

The Disabled Veterans' Scholarships Fund, the first of its kind in the UK, will seek to provide 105 full fee waiver scholarships (or equivalent), and a wraparound disability and careers support service, to enable disabled* veterans, injured in or due to military service, access to free Open University (OU) education and specialist support, ensuring that students are able to take full advantage of educational opportunities.

Study may take the form of an introductory access module, a first Level 1 module, or an entire undergraduate or postgraduate qualification; dependent on the needs and objectives of the applicant. 55 scholarships have been awarded in 2018/2019 and 50 will be in 2019/2020.

For further details please visit: giving.open.ac.uk/projects/disabled-veterans

Applications are now closed and will be re-opening early 2019

*physical and mental health conditions

I am delighted to support such a worthy scholarship scheme for those who have given so much. Disabled Veterans, I am sure will recognise the significant opportunities from an OU degree, enabled by this scheme.

Lieutentant General Richard Nugee Chief of Defence People (CDP) at the Ministry of Defence

The scheme, supported by a bespoke team of advisors, will draw on the OU's fifty years of experience in providing education to disabled students. Currently with a disabled student community of over 23,000 students, the OU is expert in providing extraordinary support to students experiencing an array of physical and mental disabilities.

Eligibility criteria

In order to qualify for the scheme the applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- ✓ Be starting study in the 2019/20 academic year
- ✓ Be eligible for a UK fee
- Be disabled in or due to service
- Be studying an OU module for which some, or all, of the tuition fees are being charged to the applicant.

Terms and conditions

- · Applications can be submitted by post or email
- Scheme applies to all study (undergraduate and postgraduate) which begins during the 2019/20 academic year
- Randomised selection process to select the first 50 scholarships will take place in July 2019
- Successful applicants will receive full fee waivers up to a maximum of 120 credits per academic year, 360 credits in total and not exceeding £18,000 for the total duration of the applicant's qualification
- Successful applicants will be entitled to specialist equipment and disability support
- · All eligible applicants will be entitled to pre-entry careers information, advice and guidance.

Spread the word and help us change lives

It is vital that we spread the word as widely as possible and ensure that we get the message out there to as many disabled veterans as possible.

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Talk to us about a donation

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Talk to a student advisor

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