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# School of Law

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## **Dentons Bursary** Terms and Conditions March 2022

Dentons is a global law firm with a long standing commitment to the local community. In collaboration with the School of Law, Dentons are awarding a bursary of £6,500 and excellent work experience opportunities to the successful applicant of the Dentons Bursary.

### **Bursary Benefits and Expectations**

- The successful applicant will be awarded £6,500 per year (subject to meeting renewal criteria), paid in 2 instalments of £3,250. This bursary may be held alongside other bursaries, scholarships and award packages.
- The recipient of the Dentons bursary will be expected to volunteer for the Poplaw Legal Advice Clinic in Tower Hamlets and strongly encouraged to apply for the Dentons vacation placement scheme.

Dentons Poplaw Whitechapel Clinic runs every Monday evening from 6pm to 8.30pm at Idea Store, Whitechapel and the Poplaw Poplar Clinic runs every Tuesday evening also from 6pm to 8.30pm at Idea Store, Poplar. Award winners will be required to attend four sessions across the academic year. Further details available from the Scholarships and Bursaries team.

- The award winner will also be expected to submit an annual progress report to Dentons at the end of the bursary duration. Further details of this will be supplied nearer the time from the Scholarships and Bursaries team.

### **Eligibility criteria**

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

- must be in the first year of their three-year or four-year LLB
- must be permanent resident (for at least three years) in the London Boroughs of Barking and Dagenham; Hackney; Newham; Redbridge; Tower Hamlets; or Waltham Forest
- must be the first member of their immediate family to attend Higher Education
- must not have attended Higher Education previously
- must be assessed by Student Finance England to have a residual household income of £42,600 or less per year

We will also take into consideration other contributing WP criteria as outlined on the application form.

## Application Timeline

<b>Applications open</b>	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>
<b>Deadline to Apply</b>	<b>Midday Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>
Applicants will be required to write a short statement about why they believe they should be considered for the scholarship.	
<b>Application shortlisting</b>	<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>
<b>Interviews</b>	<b>TBC but likely Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022</b>
Applicants who were successful in the initial application will be interviewed online by members of the Scholarships and Bursaries Panel.	
<b>Successful applicant notified</b>	<b>Within 1 week of interview date</b>

The School of Law reserves the right to withhold the Dentons Bursary in the absence of a satisfactory candidate. The School also reserves the right to distribute the award between more than one recipients if appropriate or necessary.

## Renewals

Recipients of the Dentons Bursary are entitled to apply to renew their bursary in their subsequent years of study, provided they have fulfilled the following renewal criteria:

- Modules passed with an overall average 2:1 grade (60-69%) or higher,
- An attendance record of 90% or above,
- Resubmission of evidence of household income and financial support, and tenancy agreement (if requested),
- Provision of an annual progress update to Dentons at the end of each bursary year
- Confirmation from Dentons that the award winner has volunteered at the Poplaw Legal Advice Clinic at least four times across the academic year,
- Award winners are also expected to make at least **THREE** contributions to the School of Law throughout the academic year, with at least one being made per semester. We would like to see at least three different contributions. These can include, but are 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.
  - Involvement in departmental open days and events. Awardees will be automatic members of the student ambassador programme (subject to training availability) and invited to take part in future School open days and events. Awardees cannot expect to be paid for these events.
  - Becoming a Pathways to Law Ambassador (subject to training availability) and assisting with the delivery of Pathways to Law events. For details as to how to do this contact the Pathways to Law Coordinator at: [pathwaystolaw@qmul.ac.uk](mailto: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](mailto:lawmarketing@qmul.ac.uk)

Awardees cannot expect to be paid for any activity which is to be counted as an award contribution.

If the Bursary winner is unsure as to whether a certain activity could be counted as a contribution please contact the Scholarships and Bursaries Administrator to confirm. Award winners are expected to communicate efficiently and clearly to the Scholarships and Bursaries Administrator to give details of contributions made, so a note can be made on the student's record. The Scholarships and Bursaries Administrator is not expected to prompt or chase award winners for details as to contributions made.

The renewal application process will include a 300-word statement outlining how the recipient has contributed to the School of Law over the award period. Those applying who have not completely met the above criteria will be considered by the Scholarships and Bursaries Panel on a case-by-case basis.

For recipients in the third year of a four-year LLB or those interrupting their studies, renewal will not be possible. However, these students are eligible to apply for the bursary upon their return, provided they have met the renewal criteria.