



CAMDEN RESIDENTS SCHOLARSHIP ADVICE FOR APPLICANTS 2021/22

Thank you for your interest in the Camden Residents Scholarship at Birkbeck, University of London. This document outlines key things to be aware of and how to prepare for the application process.

STARTING YOUR JOURNEY

- Before you start the process, find out more about Birkbeck and if it will offer the right learning experience for you. This will also support your scholarship application.
- Do some research into undergraduate course(s) you are interested in. The scholarships cover Certificates in Higher Education, Foundation degrees, Degrees with Foundation Year or Full degrees (BA, BSc, LLB). You can use the course finder here as a starting point: www.bbk.ac.uk/study
- Gain experience of Birkbeck, such as by [attending a Virtual Open Evening](#) to meet staff and current students or attending a free taster programme – just email getstarted@bbk.ac.uk for details of upcoming events.
- Watch our [Get Started series](#) of step-by-step videos to help you along the journey to university.
- Use [My Study My Way](#) to help you to identify any support which might make things easier for you at university.

MAKING YOUR APPLICATION TO THE SCHOLARSHIP

- The application for the Camden Residents Scholarship 2021/22 is in **two** stages. The first step is to complete the Register of Interest form on Camden Council's website here: www.camden.gov.uk/scholarships. The Inclusive Economy service will then direct you to additional support and resources and supply you with the application pack.
- To apply for the scholarship, you must complete an application form, write a personal statement to support your application and answer a questionnaire confirming which of the additional criteria you meet and submit it before the final deadline of midnight on 25th June 2021. There are only two scholarships available so the personal statement is your opportunity to explain why you should be awarded one of them, using clear examples and reasoning. Support with writing your personal statement is available from Birkbeck's Access and Engagement department.

- The information supplied during the application process will be used for shortlisting and decision making. Information will remain confidential and will not be shared beyond Camden Council's Inclusive Economy service which manages the application process and Birkbeck's Access and Engagement department which coordinates the selection process for the scholarship.

APPLYING FOR A COURSE AT BIRKBECK

- To be considered for the scholarship, you will also need to make an application to your chosen course at Birkbeck by the deadline of midnight on Friday 25th June 2021.
- [Please see further information here](#) about how to make your application to Birkbeck. There is no official deadline for application at Birkbeck but popular courses may become fully subscribed earlier on and will not accept further applications once full.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

- Candidates who have made an application to a course at Birkbeck AND the scholarship by the deadline, who meet all four primary criteria and at least two of the additional criteria will have their applications considered.
- The personal statement and additional criteria will be reviewed in order to shortlist applicants. Candidates meeting more than two of the additional criteria, those who have been out of formal education for nine years or longer and those with non-traditional or no formal qualifications will be prioritised.
- Shortlisted applicants may also be invited to attend an interview before the final decision is made. The two scholarships are not awarded according to greatest financial need, beyond the basic income threshold for eligibility.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- The scholarship covers the full course fees for full-time or part-time undergraduate courses at Birkbeck starting in October 2021.
- Information about financial support can be found [on Birkbeck's website](#).
- [Birkbeck's Student Advice Service](#) can advise as to how studying might impact on benefits, as well as the financial support you may be eligible for.
- We would recommend that successful applicants also apply for a [Government Maintenance Loan](#) to cover costs such as rent and bills while studying and to enable them to apply for Birkbeck's [means tested financial assistance](#).
- If you miss out on the scholarship, you can still take up your place at Birkbeck but you will need to apply for funding to pay for your course before you enrol. Most undergraduate courses at Birkbeck are covered by a [Government Tuition Fee Loan](#).