

Sanctuary Bursary

Terms and Conditions

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The School of Law is committed to supporting students who have experienced severe barriers in accessing higher education due to forced migration.

1. Bursary Benefits

The Sanctuary Bursary aims to fund one enrolled LLB student each year, by offering a full tuition fee waiver and up to £16,000 per year to cover the cost of accommodation and additional living expenses. The Bursary is paid during the first year of study and a renewal application can be made for each subsequent year of study provided the renewal criteria is met.

2. Eligibility criteria

Applicants must fulfil the ALL of the following eligibility criteria to be considered for the Sanctuary Bursary:

- Hold a conditional or unconditional offer of admission to the School of Law for entry the following September into the first year of any LLB programme of three or four years in length (LLB Senior Status students are NOT eligible).
- Be the first time entering a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent level of study).

Applicants must also fulfil ONE of the below criteria:

- Have Refugee or Asylum Status, or Humanitarian Protection in any country as recognised by the 1951 UN Convention on the Status of Refugees (there is no restriction based on fee status).
- Be from an area of instability or zone of conflict or a country which risks discrimination, persecution, suffering, violence or other abuse of your human rights.

The School of Law reserves the right to deduct an appropriate amount from the £16,000 annual living expenses depending on individual circumstances; e.g. if the recipient has no accommodation costs or is in receipt of additional funding.

The bursary winner will be notified of their success at the same time as the confirmation of their entry to the School of Law (i.e. upon receipt of results which are deemed acceptable for admission).

Should the bursary winner already hold an unconditional offer, they will be notified of their success within two weeks of the interview.

The School of Law reserves the right to not award the Sanctuary Bursary in the absence of an appropriate candidate.

3. Renewals

Recipients of the Sanctuary Bursary are entitled to apply to renew their bursary in each subsequent year of study, provided they have fulfilled all of the following renewal criteria:

(a) Renewal Criteria

- A pass in all modules, with an overall average 2:1 grade (60-69%).
- An attendance record of 90% or above.
- Submission of renewal application – see details below.
- Make at least three School contributions – see details below.

Students who have not completely met the above criteria will be considered by the Scholarships and Bursaries Committee on a case-by-case basis and are welcome to submit details of any mitigating circumstances.

(b) School Contributions

Recipients 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. These can include, but are not limited to, the following examples:

1. Blogging for the marketing team; covering a law event for the School of Law website.
2. 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.
3. Involvement in School of Law open days and events. Recipients will be automatic members of the student ambassador programme and invited to take part in future School of Law open days and events. Recipients will not be paid additionally for these events.
4. Becoming a Pathways to Law Ambassador. For details as to how to do this contact the Pathways to Law Coordinator at: pathwaystolaw@qmul.ac.uk
5. 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.

Recipients are expected to communicate regularly and effectively with the School of Law, giving details after each contribution is made so a note can be made on the student's record. The School of Law is not expected to prompt or chase recipients for details as to contributions made.

Details can be sent to: law-scholarships-bursaries@qmul.ac.uk

(c) Renewal Application

Recipients will be contacted and invited to submit the renewal application which will include a 300-word statement outlining how the recipient has contributed to the School of Law over the award period. It is the recipient's responsibility to ensure the renewal application is submitted by the given deadline.

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. Turing Scheme grants or Global Law bursaries). Students who take the LLB Law in Practice will receive an appropriate reduction to the bursary during their third year in industry, as this is a paid internship.

Students who interrupt their studies will not receive the bursary during the period of interruption, but are eligible to apply for the bursary renewal upon their return, provided they have met the renewal criteria.

For recipients who reside in a family home within the UK during their studies at Queen Mary University of London, the School reserves the right to deduct the minimum cost of campus accommodation from the total award for the year.