

## Vice Chancellor's Scholarship 2021/22

Application deadline:

**Friday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm**

**Please return your completed application form including any required supporting evidence as pdf attachments to [scholarships@westminster.ac.uk](mailto:scholarships@westminster.ac.uk).**

You can only submit ONE email, including your application and all relevant documents. The email header should include your 8-digit Westminster Reference number and the full name of the scholarship you are applying for. You will not be able to amend your application once we have received it. You need to have a conditional/unconditional offer in place before you can apply for a scholarship.

Selection process:

Please remember that scholarships are limited. Meeting the eligibility criteria does not guarantee that you will receive an award.

All eligible applications will be considered by an awarding panel. The panel members understand that applicants will have a broad range of differing skills, attributes and experiences, so they will give equal consideration to the applicant's academic record, personal circumstances and their answers to the questions posed in the application form.

All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application within 3 weeks after the deadline.

## Thank you for applying

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## INFORMATION

This scholarship supports students from a BAME background during their higher education at the University of Westminster. As such, all applicants must be from a Black, Asian or minority ethnic background. We have other scholarships available for those who do not meet the criteria. The total value of the scholarship is £15,000 which is awarded for a maximum of three years. Students will receive £5,000 in each eligible year of study, subject to progression to the next year of their course and completion of the yearly career development session. The scholarship is paid into your nominated bank account in January each year or towards your tuition fees paid directly to the University in the first semester of each academic year. Students will not receive the yearly allowance if they are on a repeat year or a placement/sandwich year.

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## ELIGIBILITY

Students must fulfil all criteria below:

- Be a Home student for fee purposes and have an offer for a full-time undergraduate course at the University of Westminster starting in September 2021
- If you are an EU student with Home Fee status you need to be eligible for the maintenance loan from Student Finance England before you can apply for a scholarship.
- Have a household income of less than £25,000 per annum. Applicants must have applied for the maximum student support available from the Student Loans Company (SLC). This includes applying for finance based on your household income and given consent to share information with the University in order that their declared household income can be verified.\*
- Be from a Black, Asian or mixed ethnic background
- Show development potential in your supporting statement
- The following categories of students are not eligible:
  - a. students who already have a Bachelor's or Master's degree
  - b. part-time students
  - c. students directly continuing from a Foundation degree

During each year of the scholarship you will be required to complete at least one career development session from the following:

- Take part in skills academy, 1-2-1 career advice, career workshop, 5 hours of volunteering for a charity, Westminster Working Cultures, mentoring session, Inclusive Futures: Insight.

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\* For 2021 entry, your income assessment, carried out by the Student Loans Company (SLC), must be finalised by 31 October 2021, with all required evidence submitted to SLC by the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2021. This is so that the University can confirm you are eligible to receive any scholarship you have been provisionally awarded.

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## Application Form

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### PERSONAL DETAILS

First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Surname (Family Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Westminster Reference Number \_\_\_\_\_

*This can be found on your course offer letter and is 8 digits, for example 18234567*

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Course applied for \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been offered a place to study at the University starting September 2021? YES NO

*You need to have a conditional/unconditional offer in place before you can apply for a scholarship*

Have you applied for a Student Maintenance Loan from Student Loans Company? YES NO

*If you are an EU student with Home Fee status you need to be eligible for the maintenance loan from Student Finance England before you can apply for a scholarship.*

Are you from a Black, Asian or mixed ethnic background? YES NO

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### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Name of school/ college	Finish date	Qualifications (i.e. A- level Maths)	Grades predicted/obtained

# PERSONAL STATEMENT

This is the chance to talk about your personal and academic experience up to now, any extra-curricular activities you are involved in and why you are interested in the course. What are your ambitions and how would you benefit from this scholarship. Please explain what makes you a good scholarship candidate, for example, you might mention if you are the first in your family to go to university, are you planning to work whilst studying, are you planning to live at home, halls or private accommodation during your studies? You can also provide details of any recent employment or work experience and talk about any changes that have occurred in your life that impact your ability to pay for your education (maximum 300 words).

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

A copy of your transcript from your most recent/current academic study. Please attach provisional grades provided by your school if you do not have final grades yet.

A reference letter written specifically in support of your scholarship application. This should be written by a previous tutor, professor, academic or employer (where relevant to your chosen degree course)

## DECLARATION

I confirm that I have read and understood the [Terms and Conditions](#) and agree to abide by them should I be awarded the scholarship.

YES      NO

I confirm that I have read the [GDPR](#) (General Data Protection Regulations Declaration) statement and consent to my personal data being held and utilised as detailed in this statement. I also confirm that the information provided and documentary evidence supplied is accurate to the best of my knowledge. Any information contained within this application, later found to be incorrect or untrue may result in the withdrawal of any scholarship or scholarship offer.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_