



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.





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What's on offer?

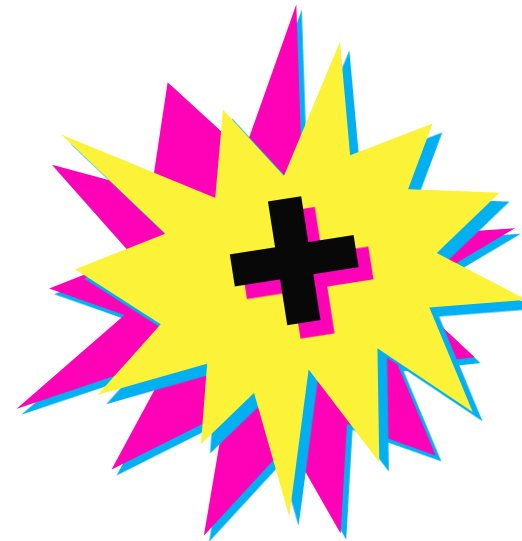
- ▶ There are up to 3 bursaries.
- ▶ Each bursary offers successful applicants an annual cash bursary of £3,000.
- ▶ It is a means of supporting individuals who wish to progress to undergraduate students commencing their studies in September.
- ▶ More info on other financial support at: <https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/student-finance>

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



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criteria...**

Am I Eligible to Apply? Part 2 of 2

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

... All 3 of the
previous
criteria, plus

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

