



## **UCO Access to Higher Education Diploma Fee Waiver**

## SCOPE

The University College of Osteopathy (UCO) recognises the benefits of having an increasingly diverse student body. We do our best to ensure that any barriers to entry are removed, making our education and services accessible to those that wish to study with us.

The main purpose of the fee waiver is to encourage wider participation from students from less affluent backgrounds onto our Access Course. The award will provide fully funded bursaries towards course fees for students from

- low-income household
- live in a low participation neighbourhood or
- are a care leaver or are a young carer.

## ELIGIBILITY

Students must be in receipt of at least one of the following means tested benefits over the last 3 months, or must live in a low participation neighbourhood or be a care leaver or young carer:

- Universal Credit
- Housing Benefit
- Income Support
- Working Tax/Child Tax Credit
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Council Tax Reduction
- Pension Credit

*Applicants should note that they may not be eligible for the fee waiver if they are repeating a year on the Access Course, any applications will be decided on a case-by-case basis.*

## EVIDENCE

If you are in receipt of one the means tested benefits mentioned above, you should provide:

- An original letter from the Department of Work and Pensions, local authority or HMRC showing receipt of benefit within the last 3 months OR
- Your yearly award and evidence of payments for Work Tax/Child Credit during the last 3 months

If you live in a low-participation neighbourhood, you will be contacted by the Student Support Department and you will be asked to provide the following if you'd like to receive the scholarship:

- Bills or letters dated within the last 3 months that confirm your home address.

If you are a care leaver or a young carer, please contact the Student Support Department

*The Student Support team hold discretion when making awards. You may be asked to provide additional evidence to the above in support of your application.*

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

The online application will open at the beginning of the academic year on the Student Support Financial Support page.

Applications will close on November 30<sup>th</sup>2022. Decisions on all applications will be made within 4 weeks of the closing date.

We are unable to accept applications from students that are not currently enrolled onto the course.

Please ensure that the form is fully complete and that all supporting evidence is uploaded prior to submission. For any further finance questions, please contact [StudentSupport@uco.ac.uk](mailto:StudentSupport@uco.ac.uk)