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Norton Rose Fulbright LLP is pleased to offer a bursary of £5000, paid across your three/four years at university, to ten first or second year students, who aspire to pursue a career in law and meet the firm's eligibility criteria.

### Overview of Scholars, the Norton Rose Fulbright Bursary

*Scholars* is a comprehensive bursary programme run by Norton Rose Fulbright LLP. The programme aims to reach students who aspire to pursue a career in law and are facing socio-economic barriers to access the resources and connections to succeed. The programme is aimed at students who have received an unconditional offer to study at university, have been officially accepted by their chosen university or have already commenced study for their stated degree. Students must be completing their first undergraduate degree to apply. **Please ensure you read this guidance document in full before applying.**

Once selected, the programme offers students:

- £5,000 over the course of your degree
- A mentoring programme with our lawyers
- Additional support in vacation scheme and training contract applications
- Insight days and other skills based workshops
- Invitations to select Norton Rose Fulbright events
- A graduation event as well as other networking opportunities with Norton Rose Fulbright employees and clients.

### Who is eligible to apply for the bursary?

You will need to have an unconditional offer, have been officially accepted by your chosen university or have already commenced study at university for your stated degree. You will need to be completing your first undergraduate degree which can be in any subject but must be a minimum 3-year course at an accredited university in the United Kingdom. You will have achieved AAB at A Level or equivalent (see further contextual criteria for more information on grades).

In order to apply for a place on this programme, you must:

(Essential criteria)

- i. Have achieved AAB at A - Level (or equivalent).
- ii. Have demonstrated a strong desire to pursue a career in law

Additionally, you will be eligible if you satisfy one or more of the below criteria:

- i. Spent time in local authority care
- ii. First generation in immediate family to attend university
- iii. Have been eligible for free school meals during the ages of 11-16
- iv. Came to this country as a refugee/asylum seeker (you must ordinarily reside in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of your course and have been recognised as a refugee on this date)
- v. Have been registered as a carer

**Further contextual criteria**

With regard to your academic qualifications, Norton Rose Fulbright will take your grades into consideration using contextual data to assess them against the average school performance in your area. Also, given the complexity of schooling over the last year, consideration will be given to the impact of COVID-19 on exam results.

For further information on the programme, please refer to our [website](#) or email [emeacorporate.responsibility@nortonrosefulbright.com](mailto:emeacorporate.responsibility@nortonrosefulbright.com)

Please note, the firm will require a copy of your official A-level (or equivalent) results once you have received them. All shortlisted applicants will also be subjected to additional checks.

## How to apply for the bursary

The online application form for this bursary is accessible [here](#).

You will be asked to complete a written section (maximum 750 words). This will be an opportunity for you to tell us more about why you are interested in pursuing a career in law.

## Confirmation of your online application

### Incomplete or late bursary applications will not be accepted or processed.

- Upon submission of your bursary application you will receive confirmation that your application is being processed. You will NOT receive an additional email after this, therefore please do not contact us to request further confirmation.
- All applications will be reviewed by a panel of representatives from Norton Rose Fulbright LLP. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to participate in a telephone interview W/C November 1, 2021
- Successful applicants will be notified of the outcome of your application in December 2021. Please wait to be contacted in this regard.
- Please note that the bursary (both applications and awards) cannot be deferred.
- All decisions are final and at the discretion of Norton Rose Fulbright LLP.

## Application deadline

Applications open - August 10, 2021 (00:00 BST)

Application deadline - October 15, 2021 (23:59 BST)

## Application process

The table below provides an overview of what to expect from the application process:

Date	Application stage
10 August 2021	Application form opens and is available <a href="#">here</a> .
15 October 2021 w/c 25 October 2021	Applications close Candidates notified of whether they have been successful in reaching the next stage
1-12 November 2021	Telephone interviews
25 November 2021	Final selection made by Norton Rose Fulbright LLP partners
6 December 2021	Successful applicants notified

## Telephone interviews

Based on your application form and academic record, potential candidates will be invited to attend a telephone interview between November 1 and November 12. Please note that if you cannot attend a telephone interview, or you fail to attend a telephone interview, you will not be considered further.

The interviews will be held with members of the Norton Rose Fulbright LLP recruitment, Corporate Responsibility and Diversity & Inclusion teams. The interview will cover your background, your motivations for pursuing a career and some situational judgement questions.

## Programme conditions

If you are offered a place on the programme, it is conditional on the following:

Providing a copy of your official A-level results or equivalent once you have received them. If you receive an offer for the programme but subsequently do not enrol into university or your application is rescinded the offer for the bursary will be withdrawn.

You can send a copy of your results by email at

[emeacorporate.responsibility@nortonrosefulbright.com](mailto:emeacorporate.responsibility@nortonrosefulbright.com)

- i. Enrolled on to an undergraduate degree at a UK university and providing confirmation of your enrolment as soon as reasonably possible and in any event, not later than November 1, 2021. You can send this to us by via the same email address above.
- ii. The bursary will be evenly distributed across each academic year and will be paid to your nominated bank account throughout the duration of your undergraduate course, provided that:
  - you remain enrolled in the same undergraduate degree course; and
  - you have passed all required examinations to progress to the next level of study; and
  - you agree that representatives from Norton Rose Fulbright LLP may contact your university to confirm that these criteria continue to be met.
  - you pledge to fully attend and engage with the entirety of the programme and its subsequent events and activities
- iii. Norton Rose Fulbright LLP has absolute discretion whether or not to award a bursary or allocate a place on the programme.
- iv. Please note that all decisions made by Norton Rose Fulbright LLP throughout the selection process are final.
- v. Please read these conditions carefully, as you must confirm on your application that you have read and understood them. If any dispute arises as to the interpretation of these conditions, our decision as to the correct meaning will be final.



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