensure you submit photocopies only, as originals cannot be returned.
How to submit the application

You can complete the form, scan it and email to bursaries@qmul.ac.uk together with scanned copies of your supporting documents. Applications that are emailed will receive an acknowledgement from the bursaries team.

In person, please bring your completed application form together with your supporting documents to:

The Student Enquiry Centre, Ground Floor Queens’ Building
Queen Mary, University of London
Mile End
E1 4NS

Alternatively, you may print out the form and complete it, then post it to us, together with your supporting documentation. Please send it to:

Bursaries, Grants and Scholarships Office, Room E01 Queens’ Building
Queen Mary, University of London
Mile End
E1 4NS

If supporting documents are not supplied with your form, your application will not be considered until we receive all the necessary documentations.

The closing date for applications is on Friday 26th May 2017. Please note if you are handing in your application in person the Student Enquiry Centre is open until 4.30pm on Monday – Friday except bank holidays.

Enquiries

If you have any questions about the awards:

Visit: Student Enquiry Centre
Tel: 020 7882 5079
Email: bursaries@qmul.ac.uk
### Part 1: Your personal details

Student ID Number

OR

UCAS ID Number

Your title (tick one box only)  

- Mr  
- Mrs  
- Miss  
- Ms  
- Other

Last name

First name(s)

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY)

Your age (in years) on 1 Sep 2017

E-mail address

Correspondence address

Postcode

### Please tick the statement that best describes your circumstances

- Care leaver
- Irreconcilably estranged from all parents

### Part 2: Your academic information

Course title

Qualification e.g. BA, MBBS, BSc

Duration of course in years

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Other

Year of study in 2017/18

- 0
- 1
- 2
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- Other

Expected End date (MM/YY)

Please tell us a little about your current career ambitions

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Please list qualifications gained or predicted prior to attending QMUL

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### Part 3: Your financial details
Did you apply for the full Student Finance package that you are entitled to?

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If not, please explain why:

Have you given consent to share your financial information with QMUL?

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Have you applied to live in Halls of Residence in 2017-18?

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If yes, please specify which halls:

### Part 4: Your disability or special medical needs

*This information will not be used to assess your application, but if you are successful it will help us to meet your needs.*

Do you have any special requirements for your accommodation or is there anything that it would be useful for your accommodation provider to know?

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If yes, please give details below:

Do you have any specific communication needs?

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If yes, please give details below:

### Part 5: Your supporting statement

This scholarship is intended to provide support to students to whom the scholarship will make a significant difference to their studies at QMUL. Please give a description of your current circumstances in order to highlight any relevant information which may help us to understand why you are eligible for the QMUL Unite Foundation Scholarship. *Maximum of 250 words*

Please continue on separate sheet if necessary
### Part 6: Your declaration

1. I declare that the information that I have given on this form is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

2. I understand that giving false information will automatically disqualify my application.

3. I understand that my application details will be passed on to the Unite Foundation trustees and in order to review my application and make a decision on my award.

4. I understand that the information provided in Part 4 of the form may be passed on to the manager of the relevant Unite Students accommodation if my application is successful.

5. I understand that by signing this application I confirm I have understood and will adhere to the Scholarship responsibilities should I receive the Scholarship. Failure to do so may result in the removal the Scholarship benefits.

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Please indicate how you prefer to describe your ethnic group

The categories below are based on the current Office for National Statistics suggested ethnic groupings and will be used anonymously to monitor the application of the scholarship scheme.

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