**University of Dundee Scholarship**

**MSc EduAT Scholarship (the “Scholarship”)**

**Key Facts Document**

This Key Facts Document sets out the main details of the Scholarship, as at date of publication.

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| **Date of publication** | **August 2022** |
| **Application Process** | **Apply and Award:**  Students will provide in addition to their standard application form and personal statement (which must show interest and motivation in the content of the MSc EduAT) a 1,000-word essay responding to the question:  “What is the difference that this scholarship will make in terms of how you plan to apply the MSc EduAT curriculum within your working context for the direct benefit of students/pupils and colleagues”.  A [full mark scheme / rubric is available to download](https://www.dundee.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2022-08/20220801-EduAT-Scholarship-Rubric-Draft-04_0.docx), a summary follows:   * Demonstrate a positive view and understanding of disability and the methods by which AT can support independence, achievement, and empowerment. * Evidence a person-centred approach to assistive technology assessment, provision, and ongoing support. * Describe the impact that the scholarship will have on both you and your employing organisation. * Appropriately describe the planned impact on colleagues through your application of a ‘train the trainer model’ and include in your answer evidence to show you recognise the importance of multi, inter, and trans-disciplinary working. * Demonstrate a commitment to accessibility by submitting an accessible document.   Applicants should note the following:   * You must email your application to: [msceduat@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:msceduat@dundee.ac.uk) by the deadline for consideration ahead of the general January 2023 MSc EduAT application deadline. * The deadline for the January 2023 intake scholarship applications is Friday 18th November 2022 at 12:00 midday (UK time). * Note that you must already hold an offer in order to apply, so please apply for the MSc EduAT programme first. Only apply for the scholarship if you hold an offer and meet the other criteria for the scholarship. * Note that the deadline for general EduAT applications for the January 2023 intake is 28th November 2022 at 23:59 (UK time) |
| **Who is eligible?** | * All Fee Status applicants are eligible to apply for this scholarship: Scottish, RUK. * Scholarship funding is limited, please only apply for this scholarship if you have already exhausted all other avenues (both internal and external to your employing organisation) of funding the MSc EduAT course fees. * The MSc EduAT scholarship will only be used to meet the tuition fees for a student to undertake the MSc EduAT. The scholarship will fund fees only and will be paid directly to the University for this purpose. * Prospective recipients of the MSc EduAT scholarship award must meet the pre-requisite [entry requirements](https://www.dundee.ac.uk/postgraduate/educational-assistive-technology-part-time/entry-requirements) of the programme. This means that scholarship applicants must be: * Prospective MSc EduAT students who already hold an offer * Students must be employed in **a not-for-profit UK based organisation that has education as a core objective,** such as a Local Authority, MAT (multi-academy trust) or third sector (charity run) school or college or other allied charitable organisation.   + Note that for the avoidance of doubt, applications from those employed by for-profit companies, even where these companies provide services such as education or social care shall not be considered for this scholarship.   + Note that it is expected that all students who are employed full time in an education organisation would complete the course via the part time route. * Applications from disabled students are encouraged. |
| **Award Information** | * The scholarship will be awarded to a UK based person who is working in a suitable education context as noted above, the scholarship will be for tuition fees only, which for the two-year part-time programme totals **£9,600.** * The sponsorship of any scholarship will be reviewed annually at least initially, although this review period can be extended based on dialogue between the University and any specific donor(s). * The qualification criteria is consistent with the University’s overall policy on improving access for students who are disadvantaged. * Awards from other bodies such as discretionary grants or loans by the Scottish Government or other bursaries shall not preclude the students from receiving this scholarship. * The scholarship is for the full period of the part time course (2 years) * Note that applications will be reviewed by the Scholarships sub-group of the MSc EduAT advisory group. * The scholarship applies only to the MSc EduAT course. * When assessing an award the student will be considered on their potential as well as their current academic achievement. * The amount to be provided annually is £4,800, totalling £9,600 over two years in the case of a full two-year part-time scholarship. * Where a two-year award applies, the award for the second year of the scholarship will be contingent on students meeting a good academic standard, with all submissions graded A-C. * In the event that there is no suitable applicant for the scholarship the figure would be applied to the next years intake. * The scholarship is applied to the applicants tuition fee balance, reducing the balance owed to the University. This scholarship is not made as a direct payment and the amount cannot be increased in any circumstances. |
| **Key Information** | * This scholarship only applies to the MSc EduAT. * The MSc EduAT team have worked with members of the independent MSc EduAT Advisory Group along with development and admissions colleagues at the University to create a scholarship programme for students who wish to undertake the MSc EduAT. This has been done in order to ensure that smaller organisations such as schools, colleges and third sector (charity) organisations can access this MSc level training and development opportunity. * In some cases we have had feedback from prospective students that they cannot access the programme due to financial cost concerns in their home organisations preventing them from supporting students by meeting their tuition fees to access the MSc. In these cases it would be useful to have prospective students apply to the scholarship fund for support to meet their tuition fees. * We are aware that schools, colleges, and other organisations such as third sector organisations are finding it increasingly difficult to provide high quality continuing professional development to their staff teams due to budget pressures following cuts to their core income or increasing costs, or both. * Through the MSc EduAT scholarship programme we are able to fund a small number of students though the scholarship application process that has been established by the MSc EduAT programme delivery team and the MSc EduAT Advisory Group in collaboration with the University Development and Admissions teams. * Note that a robust selection process has been included in the scholarship programme to ensure applicant suitability and to make certain that charitable funding is spent effectively and with useful impact on societal outcomes.   + **The mission at the heart of the University of Dundee is to transform lives, locally and globally, through the creation, sharing and application of knowledge.** * This scholarship will enable our MSc EduAT students to support their students in their schools and colleges who are the users of AT to access the curriculum at the highest possible level, to be as independent as imaginable and to meet their full potential as students, citizens, and members of the future workforce. |
| **Who will review applications?** | * Applications will be reviewed by a Scholarships sub-group of the MSc EduAT advisory group. * The Scholarships sub-group of the independent MSc EduAT Advisory Group will make all funding decisions, the programme delivery team shall not be involved. * Note that decisions made by the Scholarships sub-group of the independent MSc EduAT Advisory Group are final. * Note that in the case of a specific gift being made by a company, individual or other organisation a representative from this organisation can be invited to join this sub-group, should this be required by the entity making the award, for the purposes of making the specific award. * The review of applications by the independent Scholarships sub-group of the MSc EduAT advisory group will avoid any bias or perceived conflict of interest as members of the programme delivery team will not review the essay submissions which will be used to award the scholarship; however members of the programme team will review applications inclusive of personal statements for suitability in the usual way. Only those students who are to be accepted for the programme shall be eligible for the scholarship. |