

# Cardiff University Opportunity Award Terms and Conditions 2021/22

- Award holders must meet their academic offer criteria in full.
- Medicine, Dentistry and other NHS-funded courses are not covered by this scheme.
- Award holders must meet the normal Cardiff University standards of engagement and progress to the next academic year. Under usual circumstances the awards will not be paid for repeat years of study or during an interruption of study or for external studies. Award holders must be fully registered on a full-time course and meet the terms and conditions on each payment date to receive payment.
- Award holders will be expected to meet at least once a semester with the appointed adviser for asylum seekers.
- Award holders will be required to update and confirm their status at the start of each academic year.
- Award holders need to agree to have their immigration status checked regularly with the Home Office.
- Award holders may be requested to take part in publicity material related to this scheme and the University.
- Award holders will be classified as an 'International' student but allowed to pay the 'Home' rate of tuition fee, as a 'Tuition Fee Waiver'.

## Effect of Home Office decisions during your course

If your asylum case is decided during your course of study at the University and you are granted:

- refugee status, or
- humanitarian protection, or
- discretionary leave, or
- your parents, spouse or civil partner are recognised as a refugee by the UK Government, or their asylum application is refused but they are granted Humanitarian Protection or Discretionary Leave and you meet the 'family condition' on the date of the family member's asylum application.

(Please refer to the [UKCISA website](#) for full details of the conditions to be satisfied).

Your fee status will change to 'Home' with effect from the following academic year and the Tuition Fee Waiver and Opportunity Award will, therefore, cease to apply.

If your asylum case is decided during your course of study at the University and it is refused:

- Your fee status will remain as 'International' and the 'Tuition Fee Waiver' will cease to apply with effect from the following academic year.
- Payment of the full 'International' fee will be required.
- The time limit on any visa or leave to remain will be monitored and applied in line with Home Office regulations.
- Opportunity Award payments will cease at the next payment point. You will not be asked to repay any payments made before you were notified of the decision relating to your asylum claim.

**The 'Tuition Fee Waiver' and the Opportunity Award scheme are both administered at the sole discretion of Cardiff University and the terms and conditions can be altered at any time.**

Queries concerning the Opportunity Award and completed applications should be sent to:

**Elin Osmond** [OsmondEA@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:OsmondEA@cardiff.ac.uk)

Appeals relating to the Opportunity Award should be addressed to Mr Ben Lewis, Director of Student Support and Wellbeing ([LewisBM1@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:LewisBM1@cardiff.ac.uk))

## Completed applications must include:

- ✔ An academic reference letter
- ✔ A personal reference letter supporting your asylum claim details
- ✔ Your acknowledgement or progress letter/ NASS card from the Home Office/ Biometric Residence Permit
- ✔ A completed copy of our [fee assessment questionnaire](#)
- ✔ Completed Home Office permission section of the application form

## Eligibility for Student Finance

Asylum seekers are not eligible for support through Student Finance. However, students with the following status may be eligible:

- discretionary or indefinite leave to remain (if applying in Wales)
- humanitarian protection (if applying in Wales)
- refugee status.

If your status changes to refugee during the course, then you can get funding support from [Student Finance](#) from the next quarter of the year.

Those students with refugee status are eligible for financial support, regardless of length of residence in the UK.

Those with humanitarian protection, discretionary and indefinite leave to remain **have to be ordinarily resident for 3 years before the start of the course.**

Please see the [UKCISA](#) website for more information on eligibility for funding from Student Finance.

### **Please note:**

- **Other institutions and funding bodies will make their own assessment of your status and entitlements.**
- **We suggest you discuss with your case worker whether the Opportunity Award will affect your entitlement to cash support for asylum seekers from the Home Office.**