

### **Student Loan for Tuition Fees 2012/2013**

The Government will pay tuition fees for EU students and will make you a loan for the amount. The money is paid direct to the University of Worcester on your behalf. You do not make any repayments while you are in full-time study. You only start to repay your loan when you have left your course and are earning over £21,000, if you are working in the UK. You only have to pay back 9% of your earnings above £21,000 a year, so someone earning £25,000 would only repay £30 a month. If you stop working, you stop making repayments.

Threshold levels in different European Union countries:

Repayment threshold (for students taking out the tuition fee loan in 2012/13)

£12,600 – Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland

£16,800 - Slovenia, Latvia, Estonia, Malta, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Lithuania

£21,000 - UK, Netherlands, Spain, Cyprus, Greece, Portugal, Iceland

£25,200 - Sweden, Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Austria, Germany, Italy

£29,400 – Denmark, Norway, Finland, Ireland

The interest charged by the government on the student loan is lower than commercial rates and is only intended to keep pace with inflation - changes in the cost of living.

### **Part-time Employment**

Many students supplement their income with part-time employment. Most international students are permitted to work up to 20 hours per week during their studies. EU and EEA students are usually able to work freely in the UK without a permit.



## **Scholarships**

### **International Scholarship Criteria**

All awards will be at the discretion of the scholarship committee and will be a maximum of £2,000. Applications will be assessed on academic merit.

New students:

- Applicants must be holding a current conditional offer from the University of Worcester
- Applicants must be privately funded and not in receipt of other sponsorship
- Applicants must not be in receipt of a bursary already provided by the University of Worcester
- Applicants fee status must be assessed as 'overseas' by the admissions office
- The application letter must be typed and no more than 250 words. It should describe any outstanding achievements and supporting evidence must be attached
- Successful applicants will normally be expected to participate in University publicity events, publications, photographs, web and similar related material

### **How to apply**

You can only apply for an international scholarship once you have received an offer of a place to study at the University of Worcester. Email us for a Scholarship application form at [j.shore@worc.ac.uk](mailto:j.shore@worc.ac.uk). The deadline for applying for a scholarship is 30th November for a January admission and 31st May for a September admission.

### **European Postgraduate Scholarship Criteria**

All awards will be at the discretion of the scholarship committee and will be a maximum of £1,000 for EU Postgraduate Students. Applications will be assessed on academic merit.

New students:

- Applicants must be holding a current conditional offer from the University of Worcester
- Applicants must be privately funded and not in receipt of other sponsorship
- Applicants must be a potential Postgraduate student from the European Union
- The application letter must be typed and no more than 250 words. It should describe any outstanding achievements and supporting evidence must be attached
- Successful applicants will normally be expected to participate in University publicity events, publications, photographs, web and similar related material

### **How to apply**

You can only apply for a European Postgraduate Scholarship once you have received an offer of a place to study at the University of Worcester. Email us for a Scholarship application form at [j.shore@worc.ac.uk](mailto:j.shore@worc.ac.uk). The deadline for applying for a scholarship is 30th November for a January admission and 31st May for a September admission.

## Continuing Students

Total awards for continuing students will be a **maximum of £1,000**.

All as above (1-7 for new students) but applicants should also attach transcript of the previous year's results and they should state in their letter how they have contributed to life at the University of Worcester during the previous year.

## Commonwealth Scholarships

The Shared Scholarship Scheme is a joint initiative between the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and UK universities, to jointly support scholarships for students from developing Commonwealth countries who would not otherwise be able to study in the United Kingdom. Subject to final confirmation from the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, the University of Worcester is expected to have two awards for the academic year 2012/13 in the following taught postgraduate courses only:

- [Advancing Practice MSc](#)
- [Airborne Infectious Agents and Allergens MSc](#)
- [Nutritional Therapy MSc](#)
- [Applied Psychology MSc](#)
- [Social Work and Community Studies MA](#)
- [Education MA](#)
- [Educational Management and Leadership MSc](#)
- [Sports Coaching MSc](#)
- [Sports Management MSc](#)

Under the scheme, the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) pays the students' tuition fees, thesis expenses, study travel grant, the cost of airfare to and from the United Kingdom and excess baggage allowance for accompanied books up to 10kg on return home.

## How to Apply

Candidates must

- be nationals of a Commonwealth developing country, and not currently be living or studying in a developed country
- hold the equivalent of a UK Honours degree at either first or upper second class level;
- be sufficiently fluent in English to pursue the course
- have not previously studied for one year or more in a developed country
- be able to confirm in writing that neither they or their families would otherwise be able to pay for the proposed course of study
- be willing to confirm that they will return to their home country as soon as their period of study is complete
- Complete an application form using the EAS online application system <http://csc.do-it-online.org.uk/csc/electronicapplicationsystem.htm> before the deadline of **31 March 2012**. You will also need to instruct your referees to send references directly to the International Centre, as this cannot be done through the EAS.



Candidates are advised that false declarations will cause at least the DFID's share of the award to be terminated, even if the course of study has started. In such circumstances, the candidate will be required to refund any payments made by DFID in connection with the award.

### **Finding out if your application has been successful**

A decision on your application will be made by a panel of University staff. The University of Worcester forwards its nominations to ACU and a final decision will be made as soon as possible – a member of staff from the University will contact you by email to confirm the outcome of your application. If you are successful, you will also receive a letter confirming the details of your scholarship.

**Download an Application Form** –<http://csc.do-it-online.org.uk/csc/electronicapplicationsystem.htm>

Further information can be found on the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission Website ([www.cscuk.org.uk/apply/shareschol.asp](http://www.cscuk.org.uk/apply/shareschol.asp)) and the [Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowship plan website](#).