

## **Scholarships and Bursaries for 2016-17 continuing students**

Students who commenced their studies in either 2014-15 or 2015-16 and who:

- (a) received a scholarship or bursary award in the 2014-15 or 2015-16 academic year;  
and who are
- (b) progressing to the next academic level of their original degree programme in 2016-17;

may be eligible for the following continuation awards:

### **1. Means Tested Fee Waiver**

The award criteria in place at the start of the 2014-15 and 2015-16 academic years' states students must be:

- Resident in England
- Have a declared household income of £25,000 or less
- Not be in receipt of National Scholarship Programme funding support

And that priority will be given to those who meet a minimum of one of following criteria:

- minority ethnic background,
- looked after child,
- young carer,
- state school,
- low participation neighbourhood (both urban and rural),
- first generation in higher education,
- participation in RAU aspiration raising activity (i.e summer school or enrichment day)

Award details also state that, whilst there are an unlimited number of awards, the amount of financial support offered will vary between £1000 and £3000 depended on the demands placed on the total fund available.

**Therefore, Students who were in receipt of a Means Tested Fee Waiver in 2015-16, and who are successfully progressing to the next level of academic study on the same programme will be eligible to receive a continuation award in 2016-17.**

**However, please note there is no guarantee that the amounts awarded in 2016-17 will be the same as that received in 2015-16.**

### **2. Means Tested Support/Fee Waiver**

**These awards are for students in their first year of studies only, and students will not therefore receive further support in 2016-17.**

### **3. National Scholarship Programme**

The NSP was a Government-backed support scheme for disadvantaged students who entered higher education in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15. It provided awards of £3000 per annum as a tuition fee waiver for all three years of an undergraduate student's study programme.

**Therefore, Students who were in receipt of a NSP award in 2015-16 will receive the same level of award in 2016-17.**

### **4. RAU Academic Excellence Awards**

The award criteria in place at the start of the 2014-15 and 2015-16 academic years states:

Each scholarship will be worth £2000 over two years (with £1000 payable in the first year of study as an accommodation waiver and a further £1000 payable in the second year as a cash bursary).

and

Awarding of the second instalment is subject to the student maintaining a 60% average across all first year modules.

**Therefore, Students who commenced studies in 2015-16 and who achieve at least a 60% average in their first year will be eligible to receive a £1000 cash bursary in 2016-17**

**Students who commenced in 2014-15, or those who commenced in 2015-16 and who do not achieve the minimum academic threshold of 60% year average, will not be eligible for a continuation of the academic excellence award in 2016-17.**

### **5. RAU Cirencester Scholarship**

The award supports students who live and/or have within the last two years studied within a 25 mile radius of Cirencester (not previously at the RAU) and who can demonstrate academic excellence; leadership, and motivation to succeed by means of their Programme and Scholarship applications and supporting references.

Each scholarship will be a fee waiver worth £3,000 per year for all years of the programme. Awarding of further instalments is subject to satisfactory academic performance each year.

**Therefore, students who commenced their studies in 2014-15 and 2015-16 and who have successfully progressed into their next year of study on the same academic programme will continue to receive a £3000 tuition fee waiver in 2016-17.**

**Students who fail one or more modules during 2015-16 will forego any continuation of the RAU Cirencester Scholarship.**

## **6. RAU Outstanding Achievers Scholarship**

These scholarships are awarded to students who can demonstrate achievements in one or more of the following:

- Attainment of academic excellence.
- Contribution to extra-curricular activities.
- Overcoming of hardship (handicap or deprivation).
- Leadership, motivation, determination to succeed.

All scholarship holders will be required to update the Scholarship Committee in writing during the year, as well as attend a social activity. They may be required to make a presentation. Subject to satisfactory performance, the award will be continued for the next academic year.

**Therefore, students who received an Outstanding Achievers Scholarship in 2015-16 and who have successfully progressed into their next year of study on the same academic programme will continue to receive the same level of scholarship award 2016-17 subject to continuing to meet the conditions of the award.**

**Students who fail one or more modules during 2015-16 will forego any continuation of the Outstanding Achievers Scholarship.**

## **7. RAU Sports Scholarships**

Scholarships are available (on adjudication) to sportsmen and women who compete (at least) at county level or equivalent (this standard will vary from sport to sport). Scholars should be committed to representing the University and working with the University to achieve the aims of the sports scholarship scheme.

Each scholarship will be available for the duration of the student's studies whilst at the University, each scholarship is reviewed annually. Influencing factors for renewal of the scholarship each year are the satisfactory completion of an Annual Review. The University will advise what this consists of and whether in its opinion the student has fulfilled their part of the scholarship.

Progress will be monitored throughout the academic year, and a successful outcome may result in a continuation of the award the following year.

**Therefore, a student in receipt of a sports scholarship in 2015-16 and who successfully completes their 2015-16 studies and progresses to the next level of their academic programme, and has continued to demonstrate a commitment to the enhancement of their sport at the RAU will continue to receive their Sports Scholarship in 2016-17.**

**A student who is unsuccessful in their studies or who, in the view of the Scholarship Committee has not sufficiently supported the development of sports at the RAU, will forego the right to any continuation of their Sports Scholarship in 2016-17.**

## **8. RAU Hardship Awards**

**Students who received financial support through the University's Hardship fund and who again find themselves in financial difficulty must reapply to the University for further support in 2016-17.** Future funding, as previously, will require a full financial review to be undertaken by an independent financial advisor, and any amount awarded will be dependent on the total value of the fund available and the demands placed upon it.

## **9. Vice Chancellor's Overseas Awards for Undergraduate Students**

The award criteria states:

- The award is worth £1,000 for each year of your studies on an undergraduate course.
- The payment of further instalments of the Vice-Chancellor's Overseas Award is subject to satisfactory academic performance each year.
- The Award will take the form of a deduction in tuition fees in each year of study at the RAU for a maximum of three years, with no cash equivalent.

**Therefore students in receipt of the VCOA for Undergraduate Students and who successfully complete their studies in 2015-16 and progress to the next academic level of their current programme will continue to receive the same level of tuition fee discount in 2016-17.**

## **10. The Vice Chancellor's Overseas Awards for Postgraduate Students**

The award criteria states:

- The award will be worth £1,500 for MSc programmes and £3,000 for MBMA programmes.
- The Award will take the form of a deduction in fees in the first or only year of study at the RAU, with no cash equivalent.

**Therefore there will be no continuation of the VCOA for postgraduate students into their second year of studies at the RAU.**

## **11. Emmott Foundation Awards**

The Emmott Foundation supports undergraduate students whose parents or supporters have faced an unexpected family, medical or economic crisis which

would otherwise jeopardise the student's studies at the RAU. Any award approved will be for the duration of the student's study on their chosen programme, subject to satisfactory academic performance.

**Therefore, Students who received an award from the Emmott Foundation, and who have successfully completed their studies and progressed to the next academic level of their initial programme will continue to receive the same level of funding as in 2015-16.**

**Those students who do not pass their year and therefore do not proceed fully into the next academic level will forego any further funding from the foundation.**

### **12. F E Turner Awards**

The F E Turner scholarship supports undergraduate students who are in financial need and who otherwise not be able to commence studies at the RAU. Any award approved will be for the duration of the student's study on their chosen programme, subject to satisfactory academic performance.

**Therefore, Students who received an award from the F E Turner Trust, and who have successfully completed their studies and progressed to the next academic level of their initial programme will continue to receive the same level of funding as in 2015-16.**

**Those students who do not pass their year and therefore do not proceed fully into the next academic level will forego any further funding from the trust.**

### **13. Sir Emrys Jones Memorial Trust Scholarship**

The Sir Emrys Jones Memorial Trust Scholarship supports students in their first year of studies only. Students must demonstrate their Welsh credentials in line with the objectives of the Trust.

**Except in very exceptional circumstance, students who received support from the Trust in 2015-16 will not continue to receive support in 2016-17 and beyond.**

### **14. Walter Smith Award**

The award is for mature students studying within the School of Real Estate and Land Management, and is awarded for the duration of a student's study on their initial programme of study, subject to financial review and satisfactory academic performance.

**Therefore, students who successfully complete their studies in 2015-16 and progress to their next academic level on the same programme will continue to receive the Walter Smith Award in 2016-17.**

**Students who fail one or more modules during 2015-16 will forego any continuation of their Walter Smith Award.**