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**UCL Laws LLM Opportunity Scholarship & Future Scholars’ Award Application Form Guidance Notes 2024-25**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

The guidance is designed to help you complete the application for either of the below schemes.

**UCL Laws LLM Opportunity Scholarship**

[**UCL**](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/scholarships/graduate/UK-EU-Master/brown_family_bursary) **Laws Future Scholars’ Award**

Please note:

* The LLM Opportunity Scholarship and Future Scholars’ Award are only open to applicants who are UK domiciled.
* You must have submitted your complete application for the LLM for the 2024-25 academic year by the scholarship deadline to be considered for the scholarship.
* The LLM Opportunity Scholarship or the Future Scholars’ Award will provide support for prospective students from low-income families and who have experienced other hardships. In order to assess your financial circumstances you will be asked to provide information on a number of financial factors, including details of your household income and other available funds. You may need to provide evidence of this.
* In assessing applications for both the LLM Opportunity Scholarship and the Future Scholars’ Award, account will be taken of your answers to each of the questions related to your financial and personal circumstances.
* In assessing applicants for The Future Scholars Award, account will be taken of your potential for doctoral studies, as evidenced by your Written Work as part of your LLM application.
* In order to assess your application additional information including academic references from your UCL LLM application form will be used.

**NAVIGATING THE FORM**

* In order to move through the form, you will need to scroll down after each question is answered.
* You will need to answer all required questions to move forward with the application – if you have not answered anything an error message will appear informing you of this and you will need to go back and answer those questions.
* We have highlighted the mandatory questions in the question guidance below. You will not be able to submit your application unless you have completed all mandatory questions. Mandatory questions are indicated with an asterisk (star) on the online application form.
* In order to complete the application, you will need to click the ‘Submit’ button on the final page (after the declarations) and you will see a confirmation message that your application has been submitted.

**ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS**

**Q1. [Mandatory] Have you submitted a complete application to study on the LLM programme for academic year 2024/25?**

You must have submitted your complete application for the LLM for the 2024/25 academic year by Friday 19th January 2024 to be considered for the scholarship.

**Q2. [Mandatory] Are you normally domiciled in the UK?**

The LLM Opportunity Scholarships and Future Scholars’ Awards are only open to students who are normally domiciled in the UK. In order to be considered UK domiciled you must meet any of the conditions outlined below:

* be born in the UK or have the UK as your domicile of origin or
* have been ordinarily resident in the UK for a 3 year period and have settled status in the UK by the end of that period (does not normally include if you were resident for the purpose of study)

**Q3. [Mandatory] Do you hold or are you currently studying towards a Master’s degree or equivalent?**

In order to be eligible for the scholarships you must not hold or currently be studying for a Master's degree or equivalent.

**Q4. [Mandatory] Have you had any part of your education in a fee paying School?**

In order to be eligible for the scholarships you must not have had any part of your education in a fee paying school.

**Q5- Q8. [Mandatory] Personal Details to confirm your personal details**

**Q9. [Mandatory] What age will you be on 1st March 2024?**

Applicants under the age of 25 may be considered financially dependent on their parent unless they have lived without financial contribution outside the family home for 3 years.

**Q10. [Mandatory] Please provide a figure for your household's gross annual income as of March 1 2024**

Your household income is your taxable income plus the income of:

* if you’re under 25, your parents or one parent and their partner
* if you’re 25 or over, your partner (if you live with them)

Please indicate the gross annual income of your household for the year prior to the application to the LLM. Please be aware that if you are shortlisted for a scholarship, we will require evidence of this amount in the form of bank statements, tax returns and P60s.

This should include any monetary support provided by your family or household for the duration of your studies. Other ‘in kind’ support such as rent-free accommodation should be highlighted in question 20 as a reason for lower overall costs, rather than estimated as a monetary contribution.

Please note that if you live in a shared home with flatmates then their income is not included as part of the household calculation.

**Q11. [Mandatory] Please specify the number of people in the household who live on the combined income stated above (include yourself)**

This should include all members of the household who are dependent on the amount indicated. This should include the money earners themselves, and anyone else who lives in the house and is dependent on those earnings in some way. This should also include yourself.

**Q12 - 18. [Mandatory] Please specify in UK £ Sterling the amount of funding you will have during your programme from the sources outlined in the guidance notes.**

In this section of the application we are looking for an honest appraisal of your financial situation beyond what you may receive through this scholarship application. As these are means-tested scholarships, it is important that accurate information is provided.

Please use numerical values only (e.g. 1500, no commas or symbols) - if a particular funding option is not applicable or available to you, please simply enter 0.

*Government Loans (i.e. PGL)* – any funding you intend to apply for from a government postgraduate loans scheme (UK or elsewhere).

*Other Loans (family, private, etc.)*– any other loans that you may be intending to take for your year of study whether from banks, family or other sources. If you are attempting to secure some other form of loan, please provide details in question 20.

*Scholarships/Awards/Bursaries –* any scholarships, awards, bursaries, or similar that you intend to apply for, have applied for, or have secured for your studies.

*Personal savings –* any personal savings.

*State benefits* – any state benefits you will be in continued receipt of during your studies.

*Any other funding –* this is a place to declare any other funding you may have for your studies which you do not feel was appropriate to include in any of the categories listed above. If you include a number other than 0 in this field, please provide details in question 18.

**Q19. [Mandatory] What was your student loan debt when you graduated or anticipated to be at the point of graduation?**

Please indicate your actual or anticipated student loan debt at the point of graduation from your undergraduate degree. You may be requested to provide a student loan statement as evidence.

**Q20. [Optional] If you would like to provide additional information on your household income or financial circumstances, please do so here.**

Include here any details about your financial circumstances that you have not included in any of your previous answers that you would like us to take into account when assessing your financial need that are not immediately obvious from the information given in previous answers.

**Q21. [Mandatory] Are you the first generation in your family to go to university?**

First generation is defined as you are of the first generation within your family to attend university and that no parent or grandparent has attended university. Cousins and siblings are not included in this category as you are of the same generation as them within your family.

You count as first generation to go to university, even if the following have gone to university:

* brothers or sisters
* husband, wife or partner
* biological parents of applicants who have been adopted
* a parent with whom you have had no contact during your secondary and post-16 education (or

longer)

* foster parents
* care workers
* uncles, aunts and other members of your extended family.

You do not count as first generation if the following have gone to university or are currently doing

so:

* parents
* step-parents, a parent’s unmarried partner living in the household and adoptive parents who throughout the three year period prior to the start of your university course have been living in the same household as you.
* grandparents

**Q22. [Mandatory] What was your highest earning parent’s occupation when you were aged 14**

This should be the person who earned the highest earnings within your household at age 14.

Please state the employment category that best fits the main income earner in your household when you were 14 years old. Employment categories are defined below. You can find information on what constitutes each category at <https://tinyurl.com/ycoqfc6x>. Please try and pick the category you feel most closely resembles the main earner’s occupation.

* Higher managerial, administrative and professional occupations
	+ Large employers and higher managerial and administrative occupations
	+ Higher professional occupations
* Lower managerial, administrative and professional occupations
* Intermediate occupations
* Small employers and own account workers
* Lower supervisory and technical occupations
* Semi-routine occupations
* Routine occupations
* Never worked and long-term unemployed

**Q23. [Mandatory] Are you a single parent?**

Please answer Yes or No

 **Q24. [Mandatory] Are you from a single parent family?**

Please answer Yes or No

 **Q25. [Mandatory] Have you ever lived in care?**

Please answer Yes or No. Care leavers are specific category considered within the widening access guidelines and as such the Faculty of Laws would like to help support the widening access policy of UCL.

**Q26. [Mandatory] Have you ever been homeless**

Please answer Yes or No.

You might be defined as homeless if you are:

* sleeping on the streets
* staying with friends or family
* staying in a hostel or bed and breakfast hotel
* living in overcrowded conditions
* at risk of violence in your home
* living in poor conditions that affect your health.
* living in a house that is not suitable for you because you are sick or disabled.

**Q27. [Mandatory] Written Statement**

If you are applying for the **Future Scholars’ Award** you must provide a (max) 1500 word statement setting out the area of scholarship that you intend to explore in your PhD, what interests you about your intended area of study, and why you believe an LLM at UCL will contribute to your plans to be an academic. Your statement should include citations, which are included in the word limit. The text box allows up to 600 words max. If your statement is longer than this (up to a max of 1500 words) then please email it to llm-admissions@ucl.ac.uk, quoting your full name and student/application number. The subject of the email MUST be "Future Scholars' Award Written Statement".

If you are applying for the **LLM Opportunity Scholarship** you should provide a (max) 500 word statement setting out how such an award would help you to pursue your goals and your plans for the future should your application be successful. This will fit in the text box.

**If you have any further questions not answered above, please email us at****llm-admissions@ucl.ac.uk**

**\*NOTE: All scholarship and student funding schemes are subject to availability of funds, and details given here are subject to change at any time. Potential applicants are urged to check information regularly to ensure they are aware of current procedures, deadlines etc.**