# Learning&organising

# UNISON Educational Grants 2018 Open University Grant

Because we want to help you to get ahead and develop your career, UNISON offers the following grant to members studying during 2018 at their own expense:

Open University (OU) Awards are available to UNISON members undertaking 30 and 60 point OU courses up to and including under-graduate level at their own expense. No awards are available for Masters Degree study or above. Awards are made as follows:

- ❖ 60 point courses = up to £300
- ❖ 30 point courses = up to £200

I have received my undergraduate degree. I scored a 2:1, meaning that I have wonderful opportunities for future full time employment; future self - employment, and future post graduate education.

I should like to convey my deep felt thanks to you all at unison for helping me financially with the Open University grants I received towards modules. I have always delighted in being an active member of unison, and will continue do so with enthusiasm

James, East Midlands

See over for grant application details.



# **Unison Open University Grant**

## Read the grant criteria below and complete the attached application form.

When your branch secretary or branch education co-ordinator has signed your application, send it to the address below.

Bursaries Administrator, Tel: 020 7121 5116

**UNISON Learning & Organising Services,** 

130 Euston Road, email:

London NW1 2AY LearningAndOrganising@unison.co.uk

#### **Grant Criteria**

- Grants are offered on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is spent.
   Funding becomes available at two points in the year: 1<sup>st</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> September.
- They can be used for study on any general development course or any careerrelated course relevant to working in public services, including public services delivered by private contractors.
  - Support is not available however for qualifications linked to licence to practice or more generally intended to meet an employer's statutory and/or legal responsibilities (e.g. health and safety).
- A copy of your course registration and proof that you are paying the full cost of
  the course fees yourself will be required before any grant can be paid, though
  in certain circumstances we may look at offering a grant even if you are
  receiving money from elsewhere. Enclosing a copy of these documents
  with your application, and completing the attached form for payment to
  members by BACS, will help us to process your application more swiftly.
- You must be a member of UNISON for at least 4 weeks prior to applying for a grant, have no arrears of subscriptions, and continue to pay membership subscriptions during the time you are supported by a grant.
- Each member can only receive one UNISON learning grant in each calendar year, up to a maximum of four grants.
- Grants are made at the discretion of the NEC Development & Organising Committee.
- The course you wish to study must start in 2018.

### How do I apply?

- 1) Complete and sign the application form and the BACS form.
- 2) Copy your course registration and proof that you are paying the full course fee cost yourself (receipt / student finance agreement).
- 3) Give the application form to your branch\* and ask them to complete section 2 (payments may be delayed if this section is blank when received by the Bursaries administrator as the forms have to be sent back to the branch).
- 4) Ask the branch to send the application form back to the address on the form (it can also be scanned & emailed).
- 5) Return your completed BACS form and the proof of registration and payment direct to the Bursaries administrator.
- \* If you are unsure of your branch please contact Unison Direct on 0800 0847 847

Forms must reach us by 16th November 2018.

Please note that we cannot process the application until we have received the signed application form (both sections 1 & 2), your proof of payment and your BACS form.

Return the form to:

Bursaries Administrator UNISON Learning & Organising Services, 130 Euston Road London NW1 2AY

Tel: 020 7121 5116

**email:** LearningAndOrganising@unison.co.uk

## **Open University Grant** – Application Form 2018

# **SECTION ONE – Applicant to complete**

YOUR DETA	AILS				
Name (please p	orint):				
UNISON Mem	bership No				
E-mail address	S:				
Address					
			Postcod	le	
Daytime teleph	none no. (work or ho	me):			
Occupation					
Working hours per week (tick):		Part-time	Full-time		
	ow to tell us of any ped to give further de		ns you have, i.e. from	n school and college	
None	Entry & Level 1: e.g. NVQ Level 1	<b>Level 2:</b> e.g. GCSEs A-C	<b>Level 3:</b> e.g. A/AS levels	<b>Level 4 and above:</b> e.g. First level degree	
Length of UNIS	SON membership (in	ncluding partner unio	ons):year	rs months	
UNISON Brand	ch Name				
Do you hold ar	ny positions in your b	oranch? Yes	/ No		
If yes, tell us what positions you hold					

Course title:					
Course Reference No (e.g. K101)					
Course Level (if applicable):					
Type of OU grant applied for (please tick)	30 point course $\Box$ 60 point course				
Duration of course:					
If your course lasts more than one year, which ye	ear is this (e.g. 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 3 years):				
Course start date:					
Course fees this year: £					
Are you meeting the full cost of the course fees yourself? Yes $\square$ No $\square$					
Have you or will you receive any other grant/financial support for this course? Yes $\square$ No $\square$					
If yes, who is paying part of your fee? How much is being paid? £					
Member's signature					
SECTION TWO: Branch Secretary or I	•				
The member must arrange this. Contact UNISONdirect (Tel: 0800 0 857 857) for branch contact details if necessary.					
	Branch Stamp				
Name					
Address					
Postcode					
Loonfirm that	(name of applicant)				
I confirm that(name of applicant)  I. is at present a member of this branch of UNISON					
II. is not in arrears with subscriptions					
III. has completed the above details correctly	to the best of my knowledge				
Branch Signature	Date				
Please return the completed form with a copy of your course registration and fee receipt where applicable to:	Bursaries Administrator UNISON Learning & Organising Services 130 Euston Road London NW1 2AY				
	LearningAndOrganising@unison.co.uk				

## UNISON OPEN UNIVERSITY GRANT FORM FOR PAYMENT TO MEMBERS BY BACS

NB MEMBERS to keep your bank details secure, detach this page before passing your bursary application to your branch for approval/signature. Send it to UNISON Learning and Organising, 130 Euston Road, London NW1 2AY.

The Union's preferred method for paying bursaries is to transfer money direct to members' bank accounts by BACS. This avoids the risk of cheques being lost or delayed.

Payments are processed on a weekly basis and members will be sent a remittance advice showing details of payments. This will be sent by email where possible to keep costs down.

To enable us to process your payments by BACS, please complete the form below and return it to UNISON Learning and Organising Services, UNISON Centre, 130 Euston Road, London, NW1 2AY.

Your Details
Your name (please print):
Membership No. E-mail address:
Address
Postcode
Please credit UNISON payments to my bank/building society:
Your Bank Details
Bank/building society name
Sort code:
Account number:
Bank/building society reference (if applicable) :
Signed: