Lemn Sissay Law Bursary

The University of Manchester’s Law School bursary, supporting black talent, as part of the Black Lawyers Matter initiative.
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Introduction

► The Lemn Sissay Law bursary is aimed at widening access by removing barriers to Law School undergraduate courses.

► The bursaries seek to address the under-representation of students of African and African Caribbean heritage in the Law School.

► Bursary applications are open to all UK applicants of African or African Caribbean heritage from under-represented backgrounds.

► The Law School is particularly interested in supporting male applicants due to under-representation in the legal sector, as well as those living in Greater Manchester.
Package

What’s on offer?

► There are up to 3 bursaries.
► Each bursary offers successful applicants an annual cash bursary of £3,000.
► It is a means of supporting individuals who wish to progress to undergraduate students commencing their studies in September.
► More info on other financial support at: https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/student-finance
Am I Eligible to Apply? Part 1 of 2

The bursary is available to prospective students who have submitted an application via UCAS to study a Law or Criminology undergraduate degree in the School of Sciences at The University of Manchester, and who satisfy:

**All of the following 3 criteria:**

- Black African, black African Caribbean, mixed-race black African or mixed-race black African Caribbean
- Has not at any time attended a fee-paying school in the UK
- Has not at any time attended a fee-paying school outside of the UK for which the fees are more than nominal
Am I Eligible to Apply? Part 2 of 2

In addition to the 3 essential criteria on the previous page, applicants should also satisfy:

and at least one of the below priority criteria 1-6 (ranked in order of priority):

1. Are Male
2. Live in Greater Manchester, or study at an institution in Greater Manchester
3. Have had experience of being in local authority care
4. Live in a 'disadvantaged' neighbourhood. This is defined by the applicants' home postcode using the University's contextual data eligibility checker
5. Applicant’s current or most recent educational institution has a performance that is lower than the national average (we can check this for you using the tool above)
6. Either:
   a) If you are under 21 years old - have at any time been eligible for free school meals at a UK senior school
   b) If you are over 21 years old - are or have been in receipt of means-tested benefits
How do I Apply?

► Applications for the bursary should be submitted by sending a completed application form to blacklawyersmatter@manchester.ac.uk before the deadline of 31 May, providing that an application to study an undergraduate Law or Criminology course has already been made via the UCAS website.

► You can access and download the application form from: https://www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/connect/making-a-difference/equality-and-diversity/black-lawyers-matter/

► Alternatively, you can email us to send you a copy of the application form, or if you have any questions, at blacklawyersmatter@manchester.ac.uk
Good Luck!

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