

# Guidance Notes: “Scholarship for Women in the Arts and Creative Industries” 2024/25

## Introduction

The University of Sunderland has introduced a scholarship for two successful students for the academic year 2024/25. The scholarships aim to support women in pursuing careers in Media, Film and The Arts with the aim to increase access to further education for women and eliminate female underrepresentation and gender inequality in the field.

This scholarship offers two successful students:

1. a fee waiver on their tuition fees for their programme of study; and
2. an accommodation fee waiver in a standard university accommodation single occupancy room for the duration of their postgraduate course (40 weeks)

The successful students will be required to become course representatives or student ambassadors, and fully engage with this role.

One scholarship will be available in semester 1 for the MA Design course and one scholarship will be available in semester 2 for the MA Media Production (Film and Television) course.

## Who is eligible to apply?

### 1. You must be a female, international student, domiciled in a selected country

The Government classifies all students as 'Home' or 'International'. This status determines which tuition fees you pay, and which scholarships you are eligible for.

This scholarship is open to female applicants who have international fee status (OS) and are domiciled in the Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, or Bhutan.

### 2. To be eligible to apply for this scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

- Be in the final year of a relevant undergraduate course and on track to achieve a 2:1 (or equivalent);
- have no other postgraduate qualifications;
- have no (significant) gaps in education;
- have passed financial checks – bank statements and relevant financial documents must be verified at time of applying;
- have met English Language criteria (for the relevant course) at time of applying;
- think agree to become a Student Ambassador/Course rep if successful in obtaining the scholarship;
- Have CF status at time of applying (holders of conditional firm offer);
- Not be a current University of Sunderland student

*\*Applicants need to meet the financial, institutional and immigration visa criteria to apply. Standard application checks apply.*

### 3. You must hold a conditional offer for a relevant course.

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship you must have applied for, and hold a conditional offer of a place on one of the following courses:

MA Design (for the semester 1 scholarship)

MA Media Production (Film and Television) (for the semester 2 scholarship)

## How to apply

### Stage 1 – Application form

If you are interested in applying for the scholarship, you must complete and submit the application form here: [application form](#).

The deadline for expression of interest is:

For SEMESTER 1 courses: by **Friday, 29th March 2024** – applications submitted after this date will not be considered.

For SEMESTER 2 courses: by **Friday, 26th July 2024** – applications submitted after this date will not be considered.

Applicants that have been shortlisted at this stage will be invited for the second stage of the application.

### Stage 2 – video submission

If you have been successful in stage 1 of the application, you will be invited to submit a 60 second video to tell us “**What would you do as a woman in the Arts?**” Send us your videos as attachment in an email to [internationaloffice@sunderland.ac.uk](mailto:internationaloffice@sunderland.ac.uk).

Be as creative as you wish!

The deadline for submission of your video is:

For SEMESTER 1 courses: by **Friday, 26th April 2024** – videos that are submitted after this date, or that exceed the 60 second limit will not be considered.

For SEMESTER 2 courses: by **Friday, 23rd August 2024** – videos that are submitted after this date, or that exceed the 60 second limit will not be considered.

Applicants that have been shortlisted at this stage will be invited for the third stage of the application.

### Stage 3 – interview

If you have been successful in stage 2 of the application, you will be invited to a 30-minute interview.

Interviews will take place:

For SEMESTER 1 courses: week commencing **13th and 27th May 2024**

For SEMESTER 2 courses: week commencing **9th and 16th September 2024**

## Awarding the Scholarship

The Women in the Arts Scholarships will be awarded following the above application process.

Successful applicants will be notified by the end of **May /September** 2024.

Applicants who have been awarded the scholarship must become course reps or Student Ambassadors and be fully engaged with this activity.

[Course Reps @ University of Sunderland Students' Union \(sunderlandsu.co.uk\)](#)  
[Student Ambassadors | The University of Sunderland](#)

## Terms and Conditions

- Successful scholarship holders will receive the incentive as a fee waiver and accommodation fee waiver in a standard university accommodation single room for the duration of their postgraduate course (maximum of 40 weeks).
- University Accommodation rules forbid subletting of rooms. Any student found to be in breach of this rule will forfeit their scholarship and the occupant will be evicted.
- Students are liable for accommodation AND ALL additional costs related to resitting and/or extending assessments/examinations.
- The University makes the final decision on the recipient of the Incentive.
- In the event that a student does not register on their programme **by the required date** or defers their admission to a later intake, they will no longer be eligible for the scholarship.
- In the event that a student withdraws from the course after enrolling, they will need to vacate the room and will become liable for the remainder of the tuition fees. (standard financial requirements apply\*)
- The scholarship is non-transferrable.
- The scholarship is not available to current students at the University of Sunderland.
- The University's decision on the outcome of the scholarships is final.
- Recipients of the scholarship for Women are not eligible to apply/receive any other selective incentives.
- Applicants need to meet the financial, institutional and immigration visa criteria to apply. Standard application checks apply.
- Your application will not be considered if your financial documents fail verification or are not submitted at time of applying.
- For the avoidance of doubt all students are subject to the University standard terms and conditions which will be highlighted to you on a number of occasions throughout the application and enrolment process. They can also be found here: <http://www.sunderland.ac.uk/info/terms/> and [within the student handbook](#)
- Applicants must meet the UKVI maintenance requirements. For further details on these requirements please refer to: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/maintenance-and-accommodation-entry-clearance-guidance>

## Disclaimer

Every effort is made to ensure that all details included in these Guidance Notes are correct at the time of writing. They are intended to act as an information source only for potential scholarship applicants and in no way should they be considered to be legally binding or guarantee an award of a scholarship.

The University will not be deemed to be in breach of any legal or contractual obligations due to changes to eligibility criteria beyond the reasonable control of the University. It should therefore be noted that these Guidance Notes are regularly reviewed and are naturally subject to change from time to time sometimes without notice. The University's decision is final.

**Please note: applications that are submitted after the specified deadlines, are not fully completed or answers, which exceed the required number of characters will not be considered.**