University of East London Undergraduate/ Postgraduate Academic Excellence Scholarship for USA and Canadian students – 2016/17 Entry

Section 1
What is the Academic Excellence Scholarship?

By introducing this as our initiative to encourage students to perform academically well in their second year and achieve a first, this scholarship allows UEL to create a community of highly academic students, right from the point of entry into UEL. Additionally, it will strengthen the student’s drive to perform well. Essentially, these scholarships will show that we are investing in these students to become academically excellent post-graduation. It will also incentivise students to actively strive for a First in their second year, setting them up for success in the final year.

Eligibility to these scholarships differs:

2 scholarships – worth £3,000 will be available for undergraduate applicants to apply to, who successfully attain a First in their second year if on a three year degree and on their third year if on a four year degree. The best overall grades will be shortlisted for the scholarships.

Please note that these scholarships are open to applicants who meet the criteria in section 2. All recipients will receive an updated Letter of Acceptance with the awarded scholarship.

Section 2
General criteria

UEL’s vision in founding the Scholarship is to develop outstanding leaders with a keen sense of public duty.

We use three key criteria in selecting scholars:

1. Intellect
2. Academic Merit
3. Good attendance

2.1 Criteria for the Placement Scholarship

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- Starting an undergraduate degree for the first time at UEL or continuing a degree at UEL with progression. Transfers students not eligible.
- Fee assessed as an International student for the duration of the academic session
- Assessed as a new/continuing student paying full time fees
- Studying at a UEL Campus in London
- Must meet all academic conditions and pass their current year of study with a First Class
- Must have good attendance in all their classes

Excludes those studying with a Collaborative Partner, via Distance Learning, on an NHS funded course, PGCE, or Professional Diploma in Architecture Part 2.
1. **Tier 4 (General) Student Visa**
   Where necessary under UKVI regulations, scholars will be required to apply for prior entry clearance (Tier 4 General Student). Student immigration requirements for entry into the UK are operated on a points based system. Scholars must ensure that they meet all the requirements for entry within their application, in line with the UKVI’s Tier 4 Policy Guidance. Scholars will need to be aware of what their scholarship award covers as they will be responsible for meeting any additional costs towards their tuition fees and/or living expenses and providing the relevant evidence with their visa application.

2. Scholars should only proceed with their acceptance of the award if they are confident that they meet these requirements. Where a Tier 4 student visa is not granted, or is subsequently withdrawn, the scholarship award will not be made, or if made will be withdrawn.

3. If the scholar wishes his/her dependants to accompany him/her during their studies at UEL please note they will be responsible for meeting the requirements for a dependant's visa.

Up to date details of the Tier 4 Student Immigration Rules and application procedures can be found on the UKVI website [https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/student-visas/](https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/student-visas/) Further information and guidance on student visas can be obtained from our website [www.uel.ac.uk/isa/](http://www.uel.ac.uk/isa/)

**Travel**

4. The candidate is responsible for all travel costs and arrangements for themselves and any dependants.
   The University reserves the right to withdraw a scholarship award if the conditions outlined above and in the Terms and Conditions are not met.

**Application process**

5. Students who meet the criteria above, and satisfactorily complete their second to final year with a First will be automatically be invited to apply for our scholarship scheme. Decisions will be based on the quality of the student’s application and overall percentage received on each module in second to final year – highest overall grades will receive the scholarship for excelling academically. Applications will be assessed by the International Recruitment team. All decisions are final and to the discretion of the International Recruitment team.

6. UEL will endeavour to notify successful students of the provisional outcome in their offer letters. Students will also receive a personalised letter of Congratulations from the Head of International. Students will receive confirmation of their scholarship once student has passed their current year at UEL.

7. There are a limited number of scholarships available. Students will be awarded based on the strength of their applications and final grades. UEL is under no obligation to award all scholarships, should the quality of the applications be
insufficient.

8. Applications received after the deadlines set out in the student’s offer letter will not be considered.

9. Successful students will only be allowed to hold one scholarship that year.

General Terms and Conditions

1. You must be permanently domiciled in USA or Canada* AND
2. You must be classed as an overseas student for fee purposes AND
3. You must already hold an offer to start on an on campus taught, full-time programme at the University of East London in September 2017.
4. Hold a conditional or unconditional offer for year 1 of an undergraduate degree course starting at UEL in September 2017.
5. You must commit to 40 hours of volunteer hours per year within the International Office.
6. The award shall be made as a tuition fee scholarship by means of a fee discount. No cheque or payment shall be made directly to the student.
7. The scholarship applies to Overseas fee payers. If the fee status changes during their course from Overseas to Home/EU Fees the scholarship shall be discontinued.
8. Scholarship holders successfully complete their academic course of study.
9. Scholarship holders remain liable for paying the remaining tuition fees to UEL.
10. Scholarship holders endeavour to write at least one student testimonial or blog post whilst studying at UEL, and they agree that their testimonial or blog and photograph can be used in publicity material.
11. The scholarship awarded will be exclusive and students cannot be awarded it in conjunction with another UEL award. Where applicants are offered a scholarship, and already hold another UEL award, the scholarship worth the greater financial sum will be awarded only.
12. The Scholarship may not be held in conjunction with any other scholarships but does not limit eligibility to discounts, e.g. 5% early payment discount.
13. Students sponsored for full tuition fees by an outside body or government organisation will not be eligible for this scholarship. However students applying for, or expecting to receive, government loans are eligible to apply.
14. The scholarship offer holder must meet all remaining conditions for entry to the University.
15. Scholars may be required on occasion to represent the student body and assist the University to publicise its activities and work with the University in promoting its successes and seeking other financial support.
16. Scholarship recipients will be invited to attend University events promoting the value of scholarships and are expected to attend. The University may decide to publicise the names of those who receive scholarships or advise a specific donor of the successful recipients of a particular award.
17. The University reserves the right to withhold payment of the scholarship if scholarship holders withdraw, interrupt, not attend or otherwise do not progress satisfactorily with their studies.
18. Scholarship holders must remain in good financial standing with the University.
19. The University may also seek to reclaim monies paid where progress is not satisfactory.
20. The Scholarship can only be deferred once and the deferral must be in 2017/18 academic session. The final approval for deferral is granted at the discretion of UEL.
The UEL Fees Policy can be found on our website at www.uel.ac.uk