

The Michael Perham Sanctuary Scholarship

1. Introduction

Named after the former Bishop of Gloucester and University Pro Chancellor, the late Rt Revd Michael Perham, this scholarship has been established in recognition of the additional challenges and barriers in accessing education faced by refugees, asylum seekers and forced migrants. The University of Gloucestershire will offer a Sanctuary Scholarship for one new undergraduate student per academic year. The scholarship will cover full tuition fees for up to three years and a maintenance bursary of up to £3000 p.a. will be offered in the absence of funding from student finance.

2. Eligibility

Eligible students will:

- be resident in the UK
- have been granted Refugee or Humanitarian Protection status, Discretionary Leave to Remain or Limited Leave to Remain or be seeking asylum within the UK, or be a dependent or partner of someone of a Refugee or Humanitarian Protection status or Discretionary Leave to Remain or Limited Leave to Remain or be seeking asylum within the UK
- must have submitted a request for asylum to the UK Home Office before applying to the University of Gloucestershire
- have applied to begin studies on an undergraduate degree course at the University of Gloucestershire
- have completed the Sanctuary Scholarship application by May 30th 2019 and be able to provide evidence confirming immigration status
- be able to provide a reference in support of their application from a school, college, former employer, community or voluntary group

3. Selection Process

Applications for the Sanctuary Scholarship will be assessed by a Selection Panel (composed of representatives from an Academic School, the Student Services Department, and the Student Admissions Team) against set criteria based on:

- predicted/confirmed academic results, or an assessment of competency for the selected course
- personal statement covering why you would like to apply for this programme and what your future career aspirations are.
- references
- In addition, priority will be given to applicants who:
- are resident within the county of Gloucestershire at the time of application
- are unable to access mainstream funding through student finance

4. Conditions of Scholarship

- meet the university's standards of engagement and are required to progress to the next level of study each year.
- attend at least one meeting a semester with their appointed named contact within the University's Student Services team.
- inform the University immediately of any changes to their immigration status

5. Further information

- The Scholarship cannot be deferred prior to entry.
- If the award holder is unable to take up the offer of a place, a fresh application for the Scholarship will need to be submitted with any future UCAS application.
- If there are no applications for the Scholarship by the closing date, late applications may be considered
- If an application is unsuccessful, candidates are welcome to reapply in subsequent years.

6. Making an application

If you believe that you are eligible to apply for the Sanctuary Scholarship, please click [here](#) for an application form.

All completed applications must be returned by May 30th 2019. The successful candidate will be notified by June 31st 2019.