

Launchpad Bursary (UK Home Students) Terms and Conditions, 2026-27

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What is the Launchpad Bursary?

The Launchpad Bursary is designed to help talented students from underrepresented backgrounds access creative industries education and take the next step toward their future careers.

The Launchpad Bursary provides a tiered reduction in tuition fees. For a full-time three-year undergraduate course this looks like:

- **Year 1:** 50% tuition fee reduction
- **Year 2:** 30% tuition fee reduction
- **Year 3:** 20% tuition fee reduction

For programmes of different lengths, an equivalent level of support will be applied. By graduation, each recipient will have received financial support equivalent to a one-third discount on total tuition fees.

To reduce potential bias in the awarding process, all students who meet the eligibility criteria will be entered automatically into a random draw. Names will be drawn until the total number of available bursaries is reached, and the awardees will be contacted by email.

Who is eligible for the Launchpad Bursary?

You are eligible to receive the Launchpad Bursary if you meet at least one of the following criteria:

- **Low-Income Household**
 - Your combined household income is £28,000 per year or less.
 - To be considered, you must have completed your student finance application. Students paying their fees privately are not eligible.
- **Global Majority Background**
 - You identify as being from a non-white racial or ethnic background, including mixed-race backgrounds.
- **Disability or Long-Term Health Condition**
 - You have a disability, chronic illness or long-term mental health condition.

In addition, all award holders must be:

- Studying an undergraduate degree on one of BIMM's English campuses (Birmingham, Brighton, Bristol, Essex, Leeds, London, or Manchester).
 - Diplomas, short courses, CertHE, and postgraduate courses are excluded.

We will assess your eligibility using your student loan application and your UCAS or direct application form.

How do I apply for the Launchpad Bursary?

There is no separate application form. To reduce potential bias in the awarding process, all students who meet the eligibility criteria will be entered automatically into a random draw. Names will be drawn until the total number of available bursaries is reached, and the awardees will be contacted by email.

If you have not been contacted by 31 October 2026, then you should assume that your name has not been drawn for the Bursary.

If you are eligible in more than one way, you will receive multiple entries. However, please be aware that the maximum award is one per person.

What if I'm an international student?

What if I'm studying in Dublin or Berlin?

The Launchpad Bursary is available to for UK Home fee students only. Information about fees, finance, and funding opportunities for international students and campuses can be found as follows:

- EU and International Students: [Fees and finance for international students - BIMM Music Institute](#)
- Dublin Campus: [Fees and finance - BIMM Music Institute](#)
- Berlin Campus: [Fees and finance - BIMM University Berlin](#)

What if I'm Irish, but studying in the UK?

If you are an Irish citizen, but you are eligible for and receive a Student Finance loan from England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland, and you pay UK Home tuition fees, then you could be eligible for the Launchpad Bursary. [Generally speaking, an Irish citizen would need to be resident in the UK \(including NI\) for three years prior to their degree to qualify.](#)

If you're not sure whether you qualify for Student Finance, please contact our student finance team: financeenquiries@bimm.co.uk

What if I am on a diploma course or a short course?

Unfortunately, the Launchpad Bursary is not available to students on diploma or short courses.

What are the requirements for a Launchpad Bursary recipient?

If you are awarded a Launchpad Bursary, you must progress through each level of your course in order to continue receiving your bursary.

If you need to repeat a year of your degree, you will continue to be eligible during the repeated year (see **Repeating**, below).

If you withdraw from your course before completing, or if you defer your place, then your Bursary will be forfeited.

What if I need to withdraw, intermit, defer, or repeat a year?

Withdrawing – If you withdraw from your course, you will not receive any more funding from the Launchpad Bursary after your date of withdrawal.

Intermitting – If you intermit (interrupt) your studies for a period of time, you will not receive the Launchpad Bursary during your intermission. However, you will remain eligible for further payments when you re-enrol or continue with your course.

Deferring – If you defer your studies after being awarded a Launchpad Bursary, your award will be forfeited.

Repeating – If you repeat a year of study, you will continue to be eligible for the Launchpad Bursary. However, the award value will not exceed a one-third discount on your total tuition bill for the duration of your course.

Please note that bursaries are normally available for a maximum number of years equal to the maximum period of public funding available to you. This is usually the normal length of the programme, plus one academic year, but this is subject to changing government regulations.

What if I'm in my second or third year?

The Launchpad Bursary is only available to students enrolling at Level 4 for the first time in the 2026-27 academic year. Unfortunately, students transferring from another institution into Level 5 (second year) or Level 6 (third year) are not eligible.

How is the bursary paid?

The Launchpad Bursary is not a cash payment. It will be awarded as a discount on your tuition fees, which will reduce the amount of debt that you ultimately accrue during your studies.

General Terms & Conditions

In the event of a conflict between the Launchpad Bursary Terms & Conditions and the BIMM University Higher Education Terms & Conditions, the BIMM University Higher Education Terms & Conditions will take precedence.

What if I have more questions?

You can contact the relevant Head of School, or the Student Finance Team on financeenquiries@bimm.ac.uk