

## **‘The Serum Institute Pathways to Excellence in Health and Life Sciences Programme for International Students’.**

### **1. Eligibility**

To be eligible to apply for the Pathways to Excellence in Health and Life Sciences Programme, applicants must:

- Be classified as an overseas (international) fee-paying student for the purposes of fees.
- Be self-funded (not sponsored by a government, organisation, or in receipt of another scholarship).
- Hold a conditional or unconditional offer for one of the eligible full-time undergraduate courses.
- Hold a passport from -and currently be living- in one of the eligible countries listed in the scholarship guidance.
- Demonstrate academic excellence significantly above the minimum entry requirements for the chosen course.

### **2. Scholarship Value**

- A full tuition fee waiver for the standard duration of the full-time course.
- An annual living cost stipend of £15,000 to support accommodation and daily expenses paid in £5,000 instalments at the start of each semester
- A one-off £2,000 payment upon enrolment and acceptance of the scholarship offer to support flight costs, UK student visa application, and IHS International Health Surcharge costs.

### **3. Application and Selection**

- Applicants must be holding an offer for admission before submitting a scholarship application.
- Selection is based on academic excellence, financial need, and demonstrated passion for the subject.
- All decisions are final and no individual feedback will be provided.

### **4. Conditions of Award**

- The scholarship cannot be combined with any other University of Westminster scholarships or discounts or externally funded scholarships.
- Recipients must meet all conditions of their academic offer and CAS issuance.
- The scholarship will be withdrawn if false or misleading information is provided.

-If you defer your place and/or choose to change courses, the scholarship will be withdrawn.

- Recipients are expected to act as ambassadors for the University and may be asked to participate in a number of promotional activities throughout the duration of their course.

## **5. Student Visa Compliance**

All scholarship recipients must comply with the conditions of their student visa throughout the duration of their studies. This includes, but is not limited to:

1. Maintaining Valid Visa Status
    - a. Recipients must hold a valid student visa at all times.
    - b. The scholarship will be suspended or withdrawn if the student's visa expires, is cancelled, or is not renewed in time.
  2. Full-Time Enrolment Requirement
    - a. Students must remain enrolled in a full-time course load as defined by immigration regulations and the institution's academic policies.
    - b. Reducing study load is only permitted with formal approval (e.g., compassionate/compelling circumstances).
  3. Attendance and Participation
    - a. Students must meet attendance and engagement requirements stipulated by both the institution and immigration authorities.
    - b. Unsatisfactory attendance or lack of engagement may result in visa reporting obligations and potential scholarship cancellation.
  4. Work Limit Compliance (If Applicable)
    - a. Students must comply with any work-hour limitations associated with their visa. Breaches of visa work conditions may result in loss of scholarship.
5. Recipients must notify the institution within 10 working days if there are changes to:
- Immigration status / Name or passport details
  - Health or wellbeing affecting studies

Failure to notify may affect visa compliance and scholarship status.

## **6. Academic Progress Requirements**

To retain the scholarship, recipients must demonstrate satisfactory academic progress each academic year.

Students must progress according to the expected course structure and complete their programme within the expected duration unless exceptional circumstances apply.

Repeated failed units may lead to review or withdrawal of the scholarship. Extensions to scholarship funding are not guaranteed but will be considered

Academic Misconduct: Any form of academic dishonesty (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) may result in immediate cancellation of the scholarship.