

# Access Opportunity Scholarship Information and Guidance Notes

The purpose of the Access Opportunity scholarship is to support those, who do not have financial support to further their Higher Education.

## Award Eligibility requirements

- You must meet or exceed academic entry criteria
- You must be undertaking your first undergraduate degree programme (students who currently hold a degree or who are transferring from another Higher Education degree will not be eligible)
- You must show evidence that you are facing considerable financial hardship and that without help you will not be able to proceed with the course
- Your household income must be less than £25,000
- You must ordinarily be resident in England

**Please note that meeting these listed criteria alone will not guarantee this award as these are limited in number.**

NCIUL will also consider candidates in the following groups:

- students with experience of care
- mature students
- students from areas of low higher education participation neighbourhoods
- students with the lowest household income (students with a household income closer to £0 will be allocated in preference to £24,999 for example)
- children of military families
- people estranged from their families

## Notes

'Low participation neighbourhoods' are areas identified by HEFCE using data of the participation rate of young people in higher education by ward or region. There is a [map of the low participation neighbourhoods](#) which can be found on the HEFCE website.

## Value: benefit and duration

The scholarship will consist of a full tuition fee waiver for the normal duration of your programme at NCIUL.

Annual renewal of the scholarship is subject to satisfactory academic progress.



## How and when to apply

Please submit the Access Opportunity scholarship application form with required attachments to [admissions@nciul.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@nciul.ac.uk).

### **Applications deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> August at 5pm (UK Time)**

Answer all questions on the application form fully and electronically. If any areas of the form are not applicable please detail this with N/A. If you would like to give further details then please expand relevant boxes.

## Supporting documents

Please note, only supply copies as no documents will be returned to you.

## Submitting Your Application

When you have completed your application you should submit the form together with the required evidence by email to [admissions@nciul.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@nciul.ac.uk). Incomplete application forms with no explanation will be declined.

## Can I speak to someone about my application?

If you have questions about the form, your eligibility or your submitted application, please email [admissions@nciul.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@nciul.ac.uk).

## Disclaimer

### General

- The scholarships offered by NCIUL are for studying with us only. We do not provide scholarships to enable students to study at other institutions.
- NCIUL reserves the right to withdraw or amend any listed scholarship without prior notification.
- Scholarships are offered subject to funding and availability.

### Scholarship awards

- Scholarships are assessed by a group made up of members from the Admissions Office, Student Finance Office and the Equality and Diversity Committee and their decision is final. No correspondence will be entered into regarding the reasons for their decision. No appeal is allowed, as once scholarships are awarded, all available funds have been committed.

- Lobbying of any members of this group will disqualify applicants from receiving any scholarship.
- Scholarships are awarded for a specific course and entry point and cannot be deferred.
- All scholarship offers are subject to verification of evidence provided.
- Acceptance of a scholarship implies consent under the Data Protection Act for NCIUL to keep in contact with the student and for the scholar's name to be published in relevant publicity materials.

### Scholarship conditions

- Scholarship recipients must meet the conditions set by NCIUL in order to continue to receive the scholarship throughout the duration of the course.
- NCIUL reserve the right to withdraw, terminate or suspend any scholarship on disciplinary grounds or in case of academic failure. This includes failing to meet satisfactory academic progress which at minimum means successfully passing all modules (unless specified otherwise within the Terms of Agreement).
- Where needed, scholarship recipients may also be required to assist NCIUL with its marketing and publicity activities.