

### 2015/16 MMU Academic Excellence Award (UK/EU Part Time Undergraduate Students)

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From 2015/16 we have created a new scheme to award our high achievers for successes and achievements gained at MMU who achieve an average of 70% (at their first attempt) or greater in year 1 and further years of their degree course.

- Your year 1 award will be paid when you progress into year 2.
- Further awards will be allocated depending on how many credits you commence in Year 2 and further Academic Years. You could receive a maximum of £1,500 during the duration of your Undergraduate degree course.

The MMU Academic Excellence Award is **not** means-tested; therefore, your eligibility is **not dependant on your household income**.

Please remember, if you are eligible, you will receive your first award in the second year of your degree in 2015/16.

*2014/15 Students who are eligible for the Academic Achievement Bursary (ABB) as well as the MMU Academic Excellence Awards will not receive the full MMU Academic Excellence Award on top of their ABB bursary - the amount of the award will be dependent on the ABB bursary.*

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### In order to be eligible for the MMU Academic Excellence Award in 2015/16, you must meet all the following criteria:

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- You commenced your part time full undergraduate degree (excluding Foundation degrees) in the 2014/15 academic year.
- You must be paying tuition fees under the higher **tuition fee regime** - £2,250 per 30 credits.
- You must achieve an average of 70% (at your first attempt over all modules taken in the year) or greater in year 1 of your degree course in 2014/15 and move to year 2 in 2015/16.
- Your course of study is not a top up course.
- Your course of study is **not** externally funded (e.g. through the NHS).

**Further terms and conditions can be found at the end of this document.**

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## How do I apply?

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- **You do not need to apply.** Details of your marks and progression will automatically be passed to the Student Billings Team.
  - If you are eligible, the Student Billings Team will notify you by **email** by the first instalment date.
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## How much will I receive?

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### Year 2 in 2015/16

- Awards will be pro-rated each year depending on the number of credits/units you are taking and charged for:
  - 30 credits/units £250
  - 60 credits/units £500
  - 90 credits/units £750

### Year 3 in 2016/17

Awards will be dependant on the award you received in 2015/16.

*(Full time students receive £1,000 in Year 2 and £500 in Year 3).*

Your £500 year entitlement will be awarded as follows:

- 30 credits/units £125
  - 60 credits/units £250
  - 90 credits/units £375
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## How will I be paid?

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- Payments will be made onto your Metcard in **two instalments**, for 2015/16 payments dates will be as follows:
  - **50%** on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015
  - **50%** on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016

If you do not already have a Metcard you can apply for one via the Metcard landing page at [www.mmu.ac.uk/metcard](http://www.mmu.ac.uk/metcard)

To avoid details we would advise all students to apply for the Metcard once they receive notification from Student Billings that they are eligible for the award.

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## Terms and Conditions

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- You must be in attendance on **each instalment date** to be entitled to the full amount.
  - Should MMU pay you an award to which you are **not** entitled, you **will** be required to repay this to MMU.
  - MMU may **withhold** your award in the event of poor or non-attendance on your course.
  - You will not receive any award in the event of repeat years as you would not have met the initial eligibility criteria achieving an average of 70% (at their first attempt) or greater.
  - Should you incur any **unpaid debts** to the University, MMU reserves the right to **withhold payment** of any entitlement until the debt is paid in full.
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