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## Student Funding FAQs

### for MBA applicants

For full details of the scholarship funding available, including eligibility information, please visit the [Scholarships and Funding webpages](#).

#### **When are Saïd Business School scholarship decisions announced?**

The School awards scholarships after each admissions round. Please see the [Scholarship and funding webpage](#) for further information on when specific schemes will be awarded.

#### **How will I know when scholarship decisions have been made?**

Check your application portal for the latest updates. Successful candidates are contacted around one week after admissions decisions are made and will receive a status update notification via email. Scholarship offer letters will be added to the application portal to view under the 'Status Update' section. This letter will contain instructions on how to accept the offer and the deadline for acceptance.

Unsuccessful candidates are not notified directly, but an update will be posted in the 'Funding updates and news' section on the application portal to let all candidates know that decisions have been made.

#### **How will I know if I have been awarded a University Scholarship?**

The University's Student Fees and Funding team will contact successful candidates directly by email. University scholarships are usually awarded between March and July each year. The approximate date by which decisions are expected to be made will normally be given in the information available via the [A-Z of Scholarships](#). If the date listed is in the past, you can assume the scholarship offers have already been made.

#### **Will I be reconsidered for funding at the next admissions stage?**

Yes. All offer holders will be considered for scholarships after every admissions stage, regardless of which stage you applied to the programme. If you apply in stage one, your application will be considered at each of the four stages. We will reconsider all candidates regardless of funding sources already secured or scholarships already awarded.

#### **Do I need to take any additional action to be considered for Saïd Business School scholarships?**

For most scholarships no additional action is required, we will automatically consider all eligible offer holders who apply by the deadline. Where an additional action is required of applicants, you will see 'additional application required' after the scholarship name on our [Scholarships and funding page](#). Please read the scholarship information to find out what is required of you.

#### **Is the MBA programme eligible for US federal student loans (FAFSA loans)?**

Yes. The University has a dedicated team that process these loans for all academic departments at Oxford.

See their [US Loans webpage](#) for further information. Note that the School code you will need to list on your FAFSA is the code associated with your college, so applications cannot be made until a college place has been finalised.

### **What is the deadline to apply for scholarships?**

Deadlines vary. Go to each scholarship listing on our [Scholarships and funding page](#) to find the deadline for that scholarship. You must submit a complete programme application by the deadline, along with any additional scholarship documents (if required) to be considered for any scholarship. We will not consider applicants after the deadline has passed.

### **How many MBA students receive funding from Oxford?**

In our 2021-22 MBA class, 32% of the class received funding from an Oxford source. This includes college, central Oxford, and Saïd Business School funding.

### **Can I find employment in Oxford to help with my funding?**

The MBA programme is demanding, and we strongly recommend that students do not take on employment while they study. Your visa may also have restrictions on employment, and the programme involves some compulsory evening and weekend sessions. The University provides [guidelines on paid work](#) that may be useful to read.

### **How are scholarship decisions made?**

Our Scholarship Committee will meet to discuss all eligible applications and assess them against the published scholarship selection criteria listed for each scholarship on our [Scholarships and funding page](#). Those candidates who best meet the criteria will be awarded the scholarship.

### **Can I send you additional information about my financial situation for the Scholarship Committee to access when making decisions?**

Unfortunately, no. We need to ensure that our selection process is fair, and so the committee must only have access to the same set of documents for every candidate. We use the MBA application form and any additional scholarship essay (if required) to assess suitability. Please do not send additional documentation, this cannot be used.

### **I did not upload an essay for a scholarship that requires one – can I provide one now?**

No, you must provide the scholarship supporting materials at the time of your programme application. A warning is provided in the 'Funding' and 'Laidlaw' sections of the application. We cannot accept supporting materials after you have submitted your programme application.

### **Can you recommend a loan provider?**

We are not legally allowed to recommend loan providers, but we are allowed to share information about providers who will lend to students on this programme. Information about student loans can be found on our [Loans and external funding page](#).

**I have been awarded a scholarship, but I want to defer my admissions offer. Can I defer the scholarship too?**

It is not usually possible to defer your scholarship offer if you defer your offer of admission. There are however occasionally exceptions to this; you should check with your admissions adviser and the [Student Funding team](#) before you agree to your deferral. Once a deferral has been agreed and implemented, deferral of a scholarship offer will no longer be possible. However, you will be considered for Saïd Business School scholarship funding in your new year of entry, provided you submit the relevant additional material (if required) e.g., a scholarship essay.

**Are there funding sources to which I can apply once I am enrolled on the programme?**

Almost all scholarship and funding opportunities are only available during the admissions cycle; once a student enrolls on the programme, it is assumed they have done so because they can afford their course fees and living costs. Therefore, there is no provision of funding for on-course students.

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