

Gianni Sonvico Bursary

Terms and Conditions
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Gianni Sonvico was one of QMUL's most outstanding School of Law graduates, who sadly died before starting what promised to be an extraordinary career. The School of Law is proud to offer a £14,000 bursary in Gianni's memory. This bursary is open to Home students only.

Bursary Benefits

The successful applicant will be awarded £14,000 per year, paid in four instalments of £3,500. This bursary may be held alongside other bursaries, scholarships and award packages, excluding the Sanctuary Bursary and the Dentons Bursary.

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must fulfil the following eligibility criteria to be considered for the Gianni Sonvico Bursary:

- must be in the first year of their three-year or four-year LLB at Queen Mary University of London
- must have had a state-school education
- must be eligible for full UK government support for tuition fees and maintenance costs and be means-tested by Student Finance to show their household income is less than £35,000. In order to be assessed for this we must have received your means-tested assessment from SFE by the 30th of October in the first year of the LLB

The typical timeline for the application process is below, but may be subject to change. Students will be alerted via regular communications channels when the award is open for applications.

Applications open	Mid October
Deadline to Apply	Mid November
Interviews	Late November

The School of Law reserves the right to withhold the Gianni Sonvico Bursary in the absence of a satisfactory candidate. The School also reserves the right to distribute the award between more than one recipient if necessary.

Renewals

Recipients of these scholarships are entitled to apply to renew their scholarship in their subsequent years of study, provided they have fulfilled the following renewal criteria:

- All modules passed with an overall average 2:1 grade (60-69%),
- An attendance record of 90% or above,
- Resubmission of evidence of household income and financial support, and tenancy agreement (if requested),

- Award winners are expected to make at least **THREE** contributions to the School of Law throughout the academic year, with at least one being made per semester. This **must** include volunteering at one Open Day and one Prospective Student Offer Holder Day per year.
- The third contribution can include, but is not limited to, the following examples:
 - Blogging for the marketing team; covering a law event for the School website.
 - Admissions contribution, including, but not limited to, writing a paragraph on the award for the website, completing a student profile and/or providing a quote for the undergraduate prospectus.
 - Becoming a Pathways to Law Ambassador and also taking part in the on-line mentoring scheme for Pathways to Law students. For details as to how to do this contact the Pathways to Law Coordinator at: pathwaystolaw@qmul.ac.uk
 - Becoming a Social Media Ambassador and making regular contributions on our social media platforms. For details as to how to do this contact lawmarketing@qmul.ac.uk

Please note that extra_circular activities such as mooting competitions, student societies and volunteering for the Queen Mary Legal Advice Centre will not normally be counted as contributions to the School of Law.

Renewal Application

Scholarship recipients will be invited to submit an online renewal application at the start of the next academic year. Renewal payments will not be made until this is complete. It is not the responsibility of the Scholarship and Bursaries Administrator to further prompt or chase award recipients to complete this form.

The conditions set out for receipt of each instalment and for renewal each year are non-negotiable, and students must fulfil all requirements in order to be awarded further payments of the bursary. Extenuating circumstances may be considered in consultation with the Scholarships and Bursaries Committee on a case-by-case basis.

For recipients in the third year of LLB English and European Law or LLB Global Law, the School will deduct any amount the recipient is being awarded from other funding sources (e.g. Erasmus grants or Global Law bursaries). Students who take the LLB Law in Practice will not be eligible to renew the bursary during their third year placement in industry, as this is a paid internship. Students who interrupt their studies will not receive the bursary in their absence but are eligible to apply for the bursary upon their return, provided they have met the renewal criteria.

For recipients who choose to continue residing at home during their studies at QMUL, the School reserves the right to deduct the minimum cost of campus accommodation from the total £14,000 for the year.