Aston University

Home and EU student Undergraduate Scholarships Policy for students whose year of entry is 2013/14 only

1 Purpose and Scope

1.1 This document outlines the eligibility and assessment criteria for students to receive scholarships from Aston University as part of the Higher Education funding arrangements for undergraduate students starting degree programmes in 2013/14 who do not receive sponsorship for their fees (for the purposes of this policy a sponsor is an external organisation, not a family member or the Student Loans Company). This policy is correct at the time of publishing but will be reviewed annually and is subject to change.

2. Glossary

These meanings apply only to Aston University Home and EU Scholarship Policy 2013/14 and may not hold the same meanings or be interpreted in the same way in other documents.

Home student

This is a student who qualifies to be considered for a tuition fee loan and grants and loans for living costs from the UK government. These students cannot be charged more than £9,000 for their tuition fees. The rules about who qualifies as a home student depend on nationality, the immigration status of you and your family members and where you have been living.

EU student

This is a student who is an EU national (or the relevant family member of an EU national) and who qualifies to be considered for a tuition fee loan from the UK government. These students cannot be charged more than £9,000 for their tuition fees. The rules about who qualifies as an EU student depend on the immigration status of you and your family members and where you have all been living.

Aston Scholarship

There are two types of Aston Scholarship. The first are not assessed on household income and are approved on the basis of academic excellence or placement details. These are the Aston Excellence and the Aston Placement Scholarship. The second types of scholarships are approved based on the household income. These are the National Scholarship Programme awards, Aston Advantage and the Aston Progression Scholarship.

1 If you have GCE A level grade AAB or above, or equivalent (see the Appendix for definition of equivalences).

2 If you take a paid placement year or year abroad, the tuition fee for that year will be just £1,000. If you take an unpaid placement year, there will be no tuition fee.
Equivalent or Lower Qualification

A student has an Equivalent Level Qualification if they already hold an awarded qualification which is at the same level as or is higher than the programme they will be studying at Aston University.

Student Finance England

This is the organisation that assesses and awards student funding from the UK government to Home students who live in England.

Student Finance Wales

This is the organisation that assesses and awards student funding from the UK government to Home students who live in Wales.

Student Finance Northern Ireland

This is the organisation that assesses and awards student funding from the UK government to Home students who live in Northern Ireland.

Student Awards Agency for Scotland

This is the organisation that assesses and awards student funding from the UK government to Home students who live in Scotland. This organisation also assesses and awards student funding from the UK government to EU students who study in Scotland.

Student Finance Services

This is the organisation that assesses and awards student funding from the UK government to EU students in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It is also sometimes known as the EU Team or the European Services Team.

Student Loans Company

This is the organisation that manages the payment and repayment of loans and grants for student support funding. This organisation is also responsible for collating information about household income and sharing this information with Universities for bursary and scholarship assessments.

UCAS

This stands for the University and Colleges Admission System. It is the system students use to apply for undergraduate places at universities and colleges in the UK.

Household Income

This is the household income as calculated by the relevant funding authority for a student’s application for student funding from the UK government. It is not possible for Aston University to accept any alternative assessment method of a student’s household income.
Sandwich placement year

This is a period of industrial, professional, linguistic or occupational training / work experience or study abroad which is approved by the University and forms part of the assessment for a sandwich degree or language degree at Aston University. Sometimes a student is paid during their placement for the work they do by their placement employer which is called a paid placement. In other cases, students do not receive any money from their placement employer for their work and this is called an unpaid placement. If the placement takes place outside of the UK then it is considered to be a work or study placement overseas.

ERASMUS fee waivers

Students who undertake a work or study placement outside of the UK but within the EEA may qualify for financial help from an organisation called ERASMUS. In some cases, ERASMUS will pay the student’s tuition fees for their placement year and this is called an ERASMUS fee waiver.

Academic year

This is the period over which Aston University teaches a programme. For most undergraduate programmes, this normally begins at the start of October and ends in the middle of June. Students should normally be in attendance during this period.

Re-enrolment

All students are expected to re-enrol each September, irrespective of their start date. The purpose of re-enrolment is to confirm that you are enrolled in the current academic year. Re-enrolment is via MAP and you will be emailed when the MAP task is available for you to complete. As part of the re-enrolment process you will be asked to confirm that you accept the University’s Regulations for the current academic year.

Repeating studies without attendance

This is when a student does not progress to the next level of study and has to retake exams and/or assessments in the following year and is not required to attend any of the lectures, classes and tutorials for those modules.

Repeating studies with attendance

This is when a student does not progress to the next level of study and has to retake exams and/or assessments in the following year and is required to attend all of the lectures, classes and tutorials for those modules.

Repeating studies with partial attendance

This is when a student has to retake exams, assessments or modules in the following year and is required to attend some of the lectures, classes and tutorials for those modules.

Deferred studies

This is when exams and/or assessments are delayed until an agreed period of time has elapsed.
Repeating studies as if for the first time

This is when exams, assessments or modules are retaken but are treated as a first attempt and the mark the student receives is not limited to the pass mark, this is usually due to exceptional extenuating circumstances that are agreed on an individual case by case basis.

Attendance

For the purposes of Aston Scholarship approvals, a student is considered to be in attendance if Aston University’s student records systems show that they are a current student. Attendance requirements to pass a degree programme may differ and should be clarified with your specific programme leader.

Suspending studies (Leave of Absence)

This is when a student stops their studies for a period (normally longer than 60 days) for reasons such as illness. This is also sometimes called a Leave of Absence.

Maintenance grant

This is a grant for living costs from the UK Government which is assessed and awarded by Student Finance England. Students cannot receive the Maintenance Grant and the Special Support Grant at the same time.

Special Support Grant

This is a grant for living costs from the UK Government which is for students who have an entitlement to receive Social Security Benefits (for example they have children or are disabled). It is assessed and awarded by Student Finance England. Students cannot receive the Special Support Grant and the Maintenance Grant at the same time.

Satisfactory academic performance

For the purposes of Aston Scholarship approvals, a student is considered to have a satisfactory academic performance if they have been accepted to start the first year of their programme or they have been considered by an Examination Board to have passed and to be eligible to progress into the next stage of study.

My Aston Portal (MAP)

This is the Aston University online student portal through which students can view and update personal information and find information about their programme. Students will be able to access information about the progress of Aston Scholarship assessments and approvals from their student homepage on MAP.

3 General Provisions

3.1 A student who does not have an Equivalent or Lower Qualification qualifies to be considered for an Aston Scholarship if:
(a) the student will start a new full time undergraduate degree programme\(^3\) at Aston University on or after 1st September 2013 and

(b) the student will be liable to pay tuition fees of £9,000 or £1,000 in the placement year and

(c) the student qualifies to receive student support funding as part of the finance arrangements for new students starting their degree programmes on or after 1st September 2013

and

(d) the student is not a resident of the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man (unless the student is entitled to benefit from European Community provisions relating to employment or establishment and is in receipt of UK student support funding as a home or EU student).

3.2 A student who has an Equivalent or Lower Qualification only qualifies to be considered for an Aston Scholarship based on achievement (Aston Excellence Scholarship) if:

(a) the student will start a new full time undergraduate degree programme at Aston University on or after 1st September 2013 and

(b) the student will be liable to pay tuition fees of £10,500 or £1,000 in the placement year and

(e) the student is not a resident of the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man (unless the student is entitled to benefit from European Community provisions relating to employment or establishment).

3.3 The household income thresholds used to assess eligibility for award of a scholarship assessed on household income will be reviewed annually.

3.4 A student will not be entitled to receive a scholarship in any academic year for which they do not have to pay tuition fees (for example unpaid placement year or year abroad, deferred studies, repeating as if for the first time).

3.5 With the exception of a placement year, a student will not be eligible to be considered for an Aston Scholarship assessed on household income for an academic year unless they have made an application to be income assessed for the same year by Student Finance England, Student Finance Wales, Student Finance Northern Ireland, Student Awards Agency for Scotland or Student Finance Services.

3.6 A student who has their fees paid by a sponsor will not be eligible for an Aston Scholarship\(^4\).

3.7 A student will not be eligible to receive a scholarship in full or in part if they are, at the time when payment is due to be made to them, considered to be in debt to the University. 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 due.

\(^3\) Not including Foundation Degree Programmes.

\(^4\) For the purposes of this policy a sponsor is an external organisation, not a family member or the Student Loans Company.
4. Assessing and awarding

4.1 A student’s scholarship eligibility will be assessed and approved on an annual basis. Receipt of any scholarship in any year of the programme does not necessarily guarantee approval of a scholarship in subsequent years, except where a student qualifies for a placement year scholarship as the result of having been previously approved for another scholarship.

4.2 Eligible students will not need to apply to Aston University to be assessed for a scholarship because Aston University will use UCAS data, household income information provided by the Student Loans Company and information held on university records for placement years to determine awards.

4.3 Students who are eligible for one or more of the Aston Excellence, Aston Advantage Scholarships or the National Scholarship Programme will be required to confirm the form in which they wish that scholarship to take, in line with the choices offered, when they confirm their enrolment and re-enrolments at Aston University. This confirmation of choice will be final and not able to be amended at a later date in the same academic year.

4.4 Students will only be assessed for the Aston Excellence, Advantage and Progression Scholarships once in an academic year. Scholarship entitlement will normally be assessed and approved by the end of November using the information that is available to Aston University at that time. Any scholarship assessments which cannot be considered at the end of November because the required information is not yet available will be reviewed on a monthly basis until all relevant information has been received and the student’s scholarship entitlement can be assessed and approved. It is not normally possible to consider a student for an award of an Aston Scholarship after 30th May of the academic year in question.

4.5 Students who are eligible will be assessed for the National Scholarship Programme in term three.

4.6 The Student Loans Company charges interest on tuition fee loans at a daily rate from the date payments are made to universities. Aston University cannot accept any responsibility for interest applied to tuition fee loans by the Student Loans Company.

4.7 Eligibility for an Aston Scholarship based on achievement (Aston Excellence Scholarship) will normally be assessed on the basis of information provided by UCAS. Eligibility for Aston Scholarships based on achievement will be communicated to students as part of their Unconditional Offer and will normally be confirmed by the end of November. Information will be available through the student homepage on MAP (My Aston Portal). Notification will be sent to the Student Loans Company about fee discounts and changes in tuition fee liability.

4.8 Eligibility for a scholarship assessed on household income will be considered on the basis of information provided by the Student Loans Company once the student has been fully enrolled on the programme of study. Aston University aims to consider and approve scholarships based on household income within eight weeks of receiving household income information from the Student Loans Company. National Scholarship Programme awards will be approved after the start of term three. Any student who is approved for an income assessed scholarship will be notified via MAP. Notification will be sent to the Student Loans Company about fee discounts and changes in tuition fee liability.

4.9 Eligibility for a scholarship during a placement year will be assessed on the basis of information held on University records about previous scholarship approvals and placement details. Approvals of scholarships for placement years will be communicated to students via
MAP usually by the end of term one. Notification will be sent to the Student Loans Company about fee discounts and changes in tuition fee liability.

4.10 Where a student has chosen to take their scholarship in the form of tuition fee discount and has taken out a tuition fee loan from the Student Loan Company, the University is required to notify the Student Loans Company of any changes in a student’s tuition fee liability. If a student has taken out the maximum tuition fee loan available to pay their tuition fee in full, their maximum tuition fee loan entitlement and payments should be adjusted accordingly by the Student Loans Company. If a student has only taken a partial tuition fee loan to pay part of their tuition fees, the student will need to contact the Student Loan Company to adjust the amount of loan they wish to borrow.

4.11 Where a student has chosen to take their scholarship in the form of accommodation discount but leaves University accommodation within six weeks of the beginning of term, their scholarship will automatically be redesignated a tuition fee discount.

4.12 Once an Aston Scholarship has been approved, the fee discount or accommodation discount will be applied to the student’s tuition fee/accommodation cost liability in equal amounts in terms two and three. Aston Scholarships will normally only be available to students who have been in attendance as defined by the University throughout term one and term two and is 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 a scholarship in respect of that year. Any tuition fee discount or accommodation discount that has been applied to the student for that academic year as the result of an Aston Scholarship will be revoked and the full cost for that period will be applied. The student will be liable to repay any underpayment that may therefore result from this.

4.13 Students who are repeating their studies are not eligible for scholarships regardless of whether they are repeating with attendance, without attendance or with partial attendance.

4.14 Where a student suspends their studies and takes a Leave of Absence for a complete academic year (i.e. October-October) no tuition fee is charged and, therefore, the student will not be eligible to receive a scholarship. When a student resumes their studies following a Leave of Absence for a complete academic year, they will be eligible to receive the scholarship that they had met the conditions for in line with their original year of entry.

4.15 Students who suspend their studies part way through an academic year will be eligible to receive a scholarship for the terms they have completed in full. The amount of scholarship will be approved on a pro rata basis and in line with Aston University’s Tuition Fees Charging Policy. Students who suspend their studies and return from a suspension of studies part way through an academic year will only be eligible to receive scholarship for the terms they will complete in full. The amount of scholarship will be approved on a pro rata basis and in line with Aston University’s Tuition Fees Charging Policy.

4.16 For the purposes of assessing and approving Aston Progression Scholarships, a student’s academic progress will be deemed to be satisfactory if a student:

(a) is in their first year, or

(b) is not in the first year and has been considered by an Exam Board to have passed and to be eligible to progress into the next stage of study.
5. Eligibility criteria for Aston University Scholarships

Aston University offers two scholarship packages. The first scholarship package is not assessed on household income and is approved on the basis of academic excellence or placement details. The second scholarship package is assessed and approved based on the household income as calculated by the Student Loans Company.

Scholarships that are not assessed on household income

5.1 Aston Excellence Scholarship

5.1.1 A student is eligible to receive an Aston Excellence Scholarship if:

(a) the student meets the general provisions outlined in paragraph 3.1 or 3.2 and

(b) the student has achieved grades AAB+ in their A levels (or equivalent qualifications as outlined in Appendix One). The grades refer to the student’s highest qualifications, not their entry qualifications.

5.1.2 A student who is awarded an Aston Excellence Scholarship and does not have an Equivalent Level Qualification will be eligible to receive:

(a) the choice of either:

i) a £1,000 discount from their accommodation costs for each year they are resident in Aston University accommodation,

or

ii) a £1,000 tuition fee discount for each year of study where a £9,000 tuition fee is charged to the student,

or

iii) if the student is not resident in Aston University accommodation they can choose a payment of £1,000, paid in two equal instalments of £500 into their bank account in the second and third term.

(b) and a full tuition fee discount where the student undertakes a placement year as part of their degree programme and where a placement tuition fee\(^5\) is charged to the student.

5.1.3 A student who is awarded an Aston Excellence Scholarship and has an Equivalent or Lower Qualification will be eligible to receive:

a) the choice of either:

i) a £1,000 discount from their accommodation costs for each year they are resident in Aston University accommodation,

or

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\(^{5}\) Placement tuition fee is currently £1,000.
ii) a £1,000 tuition fee discount for each year of study where a £10,500 tuition fee is charged to the student,

or

iii) if the student is not resident in Aston University accommodation they can choose a payment of £1,000, paid in two equal instalments of £500 into their bank account in the second and third term.

(b) A full tuition fee discount where the student undertakes a placement year as part of their degree programme and where a placement tuition fee\(^6\) is charged to the student.

5.1.4 A student who is awarded an Aston Excellence Scholarship can also be considered for scholarships assessed on household income for the same academic year.

5.1.5 A student can only be awarded one fee discount scholarship for the placement year so students cannot receive any other placement fee discounts in addition to this award.

5.2 Aston Placement Scholarship

5.2.1 A student is eligible to receive an Aston Placement Scholarship if:

(a) the student meets the general provisions outlined in paragraph 3.1, or

(b) the student is undertaking an unpaid placement for their sandwich placement year, or

(c) the student is undertaking a work or study placement overseas.

5.2.2 A student who is awarded an Aston Placement Scholarship will be eligible to receive:

(a) a full tuition fee discount where the student undertakes a placement year as part of their degree programme and where a placement tuition fee\(^7\) is charged to the student.

5.2.3 A student can only be awarded one fee discount scholarship for the placement year so students cannot receive any other placement fee discounts in addition to this award.

Scholarships that are assessed on household income

5.3 National Scholarship Programme

National Scholarship Programme Scholarships are targeted at:

- English domiciled students in receipt of funding through Student Finance England and who have been assessed by Student Finance England to have a household income up to and including £18,000, and
- are living in University accommodation on campus, or

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\(^6\) Placement tuition fee is currently £1,000.

\(^7\) Placement tuition fee is currently £1,000.
• who have identified that they are a Care Leaver at pre-enrolment.

5.3.1 A student is eligible to receive a National Scholarship Programme award if:

(a) the student meets the general provisions outlined in paragraph 3.1, and

(b) the student receives funding as a "home student" through Student Finance England, and

(c) the student is in receipt of an amount of Maintenance Grant or Special Support Grant from Student Finance England for the current academic year, and

(d) the student has currently been assessed by Student Finance England to have a household income of up to and including £18,000, and has either:

(e) lived in university accommodation on campus for the full duration of their first year, has paid their residence fees and is still resident in university accommodation for the full academic year, or

(f) has identified that they are a Care Leaver at pre-enrolment.

5.3.2 A student who is awarded a National Scholarship Programme award will be eligible to receive:

(a) a £1,000 tuition fee discount for the first year of the programme where a £9,000 tuition fee is charged to the student, and

(b) a £2,000 discount from the cost of their first year of Aston University accommodation, and

(c) a full tuition fee discount where the student undertakes a placement year as part of their degree programme and where a placement tuition fee is charged to the student.

5.3.3 Students who have identified they are a care-leaver at pre-enrolment and are not in Aston University accommodation are entitled to a £3,000 tuition fee discount for the first year of the programme where a £9,000 tuition fee is charged to the student.

5.3.4 A student who has previously received a National Scholarship Programme award in their first year of study can be considered for the Aston Progression Scholarship as relevant in later years of study on the programme (see 3.1).

5.3.5 A student can only be awarded one fee discount scholarship for the placement year so students cannot receive any other placement fee discounts in addition to this award.

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8 For the purposes of this policy a care-leaver has identified this at pre-enrolment and is defined as "If you were looked after for at least 13 weeks since the age of 14, and were in the care of the local authority and/or a health and social care trust on your 16th birthday" (Bnulstå Trust)

9 For the purposes of this policy a care-leaver has identified this at pre-enrolment and is defined as "If you were looked after for at least 13 weeks since the age of 14, and were in the care of the local authority and/or a health and social care trust on your 16th birthday" (Bnulstå Trust).

10 Placement tuition fee is currently £1,000.
5.4 Aston Advantage Scholarship

Aston Advantage Scholarships are targeted at Home and EU students who have been assessed by Student Finance England, Student Finance Wales, Student Finance Northern Ireland, Student Awards Agency for Scotland or Student Finance Services to have a household income up to and including £18,000 and are not in receipt of a National Scholarship Programme award.

5.4.1 A student is eligible to receive an Aston Advantage Scholarship if:

(a) the student meets the general provisions outlined in paragraph 3.1 and

(b) the student receives funding as a "home" student through Student Finance England, Student Finance Wales, Student Finance Northern Ireland, Student Awards Agency for Scotland or has been awarded a tuition fee loan as an EU student through Student Finance Services and

(c) the student has currently been assessed by Student Finance England, Student Finance Wales, Student Finance Northern Ireland, Student Awards Agency for Scotland or Student Finance Services to have a household income of up to and including £18,000 and

(d) the student has not received a National Scholarship Programme Award

5.4.2 A student who is awarded an Aston Advantage Scholarship will be eligible to receive:

(a) a choice of either:

i) a £1,000 discount from their accommodation costs in first year if they are resident in Aston University accommodation,

or

ii) a £1,000 tuition fee discount in their first year of study where a £9,000 tuition fee is charged to the student,

or

iii) if the student is not resident in Aston University accommodation they can choose a payment of £1,000 paid in two equal instalments of £500 into their bank account in the second and third term of their first year of study.

(b) a full tuition fee discount where the student undertakes a placement year as part of their degree programme and where a placement tuition fee\(^{11}\) is charged to the student.

5.4.4 A student who has previously received an Aston Advantage Scholarship in their first year of study can be considered for the Aston Progression Scholarship as relevant in later years of study on the programme (see 3.1).

\(^{11}\) Placement tuition fee is currently £1,000.
5.4.5 A student can only be awarded one fee discount scholarship for the placement year so students cannot receive any other placement fee discounts in addition to this award.

5.5 Aston Progression Scholarship

Aston Progression Scholarships are targeted at Home and EU students who have been assessed by Student Finance England, Student Finance Wales, Student Finance Northern Ireland, Student Awards Agency for Scotland or Student Finance Services to have a household income up to and including £42,000 and are not in receipt of a National Scholarship Programme award or Aston Advantage Scholarship that academic year.

5.5.1 A student is eligible to receive an Aston Progression Scholarship if:

(a) the student meets the general provisions outlined in paragraph 3.1, and

(b) the student receives funding as a “home” student through Student Finance England, Student Finance Wales, Student Finance Northern Ireland, Student Awards Agency for Scotland or has been awarded a tuition fee loan as an EU student through Student Finance Services, and

(c) the student has currently been assessed by Student Finance England, Student Finance Wales, Student Finance Northern Ireland, Student Awards Agency for Scotland or Student Finance Services to have a household income of up to and including £42,000, and

(d) the student’s academic performance has been satisfactory, and

(e) the student has not received a National Scholarship Programme Award or an Aston Advantage Scholarship in respect of the same academic year.

5.5.2 A student who is awarded an Aston Progression Scholarship will be eligible to receive:

(a) a choice of either:

   i) a £500 discount from their accommodation costs for each year they are resident in Aston University accommodation,

   or

   ii) a £500 tuition fee discount for each year of study where a £9,000 tuition fee is charged to the student,

   or

   iii) if the student is not resident in Aston University accommodation they can choose a payment of £500, paid in two equal instalments of £250 into their bank account in the second and third term.

5.5.3 For the purposes of assessing and approving Aston Progression Scholarships, a student’s academic progress will be deemed to be satisfactory if a student:

(a) is in their first year, or

(b) is not in the first year and has been considered by an Exam Board to have passed and to be eligible to progress into the next stage of study.
Appendix

AAB+ equivalences for the purposes of assessing eligibility for an Aston Excellence Scholarship.

UK and EU undergraduate students starting degree programmes in 2013/14 holding one of the following qualifications and grades will be eligible to be considered for an Aston Excellence Scholarship. Aston University is not able to consider other alternative qualifications or perceived grades.

Best three A-levels (including VCE advanced) or best three Scottish Advanced Highers, grades are either:

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AAB+ equivalences (for Aston Excellence Scholarship 2013 entry)

Best three A-levels (including VCE advanced) or best three Scottish Advanced Highers, grades are either:
- A*, A*, A*
- A*, A*, A
- A*, A, A
- A*, A*, B
- A, A, A
- A*, A, B
- A*, A*, C
- A, A, B
- A*, A*, D
- A*, A, C
- A*, B, B
- A*, A* and an A at AS-level in a different subject
A Double Award A-level counts as two single awards at the grade awarded.

**A BTEC National with a grade of:**
- Distinction*, Distinction*, Distinction*
- Distinction*, Distinction*, Distinction
- Distinction*, Distinction, Distinction
- Distinction, Distinction, Distinction

**A BTEC National Diploma in Early Years Education**
- Distinction, Distinction, Distinction

**Best four grades from two BTEC 90 Credit Diplomas or two BTEC Subsidiary Certificates**
- Distinction*, Distinction*, Distinction*, Distinction*
- Distinction*, Distinction*, Distinction*, Distinction
- Distinction*, Distinction*, Distinction, Distinction
- Distinction*, Distinction, Distinction, Distinction
- Distinction, Distinction, Distinction, Distinction
Grade A from a CACHE Level 3 diploma in Child Care and Education.

Grade A* from a CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce.

Grade D1 from an OCR National Extended Diploma.

OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical qualification with a grade of
- Distinction*, Distinction, Distinction*
- Distinction*, Distinction, Distinction
- Distinction, Distinction, Distinction

A Distinction* or Distinction from a NPTC Level 3 Land Based Extended Diploma.

Grade A* from a Progression Diploma.

Best five Scottish Highers, grades are either:
- A, A, A, A, A
- A, A, A, A, B
- A, A, A, B, B
- A, A, A, B, C
- A, B, B, B, B
- A, A, B, B, C
- A, A, B, B, C
- A, A, A, A, D
- A, A, A, B, C
- A, A, A, C, C
- A, A, A, B, D

Best three Scottish Advanced Highers, grades are either:
- A, A, A
- A, A, B

International Baccalaureate with 35 points or more.

Best four Irish Leaving Certificates, grades are either:
- A1, A1, A1, A1
- A1, A1, A1, B1
- A1, A1, A1, A2

Cambridge Pre-U (From the Principal Subject or Global Perspectives and Research (GPR) elements only
- D1/D2 D1/D2 D1/D2
- D1/D2 D1/D2 D3
- D1/D2 D1/D2 M1
- D1/D2 D1/D2 M2
- D1/D2 D1/D2 M3
- D1/D2 D1/D2 P1
- D1/D2 D3 D3
- D1/D2 D3 M1
- D1/D2 D3 M2
A postgraduate research degree.
A postgraduate taught degree.
A first degree.