

University of Surrey 2019-20 Asylum Seeker Bursary Application Form: Notes

The University of Surrey is pleased to be offering financial support to those seeking sanctuary in the UK. This award has been developed to provide asylum seeking students with greater access routes to the University.

For 2019-20 tuition fee and maintenance support is available for one undergraduate student and one postgraduate student who are asylum seekers or who hold Discretionary Leave to Remain.

Successful applicants will be awarded:

- **A partial Tuition Fee Waiver that will cover the difference between the UK/EU tuition fee¹ and the Overseas fee charged (up to £17,500). Under this waiver, students will still be classed as international students but will be able to pay the home rate of fee.**
- **A Maintenance Bursary of up to £1,500 towards set up costs, books, and travel**

The Tuition Fee Waiver is available for each year of study. This is unless, as a result of an asylum application, you (or the person of who you are a dependent of) are granted indefinite leave to remain in the UK. If this happens, you must inform the University and the award will cease from the start of the next academic year, when you would be expected to apply for student finance instead.

Eligibility

To be considered for the Asylum Seeker Bursary you must:

- Be an asylum seeker or the dependent of an asylum seeker OR
- Been granted Discretionary Leave to Remain (DLR) or be the dependent of someone who has been granted DLR
- Be unable to access funding through Student Finance England
- Have firmly accepted a place on an undergraduate or postgraduate course at the University of Surrey
- Not already hold an equivalent or higher level qualification

How to apply

The 2019-20 Asylum Seeker Bursary Application Pack must be completed and submitted by the deadline date, which is **30th June 2019**.

The Application Pack should include:

¹ £9,250 for UK/EU undergraduate students enrolling at the University in 2019-20. For a full list of taught postgraduate fees, please visit: <https://www.surrey.ac.uk/fees-and-funding>.

- An application form to be completed by the applicant
- A supporting statement from a referee.
 - The referee must provide their contact details and confirm that the school, college, community or voluntary group that they represent wishes to support your application. The supporting statement should be no longer than 500 words
- All the documentation that you have received from the Home Office in relation to your asylum claim

Please send completed application packs to the University of Surrey Fees and Funding Department:

Kate Hedley-Boxall
Head of Fees and Funding
5th Floor, Senate House
University of Surrey
GU2 7XH

For enquiries regarding your application please contact: feesandfunding@surrey.ac.uk

Applications to the Asylum Seeker Bursary is competitive and not all applications will be successful.

Final decisions on bursary applications will be made by a panel so please be aware that you may be invited to attend an interview to discuss your bursary application.

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Section A: Personal details			
Full Name			
Gender		Date of Birth	
Home Address Line 1			
Home Address Line 2			
Town/City			
County			
Home Post Code			
Mobile Number		Home Tel No.	
Email address			

What is the date of your first entry into the UK?	
What is your current visa status?	

<i>Please provide details of the course that you are holding an offer for:</i>	
Student ID Number	
Course Title	
Qualification	
Duration of Course	
Expected End Date	

Section B: Your Funding

<i>Please tell us about any charities, trusts, and foundations that you have applied for funds from. If you do not yet know the outcome of your application please advise us on the date that this will be known</i>		
Name of organisation	Date Applied (DD/MM/YY)	Result, if known
<i>Please continue on an additional sheet if necessary</i>		

Section C: Your Supporting Statement

Please use the space below to write your personal statement. You may wish to include information on the following:

- *Your academic interests and aspirations for your degree*
- *Your professional aspirations and career plans*
- *How you are intending to cover the costs of studying for your degree outside of this bursary application*
- *Information on your personal circumstances if you feel this to be relevant or useful to your application.*

Please continue on an additional sheet if necessary

Section D: Your Referee Statement

Please provide a supporting statement from a referee to complete your application. The referee must provide their contact details and confirm that the school/college/community group that they represent wishes to support your application. The referee statement should be no longer than 750 words and should address the following questions:

- *What are the applicant's personal and financial circumstances and what barriers have they overcome to continue their education?*
- *How well suited is the applicant to the higher education course that they plan to take and how realistic are the student's ambitions?*
- *What contribution, to your knowledge, has the student made to college life and/or their community?*
- *Is there any other information that you believe is relevant to the student's application?*

Section E: Your Declaration

The information that I have given on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I have enclosed the following documentation:

- ☐ A supporting statement from my referee
- ☐ All documentation I have received in relation to my Asylum Claim
- ☐ I give permission to the University of Surrey to contact the Home Office to gain confirmation of my status

Signed	
Name (Block Capitals)	
Date	

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