



Wheelock College of Education & Human Development

Scholarship Policies

I. General Policies

- a. Awarding of scholarships is based exclusively on merit and is determined through a holistic review of a prospective student's application by the reviewing faculty. Calculated need from a FAFSA application or extenuating financial circumstances will not be a factor when determining BU Wheelock scholarship offers at time of admission.
- b. Scholarship awards may only be applied to the billed tuition of required, grade-bearing coursework taken at BU Wheelock, and cannot be applied to mandatory fees, living expenses, or elective expenses. Scholarships may not be applied to courses taken within the [Boston Area Consortia](#).
- c. Applicants and current students who receive scholarship funds from institutions outside of Boston University are required to disclose these funds to BU Wheelock's Admissions & Financial Aid office.
- d. Outside aid may be compounded with a BU Wheelock scholarship. If the compounding of a student's outside aid with their BU Wheelock scholarship exceeds the billed tuition, the student must provide documentation from the external agency that their outside award can be used for fees and/or personal/living expenses, as detailed in Boston University's breakdown for standard [Cost of Attendance](#). Surplus outside aid deemed to be exclusively for tuition charges by the awarding agency will result in a reduction of BU Wheelock merit scholarship to fit within the billed tuition of the given semester.

II. Full-time Enrollment

- a. Full-time scholarships offered at time of admission represent the total award amount for the academic year, fall and spring semesters only. The award amount offered will be split evenly between the two semesters (e.g. a scholarship offer of \$20,000 for an academic year will amount to a \$10,000 scholarship for each semester, fall and spring). BU Wheelock scholarships will not be applied to summer coursework, students are responsible for tuition and fees while electing to take part-time coursework over a summer term.
- b. Scholarships will be applied to tuition only, and may not exceed the total cost of tuition. Please note that students will be financially responsible for the University fees, health insurance charges, and personal/living expenses. If a student is awarded any additional scholarship funding through a state grant or outside agency (as detailed in sec. I.c of this document) the BU Wheelock scholarship may be subject to adjustment. A full-time scholarship award will only be offered to degree-seeking candidates based on an assumed enrollment of 12–18 credits

per semester. Degree-seeking students must meet the BU Wheelock standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress (ie, hold at least a 3.0 GPA) and be enrolled in relevant coursework to their degree track in order to remain eligible for their tuition scholarship. The school reserves the right to adjust a student's scholarship if the above requirements are not met.

- c. Recipients enrolled in a multi-year degree program will be eligible to receive their scholarship in the same dollar value for all semesters of full-time enrollment beyond their first year, unless otherwise specified in their letter of admission. Coursework taken within the summer term is excluded from receiving scholarship funding. Students that require only part-time enrollment to complete their degree program beyond their first year will be eligible to receive a prorated scholarship as detailed in the Part-time Enrollment policy (sec. III.b).

III. Part-time Enrollment

- a. Scholarships for students who intend part-time enrollment will be awarded on a percentage basis. The standard percentage will be equal to the partnership rate of 33% of the billed tuition and will be awarded prior to the start of each new semester of enrollment.
- b. Scholarship recipients who plan to reduce enrollment from full-time to part-time are eligible to maintain their scholarship, but are required to inform the Financial Aid Office when adjustments to their enrollment are made. Scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive a prorated scholarship that offsets an equal percentage of their billed tuition, rounded down to the nearest \$100. . Calculations of prorated scholarship may be subject to change based on the student's final course enrollment. Coursework taken within the summer term is excluded from receiving prorated scholarship funding.

IV. Partnership Scholarship Policies

- a. A student will be considered a partner student, and thus eligible for the standard scholarship equaling 33% of their billed tuition charge, if they are a current affiliate of the following [participating partner](#) organizations only. Partner scholarships are not excluded from coursework taken within the summer term.
- b. A scholarship for a partner student will be applicable only toward the billed tuition of coursework taken within BU Wheelock. A partner student taking coursework outside of BU Wheelock could be subject to increased tuition rates and will be financially responsible for the full tuition and fees associated with that coursework.
- c. If a student has multiple partner affiliations, the tuition scholarship will not be compounded to cover a greater percentage than 33% of the billed tuition unless otherwise awarded by the BU Wheelock Admissions & Financial Aid Office.

- d. If a student decides to leave a partner organization of BU Wheelock, they will no longer be eligible for their partner scholarship unless otherwise awarded by the Admissions & Financial Aid Office. Teach For America Corps members that successfully complete their mandatory coursework through Teach For America Alumni will be eligible to receive their partner scholarship for any and all subsequent semesters of degree seeking enrollment.
- e. Partner students that receive a failing grade for a course will be eligible to maintain a partner discount for that coursework, but will be responsible for the entirety of the billed tuition for all subsequent retakes of that coursework.

V. Deferring Admission

- a. Should an applicant request to defer their offer of admission, any award offer will be automatically rescinded. Applicants who defer their admission are not guaranteed their offered scholarship in subsequent admissions cycles and will be subject to scholarship re-evaluation prior to their chosen semester of matriculation.

VI. Leave of Absence

- a. Should a scholarship recipient need to withdraw from classes, or take a leave of absence (LoA) from the University after the [first day of classes](#) (fall or spring semesters), the student in question will not receive a full reversal of their University charges. In the event that a student must withdraw, any scholarship aid received will be withdrawn for the semester in question.
- b. Students taking an LoA for medical, personal, or other reasons during a semester will be permitted to retain the same percentage of their tuition discount as the percentage of tuition they are charged.
- c. Students returning from an LoA within one calendar year of their leave will be eligible for the reinstatement of their scholarship to the same dollar amount or equivalent percentage as detailed in the part time scholarship policy (sec. III.b) Full-time students will have a scholarship reinstated in the dollar amount detailed in their initial award letter received at time of admission.

VII. Dual Degree Programs

- a. Dual degree applicants of BU Wheelock and the BU School of Social Work are eligible to receive scholarship offers from BU Wheelock at the time of admission.
- b. A scholarship offered by the BU Wheelock Admissions & Financial Aid Office will only be applicable for coursework taken within BU Wheelock. Should a student begin their coursework within another Boston University school or college, the

financial aid office of that school or college will be responsible for the inquiries and awarding of the student.

- c. The additional school or college, apart from BU Wheelock, may choose to offer a scholarship to a dual degree applicant at time of admission. Scholarships offered and awarded by another school or college's financial aid office will not be applicable to BU Wheelock coursework nor can scholarships be compounded between schools and colleges. BU Wheelock Admissions & Financial Aid Office will not match scholarships offered by other BU schools or colleges.
- d. A scholarship offered by BU Wheelock will be communicated at time of admission for an assumed full-time enrollment, with the intention of being split evenly between a student's fall and spring semesters (sec. II.a). Should a dual degree student complete only a single semester within BU Wheelock, the student will be eligible for half of their offered scholarship as detailed in their letter of admission.

VIII. Scholarships and Tuition Remission

- a. Full-time employees and spouses of full-time employees at Boston University may be eligible for tuition remission for a percentage of their billed tuition as determined by the [BU Human Resources Office](#).
- b. Employees eligible for tuition remission will not be eligible to receive scholarships through BU Wheelock. Should a student that is eligible for tuition remission be offered a scholarship at time of admission, the scholarship offer will be automatically rescinded beginning the first full semester in which the student qualified for the tuition remission benefit. Scholarships will not be reinstated or reevaluated for future semesters of coursework should a student lose their eligibility to receive tuition remission.

IX. Endowed/Named Scholarships

- a. Students offered a BU Wheelock merit scholarship at time of admission may be eligible to receive a secondary scholarship from a named or endowed source or donor as determined and communicated by the BU Wheelock Admissions & Financial Aid Office.
- b. Named and endowed scholarships may also be awarded as a full or partial replacement of a standard BU Wheelock merit scholarship funding as determined by the BU Wheelock Admissions & Financial Aid Office. The total offered amount will never be reduced if a student is selected for a named or endowed award.
- c. Named and endowed scholarship recipients may be subject to additional scholarship requirements as detailed by the fund agreement or donor. All additional requirements will be communicated by the BU Wheelock Admissions & Financial Aid Office, in conjunction with Boston University's Development & Alumni Relations Office.

- d. Named and endowed scholarship recipients who choose to enroll part-time or adjust their enrollment to part-time from a full-time courseload will be subject to the same proration policy as detailed in section III.b.

X. Satisfactory Academic Progress and Compliance

- a. In line with Boston University's policy regarding the federal standard of [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#), as well as the [BU Wheelock student handbook](#), Students must remain in good academic standing in order to remain eligible for and merit or federal aid they have been awarded. Failure to remain in good academic standing may result in an offered scholarship being rescinded by the Financial Aid Office in conjunction with the Student Services Office. The standard for Satisfactory Academic Progress will be a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Students at risk of losing their scholarship will be reasonably notified by the Financial Aid and Student Services offices.
- b. Boston University requires all students to be up to date with all [compliance requirements](#) in order to register for coursework and receive merit or federal aid. Compliance criteria will include but are not limited to: mandatory updates to personal contact information, mandatory trainings, immunization records, and settling of a student's account.