**Santander Scholarship - Overseas Activity Programme Fee Support**

**Call for Applications - Now Open**

Applications are invited from current Bournemouth University (BU) students from disadvantaged backgrounds to apply for funding to support overseas activity taking place in the 2022/23 academic year that will complement your BU studies, enhance your intercultural skills and increase your global awareness.

Santander Grants are available for BU students from disadvantaged backgrounds to support costs for registration, programme/ tuition or course fees for international internships, workshops, training, research, study or summer school participation taking place overseas (outside the United Kingdom) during the 2022/23 academic year. It is not intended to cover the cost of travel or in-country living costs.

**Scholarship Information:**

10x Scholarships of **up to a maximum of** £1,500.00 as a contribution towards a project/ course/ tuition or registration fee for an overseas activity with a minimum 1 month activity duration (28 calendar days, excluding travel days). The overseas experience must take place outside of the United Kingdom.

**Support for Travel and In Country Living Costs:**

The Santander Scholarship should not be used to contribute to costs associated with travel or in-country living. BU Students can apply for a grant to support in-country living costs and possibly a travel grant through the Turing Scheme. You can find out more about Turing Scheme funding for BU students, including the eligibility criteria, application process and funding requirements, via BU's Turing Scheme web pages [here](https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/careers-employability/study-abroad/turing-scheme).

**Eligibility criteria:**

To be eligible for The Santander Scholarship, you must:

1. **Be a current BU student;** Applications are open to BU students at any level from any programme at BU.
2. **Be from a disadvantaged background**. Find out about the disadvantaged background eligibility criteria can be found below. If you have questions about whether you meet this criteria please contact internationalgrants@bournemouth.ac.uk
3. **The activity must:**
* meet the minimum duration of 4 weeks (28 calendar days)
* the majority of the activity must have been completed by 31 July 2023 and end no later 31 August 2023.
* all programme/ registration fees must have been paid to the activity provider before 31 July 2023 and successful applicants must be able to evidence this to Bournemouth University.

**How to Apply:**
Students should submit their application via the Santander BECAS platform. You will be asked to register for an account in order to access the application here: [Santander Scholarships Skills | Overseas Activity Programme Fee Support (becas-santander.com)](https://app.becas-santander.com/en/program/santander-scholarships-skills-overseas-activity-programme-fee-support?search=bournemouth&track=search)

**Application Deadline:**
The application closes at 23.00 (GMT) on the 7th March 2023.

**Selection criteria:**It is a competitive application and selection process. Applicants are strongly advised to fully read the eligibility criteria and carefully consider the quality assessment questions before submitting your application. Applications will be anonymised and then assessed by a panel.

The application includes two sections:

1. **Student information and eligibility requirements -** In this section you will be asked to provide your student details including information about the disadvantaged background eligibility criteria and information about your intended overseas activity.
2. **Quality assessment -** In this section you will be asked to:
	* outline any academic and work experience you have that are relevant to your overseas activity
	* write a brief statement outlining how this experience will help you to develop your intercultural competence
	* describe how this experience will positively impact your academic performance
	* state how this experience will enhance your growth and employability

It is your responsibility to ensure all the necessary information is provided correctly.

**Feedback:**

Should your application be unsuccessful, we are unable to provide written or verbal feedback on your application. The panel's decision is final.

**Next steps for successful applicants:**

Successful applicants will be informed by email within 2 weeks of the application deadline. The email will include details of the next steps in the process including how payment of the scholarship will be made.

**Payment of Scholarship:**

BU will make payment to your bank account. You will need to pay any costs directly to the receiving organisation or provider. All receipts must be retained by you and produced to BU on request.

**Requirements for Successful Applicants:﻿**

1. **Acceptance** - should your application be successful you will be asked to read and sign a BU acceptance document that outlines the requirements of the funding. This document will be emailed to successful applicants. Applicants must complete the acceptance form within a stated period, if completed acceptance forms are not received by BU by the deadline given then BU reserves the right to reallocate the funding to other waitlisted applicants.
2. **Evidence of programme fees -** prior to payment you will be asked to provide evidence of the required programme fee. Evidence supplied should be from the programme provider and include their business address and be addressed to you.
3. **Evidence of payment to the programme provider -** following payment to you, but before departure, you will be asked to prove that you have made payment to the provider for the course/ registration or programme fee's.
4. **Blog Post -** Funding recipients will write a blog about their experience detailing how the Santander funding helped to make the experience possible and how the experience enhanced their employability skills. Max 500 words. The blog must be submitted within 2 weeks of the end of the programme.
5. **Social Media -** youagree to post a social media post (Twitter, Facebook or Instagram) with an appropriate photo and stating “thanks Santander for helping me gain employability and intercultural skills through the Santander International Mobility Grant Award!” (or similar), including @bournemouthuni and @SantanderUni using the hashtag #SantanderUniUK.
6. **Questionnaire -** At the end of the overseas experience, students will be required to complete a questionnaire designed to measure how it has impacted them personally, professionally and academically. This information will be used for promotion and further development of future programmes or to improve the programme for future students.

**Further Promotion -** Depending on future provision, we may ask students to share their experience with other students at events held by BU.

**Sharing of your personal data** - By submitting an application you understand and agree the information you provide will be shared with the panel, the relevant staff administering the funding, and also Santander Universities. Information concerning your widening participation eligibility criteria will **not** be shared with Santander or the overseas experience host/ activity provider.

**Further Questions:**

If you have questions about your application – please contact ***internationalgrants@bournemouth.ac.uk quoting "Santander" in the subject line.***

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**Disadvantaged Background Applicant Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible to apply for the Santander Overseas Activity Fee Support Grant you must come from a disadvantaged background status. This means that you must meet at least one of the following criteria (1-4):

1. Household income of £25,000 or below (as assessed by Student Finance England/Wales/Scotland/Northern Ireland),

2. In receipt of a BU Maintenance Bursary or BU Financial Support Fund for the current 2022/23 academic year.

3. You meet one or more of the following:

* Student receiving Universal Credit or income-related benefits because they are financially supporting themselves or financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them, such as a child or partner
* Care-experienced students (Students who have been or are currently in the care system (including living in care with foster carers, living in a children’s home) or from a looked after background at any stage of their life, no matter how short, including adopted children who were previously looked after)
* Student from a low participation neighbourhoods (The Office for Students provides a tool to look at how likely young people are to participate in higher education across the UK, and shows how this varies by area. A low participation neighbourhood would be one where young people were not likely to participate in higher education).
* Black and Minority Ethnic Students
* Students who are the first in their family to attend university
* Mature students (21 or older at the start of their programme)
* Students with caring responsibilities (Caring responsibilities are providing unpaid care to a family member or friend who could not cope without their support. This may be due to illness, disability, a mental health issue, or substance misuse.)
* Estranged students (where a student does not have support from their parents due to a breakdown in their relationship or where neither of the student’s parents can be found or it is not reasonably practicable to get in touch with either of them)
* Refugees and asylum seekers

4. Have an additional learning need(s) (including students registered with ALS at BU):

The term additional learning needs refers to learners with special education needs

(SEN), including those whose SEN arise because they have a long-term disability that

has a substantial and long-term effect on the ability to do everyday tasks or are in

receipt of Disabled Student Allowance. This would include learners who identify as

having a disability, special needs, or medical condition as categorised below:

* Social/communication impairment such as Asperger’s syndrome/other
* autistic spectrum disorder
* Blind or have a serious visual impairment uncorrected by glasses
* Deaf or have a serious hearing impairment
* A long-standing illness or health condition such as cancer, HIV, diabetes,
* chronic heart disease, or epilepsy
* Mental health condition such as depression, schizophrenia, or anxiety
* disorder
* Specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, or AD(H)D 13
* Physical impairment or mobility issues, such as difficulty using limbs or
* using a wheelchair or crutches
* Disability, impairment, or medical condition that is not listed above