

Information and Next Steps for Online Equity & Merit Scholars

Internet Grant

You'll note that your scholarship includes a grant of up to GBP347 towards the costs of internet access. We know the costs of accessing the internet in Africa are high and that this has caused some problems for previous Equity & Merit students particularly those working in rural areas that don't have a reliable connection. The grant is therefore intended to help you get online, e.g. purchase a modem. The grant is a one off payment to cover the duration of study.

If you would like to claim this grant then please email me as soon as possible with details of how you intend to use it for approval. The grant is payable against a proforma invoice or receipt.

Bank Details

We will need your bank details to send this payment to you. *Please provide a letter from your bank on their headed paper with your account details,* which **must** include:

- Bank Name & full address
- Name of account holder/payee (you)
- Account holder/payee full address as registered with bank (the address you provided the bank)
- Sort Code (if available)
- Account Number
- SWIFT number, IBAN number (if available) and Routing Number
- Currency of account

Once we have this information we will make a payment direct to your bank account.

Zoom Meeting

When it comes to our Zoom meeting, you may need to install the Zoom application however on certain devices you may have the option of joining via your browser. It would be better for us if you signed up using your name so we can easily identify you.

Please attempt to join a few minutes before your scheduled time to ensure you are set up and ready. When you connect you must;

click 'Join **Audio** by **Computer**' and

test the volume and output of your speaker device 'Test Speaker'.

locate the 'Chat' feature just in case there are issues with the video connection.

If you're using a phone or tablet, ensure Zoom has access to your device's microphone.

iOS: Go to **Settings** > **Privacy** > **Microphone** and switch on the toggle for Zoom.

Android: Go to **Settings** > **Apps & notifications** > **App permissions** > **Microphone** and switch on the toggle for Zoom.

Be mindful of your environment;

- please try to have a quiet background for the call.
- Turn off or move away from noise sources like air conditioners.
- Your sound quality may also suffer if you're in an empty room with hard surfaces that
 produce lots of echoes. Instead, pick smaller rooms filled with furniture, curtains, or
 carpeting.