

## **St Mary's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursary Scheme Terms and Conditions**

These Terms and Conditions cover St Mary's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursaries awarded for the academic year 2024/25

### **1. Background and Eligibility**

- 1.1 New home\* undergraduate students at St Mary's College who started their current degree programme in 2024, who are being charged a tuition fee of £9,250\*\*, and who did not have a previous degree recorded in the University's student records system as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024.

<b>Household Income</b>	
Less than £35,000	

- 1.2 The University may class students as starting in one academic year while Student Finance England (or equivalent) classes them as starting in a previous year. When this happens, the University classification will be used for the purpose of awarding St Mary's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursaries.
- 1.3 St Mary's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursaries will be awarded if students:
- have applied to Student Finance England (or equivalent) for statutory support;
  - are eligible to receive statutory support;
  - have consented to share the household income data provided to Student Finance England (or equivalent) with Durham University;
  - have a household income of less than the amounts specified in 1.1 above;
  - are in attendance on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024
  - do not have a previous degree recorded in the University's student records system as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024.
- 1.4 Students' eligibility for St Mary's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursaries will be based on their household income as assessed by Student Finance England as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023, or the first day of the Durham University academic year if the household income is lower at this point, or as at the date of their first means-tested assessment by Student Finance England (please see Section 4 below for information on reassessments).

\*Home Students are students who are charged the home tuition fee of up to £9,250 and who have been classed by Student Finance England (or equivalent) as Home students. These students may have been classed by the University as European students. Students who have been classed by Student Finance England (or equivalent) as Home students but who have been classed by the University as Overseas students are not eligible to receive a St Mary's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursary.

## **2. Definitions**

- 2.1 *In attendance* means having a registration status of RE on the Durham University student record system.
- 2.2 *Household Income* in 2024/25 is (broadly speaking) the gross annual taxable income of the student in the current academic year, minus any income from part-time work, plus the gross annual taxable income of the adult(s) on whom the student is financially dependent from the 2021/2022 tax year. It is calculated by Student Finance England (or equivalent).

## **3. Payment of St Mary's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursaries**

### **Students Who Started Their Studies in 2024/25**

- 3.1 Payment of the costs of the items included in the St Mary's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursaries will be made by St Mary's College on behalf of the student concerned.

St Mary's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursaries comprise of a one-off payment in the first term of academic year 2024/25 of £1000 made by St Mary's College to Durham University as a contribution towards catering charges of the successful applicants.

- 3.2 Please note that students taking exams at the end of the academic year without going through the registration process are not entitled to St Mary's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursary payments.

## **4. Reassessments**

- 4.1 From time to time students' household incomes are reassessed by Student Finance England (or equivalent). If the assessment is classed by Student Finance England (or equivalent) as an initial assessment (i.e. if the student was previously non-means-tested), the student will become entitled to receive the St Mary's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursary appropriate to their household income.
- 4.2 If the reassessment is done after 1<sup>st</sup> September, but before the first day of the academic year the St Mary's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursary appropriate to the lower household income will be awarded.
- 4.3 If the assessment is classed by Student Finance England (or equivalent) as a reassessment the student will not become entitled to receive a St Mary's 2023 Bursary.
- 4.4 If there has been a mistake by Student Finance England (or equivalent) which has led to a reassessment the affected student must submit evidence to the Financial Support Office, who will inform St Mary's College of the outcome, which may result in the award of a St Mary's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursary appropriate to the student's correct household income.
- 4.5 Students whose household incomes change and who are in need of financial support as a result should make an application to the University Hardship Fund. Please note that students are not automatically in need of financial support if their household incomes change; they are only in need of financial support if their own income is less than a reasonable level of expenditure for their personal circumstances.

## **5. Interpretation of Terms and Conditions**

The Principal of St Mary's College shall make the final interpretation of these Terms and Conditions in cases of doubt or omission.

## **6. Contact Details**

If students have any queries about the St Mary's College 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursary Scheme they should contact [stmarys.admissions@durham.ac.uk](mailto:stmarys.admissions@durham.ac.uk)

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