



Bar Scholarship 2026/27

The Bar Course Scholarship for September 2026 - Applications will open on Tuesday 13 January 2026

Northumbria Law School is seeking to attract the highest calibre of students to its Bar Course programmes. Our aim is to encourage access and enable capable and motivated students to enter the legal profession. In furtherance of this aim, Northumbria Law School is pleased to offer five Bar Course Scholarships.

For September 2026, **three** holders of a Bar Course Scholarship will enjoy a **full waiver** of the fees for the Bar Course (subject to the terms and conditions stated below). An additional **two** scholars will receive a **£5,000 discount** off the tuition fee.

The Bar Course Scholarships are awarded on merit alone and are assessed against clear criteria. Scholarship applications require a written application form and those shortlisted will subsequently be invited to attend an interview with the scholarship panel. For further details see the application and selection process below.

Applications will open on Tuesday 13 January at 09:00.

Terms and Conditions

To be eligible to apply for the Bar Course Scholarship for September 2026 you must:

- Be a Home, EU or International applicant
- Have already applied to study the Bar Course at Northumbria University, commencing in September 2026 - *Please note, you do not have to be holding an offer at the time of application*
- *Subsequently meet the terms and conditions of your offer for the Bar Course*
- Be a self-funded student and not have fees which are paid in full or in part through a sponsorship arrangement, i.e. employer funded

Important Information

- **Students selected for the Bar Course Scholarship will no longer be eligible for any other postgraduate discounts**
- Sponsored students are **not** eligible for the Bar Course Scholarship
- Students who are progressing from a partner institution where reduced fees have been agreed are **not** eligible for the Bar Course Scholarship
- The Bar Course Scholarship is awarded as a reduction on the tuition fee and is **not** a cash sum
- The reduction to the fees will be made following enrolment
- If you defer your place, the scholarship offer will be withdrawn
- If you transfer to an ineligible course, your scholarship offer will be withdrawn



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- If you withdraw from the Bar Course during the period of study you may be liable to pay a sum of fees
- Northumbria University reserves the right to withdraw this scheme at any point
- The University's decision is final and cannot be challenged; there is no right of review and no right of appeal
- **Owing to the number of applications received, individual feedback cannot be provided to applicants at either stage of the process however, personal support, feedback and interview guidance inc. mock interviews are regularly offered to students studying the Bar Course at Northumbria**

Eligible Courses

- [Bar Course one year Full-Time](#)
- [Bar Course two years Part-Time](#)
- [Bar Course \(LLM\) one year Full-Time](#)
- [Bar Course \(LLM\) two years Part-Time](#)

Scholarship Criteria

The Bar Course Scholarships are awarded on merit alone. Offers are based on an assessment of each applicant's ability to demonstrate the following criteria at both stage one and stage two of the selection process.

- **Intellectual ability** – Evidence of high academic achievement, analytical skills, and use of judgment.
- **Advocacy** - Evidence of oral and written clarity, articulacy, persuasiveness, and, if shortlisted, an ability to respond to questioning.
- **Legal Ethics** - Evidence of integrity, reasoning, awareness of civic role and challenges at the Bar.
- **Character and Interpersonal Skills** - Evidence of motivation for a career at the Bar, self-reliance, and teamwork.

Application and Selection Process

The application process for a Scholarship is as follows:

Stage 1 - The Written Application - Applications will open on Tuesday 13 January at 09:00.

- Applicants will complete an **online application form**. The form requires candidates to provide personal details, relevant degree/qualification transcripts achieved thus far (note you must upload evidence of individual module marks) a CV and a personal statement explaining how you have met the criteria above. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Please upload documents in Microsoft Word/Adobe PDF only.
- The maximum word count of the personal statement is 1500 words although applicants are encouraged to be concise and demonstrate brevity. Your statement should convey how you meet,



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or have the potential to meet, the criteria stated above by referring to specific examples. Examples can be taken from academic studies, extra-curricular activities and engagements, positions of responsibility, work experience such as mini-pupillages, or indeed voluntary/employed work.

- Please note if you would like the panel to consider any particular mitigating circumstances that has impacted academic achievement or if there are any barriers (e.g, monetary, health etc) that you have experienced please include such information clearly in your personal statement.

Successful applicants at Stage 1 will then proceed to Stage 2 (***please note that progression to Stage 2 is no guarantee of an award***)

Stage 2 – The Interview

- Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed by academic members of Northumbria Law School who will form a Scholarship panel. For 2026 the interviews can either take place face to face or remotely using an online video platform such as Microsoft Teams or Zoom. As part of the interview, you will be expected to make a short oral presentation on a topic notice of which will be given at the time of invitation for interview. The interview will be loosely based on what applicants might expect to face when applying to Chambers for a pupillage.



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