

School of Law

Gianni Sonvico Bursary

Terms and Conditions 2023-24

Gianni Sonvico was one of QMUL's most outstanding School of Law graduates, who sadly died before starting what promised to be an extraordinary career. The School of Law is proud to offer a £14,000 bursary in Gianni's memory.

Bursary Benefits

The successful applicant will be awarded £14,000 per year, paid in four instalments of £3,500. This bursary may be held alongside other bursaries, scholarships and award packages, excluding the Sanctuary Bursary and the Dentons Bursary.

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must fulfil the following eligibility criteria to be considered for the Gianni Sonvico Bursary:

- must be in the first year of their three-year or four-year LLB at Queen Mary University of London
- must have had a state-school education
- must be eligible for full UK government support for tuition fees and maintenance costs and be means-tested by Student Finance to show their household income is less than £35,000. In order to be assessed for this we must have received your means-tested assessment from SFE by 30 October 2023

The School of Law reserves the right to withhold the Gianni Sonvico Bursary in the absence of a satisfactory candidate. The School also reserves the right to distribute the award between more than one recipient if necessary.

Renewals

Recipients of the Gianni Sonvico Bursary are entitled to apply to renew the bursary in their subsequent years of study, provided they have fulfilled the following renewal criteria:

- All modules passed with an overall average 2:1 grade (60-69%),
- An attendance record of 90% or above,
- Resubmission of evidence of household income and financial support, and tenancy agreement (if requested),
- Submission of renewal application – see details below
- Contribution of at least three school involvements – see details below

Conditions for receipt of each bursary instalment:

Award winners are expected to make at least **THREE** contributions to the School of Law throughout the academic year, with at least one being made per semester where possible. This includes mandatory participation at least one Open Day and one Prospective student Offer Holder Day per

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year. Please ensure you are free on the dates as follows:

- 10 February – Offer Holder Day
- 9 March - Offer Holder Day
- 14-15 June – Open Day

You can also fulfil requirements by taking part in the following examples:

- Blogging for the marketing team; covering a law event for the School website.
- Admissions contribution, including, but not limited to, writing a paragraph on the award for the website, completing a student profile and/or providing a quote for the undergraduate prospectus.
- Involvement in departmental open days, offer holder days and campus tours. Awardees will be automatic members of the student ambassador programme and invited to take part in future School open days and events. Awardees cannot expect to be paid for these events.
- Becoming a Pathways to Law Ambassador and also taking part in the on-line mentoring scheme for Pathways to Law students. For details as to how to do this contact the Pathways to Law Coordinator at: pathwaystolaw@qmul.ac.uk
- Becoming a Social Media Ambassador and making regular contributions on our social media platforms. For details as to how to do this contact lawmarketing@qmul.ac.uk

Award winners are expected to communicate efficiently and clearly to the Law Scholarships and Bursaries team to give details of contributions made, so a note can be made on the student's record. The Scholarships and Bursaries Administrator is not expected to prompt or chase award winners for details as to contributions made. Details can be sent to: law-scholarships-bursaries@qmul.ac.uk

Renewal Application

The application process will include a 300-word statement outlining how the recipient has contributed to the School of Law over the award period.

The conditions set out for receipt of each instalment and for renewal each year are non-negotiable and students must fulfil all requirements in order to be awarded further payments of the bursary. Extenuating circumstances may be considered in consultation with the Scholarships and Bursaries Committee on a case by case basis.

For recipients in the third year of LLB English and European Law or LLB Global Law, the School will deduct any amount the recipient is being awarded from other funding sources (e.g. Erasmus grants or Global Law bursaries). Students who take the LLB Law in Practice will not be eligible to renew the bursary during their third year placement in industry, as this is a paid internship. Students who



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interrupt their studies will not receive the bursary in their absence but are eligible to apply for the bursary upon their return, provided they have met the renewal criteria.

For recipients who choose to continue residing at home during their studies at QMUL, the School reserves the right to deduct the minimum cost of campus accommodation from the total £14,000 for the year.