

## Academic Policy Statement APS8

### ***Bursaries and Scholarships***



The University believes that the opportunity to gain access to Higher Education should be available to all those with the ability to benefit. Accordingly the University administers various bursary schemes financed by the Government, designed to assist students in need of financial help, and operates its own scholarship scheme to reward excellence in academic, sporting, cultural or community achievement. The University also supports special scholarship schemes operated by the UK Government, such as the Chevening Scholarship Scheme.

#### ***In implementing this policy the University will:***

- designate the Chair of the Student Financial Assistance Committee as the person with overall responsibility for the implementation of Government financed bursary schemes;
- require the Chair of the Student Financial Assistance Committee to ensure that the Committee membership is appropriate;
- designate the Chair of the Scholarships Committee as the person with overall responsibility for implementing the University's Scholarship Scheme and any Government sponsored scholarship schemes;
- require the Chair of the Scholarships Committee to ensure that the Committee membership is appropriate;
- the University Development office secures the sponsorship of scholarships by external people and organisations, and decides who is awarded those scholarships in partnership with the external funder and the University academics working in the selected area and the Scholarships Committee where appropriate.

Note 1: the term bursary is used in this policy statement to cover schemes meeting financial needs, whereas the term scholarship is used to cover schemes rewarding excellence.

Note 2: the term 'bursaries' in this policy statement excludes reference to bursaries awarded to pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Diploma students, and to students on Initial Teacher Training.

*This policy was first approved by Management Team at its meeting on 21 March 1994. It was subsequently revised and approved in 1997, 1998 and 2003. The current policy was approved by Academic Board on 19 November 2008. It is due for further review by 2013.*