University of Reading Global Sustainability Leaders Scholarship - Terms and Conditions for 2027 entry

1. The Scholarship

1.1. These terms and conditions govern the application and administration of the University of Reading Global Sustainability Leaders Scholarship ("**the Scholarship**").

1.2. These terms and conditions apply to new undergraduate students taking up a place of study at the University of Reading ("**the University**") in the 2027/28 academic year to study at the University's Whiteknights and London Road (UK) campuses.

1.3. The purpose of the Scholarship is to help build the capabilities of individuals from all backgrounds and of all academic specialisms to become the global sustainability leaders of the future, by bringing their skills and passion to addressing climate and nature issues that will likely shape all our lives and the future of the planet over the next century and beyond.

1.4. The Scholarship is awarded by the University. In 2027/28 the University will offer to UK and International students up to a total of 400 Scholarships.

1.5. Subject to clause 5.4 (Placements), the Scholarship offering will comprise:

(a) **£6,000 per full-time year of study**, paid directly to students for maintenance and living costs (i.e. not as a fee discount), in accordance with these terms and conditions; and

(b) Access to opportunities including: developing knowledge and leadership skills relevant to addressing climate and nature issues; engaging in cross-disciplinary learning and activities; taking positive action for sustainability; building relevant networks; being part of a growing community of global sustainability leaders of the future; accessing careers support and the potential to enhance employability.

1.6. Scholarship recipients will need to complete and maintain a Development and Impact Record throughout their time at the University. The University will provide a framework to track and reflect on activities engaged with and consider areas for future development and career.

1.7. The Scholarship is discretionary and is awarded on a competitive basis. Award of the Scholarship will be assessed as set out in these terms and conditions, and not all students who apply for it will be successful. Some awards may be linked to specific Schools or types of students, so even if you meet the criteria you are not guaranteed to be awarded a Scholarship.

1.8. The closing date for applications for the Scholarship is **23:59 on 27 August 2027**.

1.9. The process for applying for a Scholarship is linked to but separate from the application for a place to study at the University.

1.10. To receive an offer of a Scholarship you must have selected the University as your Firm choice by the UCAS deadline.

2. Eligibility to Apply

2.1. To be eligible to apply for the Scholarship you must meet the following Application Eligibility Criteria:

(a) Have been offered admission to the first year (Part 1) of an undergraduate degree or home foundation. This includes students who are applying for or progressing to Part 1 from an international foundation year at the University or elsewhere;

(b) Meet the Predictions Requirements set out in paragraph 2.2 *or* have already met the Academic Requirements set out in paragraph 3.8; and

(c) Not be in receipt of a University of Reading Excellence Scholarship, a University of Reading Sanctuary Scholarship or a PwC Flying Start Bursary. **Please note:** the University reserves the right to withdraw all or part of the Scholarship and make no (or no further) payments and to claw back payments already made if you obtain scholarship or funding from the University that would have meant you did not meet these Application Eligibility Criteria.

2.2. The Predictions Requirements referred to in paragraph 2.1(b) are that you are predicted to attain grades AAB or above in your A-levels, or you are predicted an equivalent level of attainment as determined by the University, including from foundation study.

2.3. If your application to the University does not include predicted grades, you will not be offered the opportunity to apply for the Scholarship at the point that you apply to the University. However, you may have the opportunity to apply at a later date once we have received your achieved results, in accordance with paragraph 3.12.

2.4. If you are progressing to or entering the University at parts 2 or 3, or you are transferring from an undergraduate programme at the University to a different undergraduate programme, you are not eligible to apply for the Scholarship.

2.5. The Scholarship cannot be deferred to future years and is valid for entry in the 2027/28 academic year only. If you are offered the Scholarship but defer your place to the following academic year **your Scholarship offer will be withdrawn** and you may reapply for the Scholarship (provided the Scholarship remains in place) subject to satisfying the relevant application eligibility criteria.

3. Application

By applying for the Scholarship, you accept these terms and conditions.

3.1. The University, during its normal application process for places on undergraduate programmes of study, will assess whether you meet the Application Eligibility Criteria set out in paragraph 2.1.

3.2. If you meet the Application Eligibility Criteria you will be invited to apply for the Scholarship using the University's electronic application form. You are not required to make an application and your decision whether or not to do so will have no impact on your application to study at the University or, if your place is confirmed, your time at the University.

3.3. You must apply for the Scholarship using the form provided by the University. No alternative

method of application will be considered. All factual information provided in the Scholarship application must be true and accurate. The application must be fully and independently written by you. Supplementary documents cannot be submitted, although the University reserves the right to request additional information from you at its discretion.

3.4. In your application for the Scholarship you will be required to answer questions to demonstrate your commitment to global sustainability and addressing climate and nature issues. We may ask you to speak to or expand further on your answers as part of the consideration process.

3.5. Scholarships will be offered in groups, as funding is released in rounds, not in order of time of application. The following rounds will apply:

Round 1:	Applications received by 23:59 on 18th January 2027
Round 2:	Applications received by 23:59 on 22nd March 2027
Round 3:	Applications received by 23:59 on 25th June 2027
Round 4:	Applications received by 23:59 on 27th August 2027 (to include applications during the results period and clearing)

3.6. Your application will be assessed within the relevant round and your answers to the global sustainability questions scored. Scores will be verified by a panel of University employees. Scholarships will be allocated according to this score, your fee status, your area of study and whether you are a Widening Participation student as detailed in paragraph 3.9. A number of Widening Participation students will be allocated Scholarships in each grouping and round ahead of other students.

3.7. Following assessment, the University will email you to:

(a) Provide you with a conditional offer of the Scholarship, subject to your enrolment at the University and these terms and conditions. This will set out the Academic Requirements, as detailed further in paragraph 3.8, that you must meet in order for the Scholarship to be confirmed; or

(b) Provide you with a firm offer of the Scholarship, subject to your enrolment at the University and these terms and conditions, because you have already met the Academic Requirements; or

(c) Tell you your application has been unsuccessful; or

(d) Tell you your application has been retained for further consideration at the next review point.

3.8. The Academic Requirements are:

(a) Obtaining AAA or above in your A-levels (or equivalent qualification or grade compensation e.g. A*AB in lieu of AAA, as determined by the University); or

(b) Obtaining AAB or above in your A-levels (or equivalent qualification as determined by the University) if you are a Widening Participation student (see paragraph 3.9).

3.9. The University is committed to widening access and participation among certain groups of

students under-represented in higher education. For the purposes of these terms and conditions Widening Participation students are individuals who:

(a) are resident in an area with low participation in higher education (defined as POLAR quintiles 1 and 2);

(b) are resident in an area with high levels of deprivation (defined as IMD quintiles 1 and 2);

(c) have declared a disability on their UCAS form;

(d) have participated in our Reading Scholars programme;

(e) are care experienced;

(f) are refugees or asylum seekers;

(g) are estranged from their families;

(h) are young carers; or

(i) are children of military families (service children).

More information about our contextualised offers is available at www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/study/what-offer-will-i-get. This information may be updated from time to time.

3.10. Any offer of the Scholarship is separate to your offer to study at the University. The Academic Requirements required to obtain the Scholarship may differ from your academic offer of admission to a programme of study (your Scholarship offer will typically require higher grades) and the conditions of both offers must be satisfied for the Scholarship to be awarded.

3.11. The University aims to let you know if you are successful, or if you are being considered within the next round, within five weeks of the closure of the round in which your scholarship application is considered. If a student declines the Scholarship, the University will consider a reserve list, and some applicants may be contacted more than five weeks after the closure of the relevant round.

Results period and clearing

3.12. If you have been offered a place to study at the University but were not invited to apply for the Scholarship because you did not meet the Application Eligibility Criteria, but then go on to meet the Academic Requirements, the University will contact you when your place is confirmed and offer you the opportunity to apply for the Scholarship. For example, your predicted grades are BBB, but you achieve AAA in your final A-level results.

3.13. If you apply to the University through clearing and meet the Academic Requirements, the University will offer you the opportunity to apply for the Scholarship. This applies to all clearing applicants, including those who may have previously held an offer from the University as their Insurance choice. If you chose the University of Reading as your Insurance choice but are confirmed at the University of Reading, we may invite you to apply for the Scholarship in the fourth round, should you meet the other eligibility criteria.

3.14. If you apply to the University through clearing and after the Scholarship closing date set out in clause 1.8, but you meet the eligibility requirements, you may be considered for an award

on a case by case basis and subject to remaining availability of funds.

3.15. Applications for the Scholarship made in accordance with paragraphs 3.12 and 3.14 will follow the same process set out at paragraphs 3.2 – 3.11 and the University will take reasonable steps to expedite this process.

3.16. The University will not normally consider extenuating circumstances when reviewing achieved grades against the eligibility criteria. If an applicant's grades are later adjusted following a re-mark and then meet the requirements, their application will be considered provided they then meet the eligibility criteria. For the avoidance of doubt, contextualised offers will be made to applicants who are considered to be Widening Participation students under clause 3.9.

4. Confirmation of Scholarship

4.1 Once the University has confirmed your place on a programme the Scholarship team will confirm whether you have met the terms of the Scholarship offer, have complied with the requirement at clause 1.10 and ask whether you accept the Scholarship under these Terms and Conditions.

4.2 Unless you have rejected the Scholarship offer, the Scholarship will be awarded when you:

(a) meet the conditions of your Scholarship offer;

(b) have confirmed you have read and accept these Terms and Conditions, including the requirement at clause 1.6 in regard to the Development and Impact Record; and

(c) enrol on your programme with the University.

5. Other terms and conditions

5.1. The Scholarship is only payable to registered students of the University. If you meet the conditions of your Scholarship offer but decline your place at the University or fail to complete enrolment on your course, you will not receive the Scholarship.

5.2. The Scholarship is for the purposes of maintenance and living costs. It will be paid into a UK bank account, which must be in the name of the recipient of the Scholarship. It is your responsibility to provide bank details to the University in a timely manner.

5.3. The Scholarship will be paid in two instalments, each of £3000. The first instalment will be paid within 30 days of the commencement of Semester 1 and the second within 30 days of the commencement of Semester 2 in each academic year. There is no alternative arrangement to this and no advance payments can be made. Payment is conditional on enrolment with the University each academic year and payment will not be made until enrolment is completed.

5.4. If you undertake a work placement for a year or a semester you will not be entitled to receive the Scholarship funding for that period. For placements of other durations your funding may be reduced by the University as necessary.

5.5. If you study abroad for a year or a semester you will continue to be eligible to receive the Scholarship funding for that year or semester, as applicable, provided that you remain in full

time study on your undergraduate programme and continue to be registered with the University.

5.6. If you suspend your studies, you will not be eligible to receive the Scholarship funding for the duration of your suspension. If your suspension is on medical grounds the University may, at its discretion, continue to award the Scholarship funding to you. In these circumstances you must contact the Global Sustainability Leaders Scholarship Manager by emailing gsls@reading.ac.uk as soon as possible.

5.7. If you withdraw from the University for any reason, you will no longer be eligible for future instalments of the Scholarship.

5.8. The University reserves the right to withdraw all or part of the Scholarship, make no (or no further) payments and to claw back payments already made, where reasonable to do so, if:

(a) You withdraw from the University before the first tuition fee liability point as under your student contract;

(b) You breach these terms and conditions;

(c) You do not meet the eligibility requirements set out in these terms and conditions and/or any offer of scholarship; or

(d) You do not provide a Development and Impact record demonstrating your engagement with activities in the Scholarship development scheme to the reasonable satisfaction of the University; or

(e) Your conduct is such that the Student Disciplinary Committee (or equivalent University committee) finds you have breached the University's conduct requirements and you have been removed as a student of the University or issued with a final written warning by the University.

5.9. The Scholarship shall not normally be paid for a period that exceeds 4 years.

6. Raising concerns

6.1. If you consider you meet the Application Eligibility Criteria but are not invited to apply for the Scholarship, you should write to the Head of Admissions and Enquiries Management at ugadmissions@reading.ac.uk within 30 days of receiving your offer of a place to study at the University. The Head of Admissions and Enquiries Management will review your application and their decision will be final.

6.2. If the University withdraws the Scholarship from you in accordance with paragraph 5.8, you can raise a complaint in accordance with the University's Student Complaints Procedure.

6.3. All further queries about the Scholarship should be sent to scholarships@reading.ac.uk.