2022/23 Alumni Fee Remission Procedure

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Summary

This document outlines eligibility criteria for Edge Hill graduates, former ERASMUS+ and Study Abroad students who may benefit from a reduction in tuition fee when enrolling onto an eligible course in the academic year 2022/23.

Glossary of Terms

Bursary

a financial award made to students to support their studies; sometimes used interchangeably with 'scholarship'. For some professional programmes a bursary may be provided from external funding;

ERASMUS+

a former programme for EU students (prior to December 2020) who studied at Edge Hill University for one or two semesters;

Postgraduate Doctoral Loan Scheme

The scheme under which students starting a postgraduate Doctoral course could be eligible for a loan from the UK Government to help with course fees and living costs;

Postgraduate Master's Loan Scheme

The scheme under which students starting a master's course could be eligible for a loan from the UK Government to help with course fees and living costs;

Repeat Year

permission to undertake a full year or level of study as if for the first time, despite having previously undertaken part or all of that year;

Sponsor

an employer or other organisation that agrees to pay all or part of a student's tuition fee;

Study Abroad (students)

students who come to study at Edge Hill from a University outside the UK as part of their degree course. Study Abroad students can choose to study for a semester or for a whole academic year at Edge Hill;

Purpose

This procedure sets out the criteria for Edge Hill graduates, former ERASMUS+ and Study Abroad students who may benefit from tuition fee remission. It informs students about specific programmes which are excluded from the fee remission offer.

Procedure

An Edge Hill graduate, former ERASMUS+ or Study Abroad student could benefit from a reduction in tuition fee when enrolling onto an eligible full-time or part-time postgraduate programme at the University for the first time during 2022/23.

The offer is intended to be as inclusive as possible and is open to all students who graduated at undergraduate or PGCE level within the last three years. This means that for academic year 2022/23 entry, students must be registered on their final and full year of study in academic year 2019/20 onwards including registration for reassessment purposes:

Edge Hill University graduates

- with UK resident status. Exemptions to the UK residency criteria may apply for EU students who have settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme, or who are Irish nationals.
- holding an undergraduate award at Level five (for example Foundation Degree) or at Level six (for example; BA, BSc or LLB) or PGCE¹

Former ERASMUS+ students

• with EU resident status.

Study Abroad students

• who have studied at least one semester with Edge Hill University at undergraduate level.

All students must

- have responsibility for payment of their own tuition fee ie not be in receipt of sponsorship or a contribution towards tuition fee from external funding. Receipt of a postgraduate loan via the Postgraduate Master's or Doctoral Loan Scheme does not count as external funding for these purposes.
- be enrolled onto an Edge Hill University Postgraduate Certificate, Diploma, taught or research Masters programme² or a Doctoral programme (PhD or Professional Doctorate) either full or part-time, commencing in 2022/23;
- be studying a minimum of 60 credits each academic year and have all modules confirmed at the start of the academic year³;
- have no outstanding debt with the University;
- not be employed by the University on a permanent or fixed term contract.

Subject to the above conditions, Edge Hill graduates may benefit from the following offer:

50% tuition fee discount for 2020/21 and 2021/22 finalists, 20% tuition fee discount for 2019/20 finalists, with 50% discount for MRes study

¹ Excludes Exit Awards

² Excludes PGCE, PGDE, Integrated Masters, MSc Midwifery, MSc Nursing, MSc Advanced Fertility Practice, MSc Clinical Reproductive Medicine, PGDip Nursing, PG Cert Medical Leadership and MCh/MMed programmes

³ Exception is granted for PGCert SpLD Dyslexia and part time MSc Psychotherapy and Counselling only, where course delivery does not allow for a curriculum of 60 credits

Fee reduction applies for the full duration of the programme, excluding any repeat years.

Students will be invited to confirm their eligibility at enrolment to enable assessment of the remission.

Students will only be entitled to this remission for registration on one postgraduate programme, except for students progressing to Doctoral study within three academic years of completing postgraduate taught⁴ or research awards, where fee remission will be awarded at 50% for 2020/21 and 2021/22 postgraduate finalists and 20% for 2019/20 postgraduate finalists.

Students previously awarded remission and who failed to complete or pass their programme will not be permitted the benefit again.

Students who have had their tuition fee modified or waived for an academic session following award of Recognition of Prior/Experiential Learning (RP/EL) will not be eligible to receive this remission. Students will also not qualify for the remission for future registrations on the same programme.

If a sponsorship agreement is sought for payment of fees or an external bursary is awarded at any point prior to or during the programme, entitlement will cease, and the full fee becomes payable for that academic session onwards.

Contracted Edge Hill University staff, in addition to postgraduate students returning for the second or subsequent year of a course which has already started, are excluded.

For further information contact the Fees, Scholarships and Bursaries Team in Academic Registry: <u>TuitionFees@edgehill.ac.uk</u>. Please note the fee reduction procedure is reviewed on an annual basis but the above principles apply for the whole of the normal duration of the programme of study.

⁴ Excludes PGCE Level 7

Key to Relevant Documents

This procedure does not refer to other documents.

Annexes

This procedure does not contain any additional information.

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