

# **Hemera Scholarship**

## **Guidance for applicants**

The Hemera Scholarship is intended to support a student aiming to gain a physics degree and who may face barriers to higher education.

This scholarship will cover all undergraduate fees, plus a contribution of up to £9,000 towards living expenses, for a UK or EU applicant accepted for a place for the Science and Engineering Foundation Programme, a BSc or MSci degree in the School. The continuation of the into each year of study is conditional on the attainment of certain academic standards.

More information can be found at:

http://ph.qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/hemera-scholarship

#### Who is it for?

The scholarship will be awarded to the candidate who demonstrates the most outstanding potential for development over the course of a physics degree.

We will consider all applications on their own merit. However, we are particularly interested in applications from students who fit one or more of the following criteria:

- Students with a household income of less than of £25,000
- Students who are the first in their immediate family to attend university
- Young independent students who have previously been in Local Authority care, or residing in a Foyer or similar residential provision for young homeless adults
- Asylum seekers, or the child of an asylum seeker or a student with Discretionary Leave to Remain
- Women
- Students that have experienced other difficulties in furthering their education in physics.

**NB.** To be eligible, all applicants must have successfully applied through UCAS to study on an undergraduate or foundation programme at the School of Physics and Astronomy at QMUL and have made QMUL their first choice institution.

### How to apply

The application process consists of a paper application as well as an interview. Only shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview.

To apply, please send an email to hemera@gmul.ac.uk and attach:

- A completed application form found at: http://ph.qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/hemera-scholarship
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher

#### What to include in the letter of recommendation

The letter of recommendation should be written by a teacher who knows you well and not necessarily by your physics teacher (although this is of course acceptable).

The letter should comment on:

- How the applicant fits the broad eligibility criteria covered in the "Who is it for? Section.
- The applicant's potential for development over the course of a physics degree

It should also include the name, job title and contact details of the person writing the letter.

### **Application timeline**

Applications open 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016

Application deadline 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Interviews 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Final decision communicated by 18<sup>th</sup> August

#### More information and advice

You should discuss your intention to apply for this Scholarship with a teacher at your school or college.

We are happy to provide guidance to anyone considering this scholarship. If you or anyone assisting you in applying for this scholarship requires any informal advice, please email <a href="mailto:hemera@qmul.ac.uk">hemera@qmul.ac.uk</a>.