

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

### **Disadvantaged Background Applicant Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible to apply for the Santander Overseas Mobility 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