Terms and Conditions Cardiff University Opportunity Awards 2019/20

You must meet your academic offer criteria in full.

Medicine, Dentistry and other NHS-funded courses are not covered by this scheme.

Award holders must meet the normal 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.

Award holders must be fully registered on a full time course and meet the term 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 will 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.

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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 is granted
- 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 scholarship will therefore cease to apply.

If your asylum case is decided during your course of study at the University and refugee status, humanitarian protection or discretionary leave is not granted:

Your fee status will remain as ‘International’ and the fee waiver will cease to apply with effect from the following academic year and payment of the full ‘International’ fee rates will be required. The time limit on any visa or leave to remain will be monitored and applied in line with Home Office regulations. Scholarship payments will cease at the next payment point. You will not be asked to repay any scholarship payments made before have been notified of the decision relating to your asylum claim.

The Fee waiver and the Opportunity Award scheme is administered at the sole discretion of Cardiff University and Terms and conditions can be altered at any time.
Appeals relating to this scheme should be addressed to Mr Ben Lewis Director of Student Support and Wellbeing, Student Support Centre, 50 Park Place.

Queries concerning the scheme should be addressed to;

**Elin Osmond**

E-mail OsmondEA@cardiff.ac.uk

Completed applications should be returned to:

International Student Support  
3rd Floor Students’ Union  
Cardiff University  
Cardiff  
CF10 3QN

Completed applications must include:

- an academic reference,
- a non-academic reference supporting your asylum claim details,
- a copy of your acknowledgement letter or progress letter or NASS card from the Home office,
- a completed copy of our fee assessment questionnaire.
- The Home Office permission section of the application form needs to be completed

Background Information

If you have been granted Refugee status or Humanitarian Protection (HP)/Indefinite leave to Remain (ILR) or Discretionary leave to remain you may be entitled to student support and should apply to Student Finance. You may qualify for home fee status. If you have HP or ILR however you will require 3 yrs residence in the UK before the start of the academic year your course commences. If you are granted this status during your course you will become eligible for home fee and support in the following academic year.

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 this award will affect your entitlement to cash support for asylum seekers from the Home Office.