

EARLY ACCEPTANCE DISCOUNT SCHEME TERMS & CONDITIONS:

September 2024 INTAKE

1. Purpose and Scope

- 1.1. This document outlines the eligibility and assessment criteria for full-time International fee paying Postgraduate Taught students to receive the discount of 3,000 GBP (three thousand Great British Pounds) from Aston University. This policy is correct at the time of publishing (January 2024) but may be subject to change.
- 1.2. Applicants who are classed as Home for tuition fee purposes should consult <http://www.aston.ac.uk/scholarships/> and navigate to the UK student scholarship pages of the Aston website for details of available scholarships and terms and conditions.
- 1.3. This policy applies to applicants who are classed as Overseas for tuition fee purposes. The relevant scholarship awards and their application criteria can be found at <https://www2.aston.ac.uk/scholarships/international>.
- 1.4. The Early Acceptance Discount Scheme is subject to the terms and conditions set out in this document. The University reserves the right to terminate a scholarship where a student is in breach of any of these terms and conditions, or, if any information provided to the University as part of a scholarship application is found to be false or misleading. In such circumstances, the student will be liable for any tuition fees incurred.

2. General Provisions

- 2.1. A student may be eligible for the Early Acceptance Discount if:
 - 2.1.1. They are a new applicant to and have received an offer for a full-time Postgraduate Taught programme at Aston University (MSc for Overseas Pharmacists (OSPAP) programme is excluded from the scheme), which will start in the Autumn Term commencing September 2024 into the first year of study on campus in Birmingham, UK.
 - 2.1.2. They have not previously received an offer to study at Aston University unless they are an Aston University graduate or have deferred their offer from a previous intake.
 - 2.1.3. They meet all of the conditions set out in their offer letter.
 - 2.1.4. They accept the offer of the place and pay their programme deposit (if applicable) in full by 12:00 Midnight UK Time (BST) of the date indicated in their first offer letter. (The funds should be received by the University in its bank account by this date)
 - 2.1.4.1. Students who have requested and been granted an extension to fully accept their offer and pay the deposit after the deadline indicated in their first offer letter are not eligible for the Early Acceptance Discount.
- 2.2. A student who has all or part of their fees paid by a sponsor will not be eligible for an Aston Discount or Scholarship unless that sponsor has an official agreement confirming eligibility with Aston University.
- 2.3. Sponsors include, but are not limited to, His Majesty's UK Government, overseas governments or another national body, the British Council or any national or international organisation, any national or international company, or any other university.
- 2.4. Any student considered to be in debt to Aston University will not be eligible to receive the discount in full or in part.

- 2.5. For the purposes of this policy, a student will be considered to be in debt to the University if they have received the third notice that a payment is overdue.
- 2.6. Students are still eligible to apply for and be awarded other Aston scholarships.
- 2.7. Students are not eligible for more than 1 discount.
- 2.8. At Aston's discretion, clauses 2.2-2.7 may be waived under specific conditions or for specific discount or scholarships schemes or campaigns. Details of any waiver will be set out on our website.

3. Applying for the Early Acceptance Discount

- 3.1. No application is required. Students will be automatically awarded the Early Acceptance Discount if the criteria are fulfilled. It will appear as a tuition fee reduction when students enrol onto the course.
- 3.2. Students studying online, via blended learning, part time or any other than full-time method of learning are not eligible for the discount covered by these terms and conditions.

4. Approving and Awarding

- 4.1. The Early Acceptance Discount is a discount made against the tuition fee applicable to the specific programme of study that the student is seeking to enrol upon. No cash or cost of living alternative is available.
- 4.2. The Early Acceptance Discount is available for a limited time only and the University reserves the right to stop the discount award once the maximum number of discounts has been allocated.
- 4.3. Discount entitlement will normally be approved before the commencement of the degree programme. It is not possible to consider a student for a new discount once the degree programme has commenced.
- 4.4. If a discount has been awarded, the fee discount will be applied to the student's tuition fee liability. It will normally be available only to students who have been in attendance, as defined by the University throughout term one and term two and are still in attendance at the start of term three. Students who withdraw from Aston University part way through an academic year will not be eligible to receive the discount in respect of that year. Any tuition fee discount applied to the student for that academic will be withdrawn and the full cost for that period will be applied. The student will be liable to repay any underpayment that may result from this.
- 4.5. Students who are repeating any modules within the programme are not eligible for the discount regardless of whether they are repeating with attendance, without attendance, or with partial attendance.
- 4.6. Where a student suspends their studies and takes a Leave of Absence for a complete academic year (i.e. October to October, January to January or April to April) no tuition fee is charged and, therefore, the student will not be eligible to receive a discount.
- 4.7. Students who suspend their studies part way through an academic year and take a Leave of Absence will be eligible to receive a discount for the academic terms they have completed in full. The amount of the discount will be calculated on a pro rata basis and in line with Aston University's Tuition Fees Charging Policy.
- 4.8. The Early Acceptance Discount is valid for study on a full-time on campus Postgraduate Taught programme at Aston University and is not transferable to another University or programme.

- 4.9. The Early Acceptance Discount is valid for programmes of study commencing in the academic year 2024/25 only and cannot be carried forward to another academic year.
- 4.10. The Early Acceptance Discount is valid for the specified programme of study at Aston University and may not normally be transferred to a different programme.
- 4.11. Any evidence submitted after the final decision on the student's eligibility has been made will not be considered, unless the student can demonstrate there was a good reason why the information could not be made available at the time of the deadline.
- 4.12. The decision of the awarding panel is final. Applicants may appeal against the decision only if they can show that there has been a procedural error. Appeals should be addressed to the Director of Student and Academic Services.

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Further Information: Contact Aston's International Office (international@aston.ac.uk)

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