Global Recruitment, Marketing and Admissions
Graduate Loyalty Discount Scheme Policy

1. Introduction

The Graduate Loyalty Discount Scheme is a recruitment and conversion incentive scheme targeting home and international postgraduate applicants with previous study at the University of York. The Scheme provides a University-funded waiver of a proportion of the relevant postgraduate tuition fee, applied at the point of fees being raised for the student.

2. Relevant legislation or regulation

- HESA statutory reporting (fee income reporting)
- Consumer protection law

3. Scope

This policy applies to the Graduate Loyalty Discount Scheme at the University of York. This policy does not include the Hull York Medical School graduate scholarship available to University of Hull, University of York or Hull York Medical School graduates applying to the certain postgraduate taught masters programmes at the Hull York Medical School.

4. Applicability

a. The Scheme is applicable to international and home students who have successfully completed at least one of:
   - an undergraduate degree (including integrated Masters courses) from the University of York (applies to any year of graduation);
   - a University of York degree award made to a student joining through an articulation or progression partnership;
   - a period of study as a visiting student;
   - a period of study from January 2021 onwards on one of the University's short courses for partner universities as published on University webpages;

   and who hold an offer for entry to a full or part-time postgraduate taught course at York, including distance learning.

b. The waiver is applied in each year of study.

c. The waiver can be applied to more than one course of study at the University of York.

5. Exclusions

With the exception of Hull York Medical School exclusions, exclusions cannot be applied to individual students: all eligible students will receive the waiver regardless of other sources of funding or scholarships. Exclusions are defined by course.

The Scheme is not applicable to students on courses:

- which are not taught courses; or
- for which there are specific external funding arrangements available to all students on the course; or
- which are equivalent to RQF level 6 or below (for example Graduate Diploma); or
- which are priced as undergraduate courses.

Details of excluded courses are listed on University webpages. For 2027/8 entry these are:

- MA Public Policy (Mundus MAPP)
- PGCE
- MA Social Work
- LLM Law (Juris Doctor)
- Masters by Research
- Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL)

Hull York Medical School course exclusions:

- For the Health Professions Education courses only, the Scheme cannot be used in conjunction with reduced tuition fees, eligibility for which is managed by the Hull York Medical School.
- The Scheme is not applicable where the course being taken is as a Hull York Medical School intercalated degree.

7. Responsibilities

a. Approval of waiver level

The review and approval of the level of the University-funded waiver of a proportion of the relevant postgraduate tuition fee is the responsibility of the University body approving all non-regulated University tuition fees, and is reviewed annually by this body.

b. Approval of applicability and exclusions

The review and approval of applicability and exclusions is the responsibility of Global Recruitment, Marketing and Admissions, and is reviewed annually and on the approval of new postgraduate taught courses.

c. Implementation

Implementation of the waiver is the responsibility of Postgraduate Admissions and the Fees Office. The waiver level is published on University webpages as a percentage discount and included in relevant offer letters. All eligible students will receive the same level of waiver.

8. Appeals and complaints

Appeals and complaints will be managed as set out in the University's Complaints Procedure.

9. Policy ownership

This policy is the responsibility of the Deputy Head of Admissions (Postgraduate).

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