

University of East London Undergraduate/ Postgraduate Placement Scholarship for USA and Canadian students – 2016/17 Entry

Section 1

What is the Placement Scholarship?

By introducing this as our initiative to encourage students to pursue internships or paid placements within industry, this scholarship will allow UEL to create a community of highly employable students, right from the point of entry into UEL. Additionally, it will help our students diversify their portfolio/CV and become more attractive to employers. Essentially, these scholarships will show that we are investing in these students to become successful post-graduation. It will also incentivise students to actively pursue a career and build a foundation for themselves.

Eligibility to these scholarships differs:

Scholarships worth £1,000 will be available to undergraduate applicants who successfully complete a relevant summer placement or internship within industry.

Please note that these scholarships are open to applicants who meet the criteria in section 2. All recipients will receive an updated Letter of Acceptance with the awarded scholarship.

Section 2

General criteria

UEL's vision in founding the Scholarship is to develop outstanding leaders with a keen motivations towards of academic and professional success.

We use three key criteria in selecting scholars:

1. Placement or internship with a minimum of a 1 month duration
2. References from the placement reflecting good performance
3. A personal statement highlighting how your experience relates to your career motivations

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Criteria for the Placement Scholarship

	Amount	Quantity Available
Undergraduate	£1,000	10

- Starting an undergraduate degree for the first time at UEL or continuing a degree at UEL with progression
- Fee assessed as an International student for 2017/18 academic session
- Assessed as a new/continuing student paying full time fees
- Studying at a UEL Campus in London
- Must meet all academic conditions and pass their current year of study

Excludes those studying with a Collaborative Partner, via Distance Learning, on an NHS funded course, PGCE, or Professional Diploma in Architecture Part 2.

1. Tier 4 (General) Student Visa

Where necessary under UKVI regulations, scholars will be required to apply for prior entry clearance (Tier 4 General Student). Student immigration requirements for entry into the UK are operated on a points based system. Scholars must ensure that they meet all the requirements for entry within their application, in line with the UKVI's Tier 4 Policy Guidance. Scholars will need to be aware of what their scholarship award covers as they will be responsible for meeting any additional costs towards their tuition fees and/or living expenses and providing the relevant evidence with their visa application.

2. Scholars should only proceed with their acceptance of the award if they are confident that they meet these requirements. Where a Tier 4 student visa is not granted, or is subsequently withdrawn, the scholarship award will not be made, or if made will be withdrawn.
3. If the scholar wishes his/her dependants to accompany him/her during their studies at UEL please note they will be responsible for meeting the requirements for a dependant's visa.

Up to date details of the Tier 4 Student Immigration Rules and application procedures can be found on the UKVI website <https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/student-visas/> Further information and guidance on student visas can be obtained from our website www.uel.ac.uk/isa/

Travel

4. The candidate is responsible for all travel costs and arrangements for themselves and any dependants.
The University reserves the right to withdraw a scholarship award if the conditions outlined above are not met.

Application process

5. Students who meet the criteria above, and satisfactorily complete a summer placement will be automatically be invited to apply for our scholarship scheme. Decisions will be based on the quality of the student's application, the quality of their work/performance and level of engagement. Applications will be assessed by the International Recruitment team. All decisions are final.
6. UEL will endeavour to notify successful students of the provisional outcome in their offer letters. Students will also receive a personalised letter of Congratulations from the Head of International. Students will receive confirmation of their scholarship once student has passed their current year at UEL.
7. There are a limited number of scholarships available. Students will be awarded based on the strength of their applications. UEL is under no obligation to award all scholarships, should the quality of the applications be insufficient.
8. Applications received after the deadlines set out in the student's offer letter will not be considered.

Successful students will only be allowed to hold one scholarship that year.

General Terms and Conditions

1. You must have been domiciled in **USA or Canada*** prior to coming to UEL **AND**
2. You must be classed as an overseas student for fee purposes **AND**
3. You must already hold an offer to start on an on campus taught, full-time programme at the University of East London in September 2017.
4. You must commit to 40 hours of volunteer hours per year within the International Office
5. The award shall be made as a tuition fee scholarship by means of a fee discount. No cheque or payment shall be made directly to the student.
6. The scholarship applies to Overseas fee payers. If the fee status changes during their course from Overseas to Home/EU Fees the scholarship shall be discontinued.
7. Scholarship holders successfully complete their academic course of study.
8. Scholarship holders remain liable for paying the remaining tuition fees to UEL.
9. Scholarship holders endeavour to write at least one student testimonial or blog post whilst studying at UEL, and they agree that their testimonial or blog and photograph can be used in publicity material.
10. The scholarship awarded will be exclusive and students cannot be awarded it in conjunction with another UEL award. Where applicants are offered a scholarship, and already hold another UEL award, the scholarship worth the greater financial sum will be awarded only.
11. The Scholarship may not be held in conjunction with any other scholarships but does not limit eligibility to discounts, e.g. 5% early payment discount.
12. Students sponsored for full tuition fees by an outside body or government organisation will not be eligible for this scholarship. However students applying for, or expecting to receive, government loans are eligible to apply.
13. The scholarship offer holder must meet all remaining conditions for entry to the University.
14. Scholars may be required on occasion to represent the student body and assist the University to publicise its activities and work with the University in promoting its successes and seeking other financial support.
15. Scholarship recipients will be invited to attend University events promoting the value of scholarships and are expected to attend. The University may decide to publicise the names of those who receive scholarships or advise a specific donor of the successful recipients of a particular award
16. The University reserves the right to withhold payment of the scholarship if scholarship holders withdraw, interrupt, not attend or otherwise do not progress satisfactorily with their studies.
17. Scholarship holders must remain in good financial standing with the University.
18. The University may also seek to reclaim monies paid where progress is not satisfactory.
19. The Scholarship can only be deferred once and the deferral must be in 2017/18 academic session. The final approval for deferral is granted at the discretion of UEL.

*The UEL Fees Policy can be found on our website at www.uel.ac.uk