



BIRMINGHAM CITY
University

I AM BCU



The University is offering new Home and EU students enrolling in the 2017/18 academic year £150 credit to spend, giving you the best possible start to life at BCU.

The scheme is open to all new Home and EU undergraduate degree students and can be spent on a wide range of items from an online shop stocking books, clothes, art supplies, medical/nursing equipment and more.



bcu.ac.uk/spend | bcu@johnsmith.co.uk

YOUR £150 – FAQs

How do I get the £150?

Check your university email at icity.bcu.ac.uk. Find the email from bcu@johnsmith.co.uk and follow the instructions. This will enable you to log on to www.bcu.ac.uk/spend so that you can start spending.

How do I know if I am eligible?

The credit will be allocated to first year Home/EU students enrolling on undergraduate degree programmes (£9,250 fee payers only) in the 2017/18 academic year.

Where can I spend it?

The £150 will come in the form of credit for use in the John Smith's BCU online shop. John Smith's delivers and administers the credit on behalf of the University.

Do I have to spend the money all at once?

No, but credit must be used before you leave the University.

Do I have to pay this back when I leave or if I withdraw from studies?

No. But only enrolled students are eligible so if you withdraw from your programme the account will be closed and the unspent credit

will no longer be available to you. In the event of Interruption to your studies, any unspent credit will be suspended until a time when your registration is reactivated, provided you continue to meet the eligibility criteria.

What if I want to buy something that is worth more than £150?

You can use your funds to pay part of the cost and top up the difference with your own money.

How can I find out which books or materials I need?

Your programme leader will be in touch to let you know what books and/or materials you might need ahead of enrolment.

Can I transfer my £150 to a friend/relative?

No. This funding is not transferable to another individual.

Who can I ask if I have questions?

John Smith's runs the scheme on our behalf and have an email address for any queries. If you have any questions please email bcu@johnsmith.co.uk.

Terms and Conditions

All awards credited to an 'I am BCU account' will be treated as follows:

- a.** Where there are unspent funds at the end of the first year of study, these will be rolled over for years 2 and 3 of study where full re-registration for subsequent years is made.
- b.** In the event of Interruption, any unspent credit will be suspended until a time when the students' registration is reactivated, provided they continue to meet the eligibility criteria. If the scheme is no longer in existence upon the student's return, the unspent credit will no longer be available.
- c.** In the event of Withdrawal either by the student or the University, the account will be closed. All unspent credit will no longer be available.
- d.** Where a student completes a programme, any unspent credit will be available until the date of leaving the programme, after which time it will be removed and will no longer be available. Credit is non-transferable to further study.
- e.** In the event of an overpayment being made, the University will withdraw the overpayment but the account will remain open and any other unspent funds will remain accessible to the student.

f. In the event of Misuse where any student is found to have attempted any sort of fraudulent activity with regards to the 'I am BCU account', the University reserves the right to withdraw unspent credit and close the account.

To be eligible for the 'I am BCU account', students must be:

- a.** New full-time or part-time Home or EU
- b.** Starting an undergraduate degree programme in the academic year 2017/18 and paying the applicable maximum undergraduate fee (£9,250 in 2017/18).

Students will have the choice to opt out of the scheme if they do not wish to share their data with John Smith's; however, this will render the student ineligible for the 'I am BCU' payment and other payments that may be made through accounts administered by John Smith's. Students can choose to opt back into the scheme at a later date.

Students can only activate their 'I am BCU account' and participate in the scheme once they have FULLY completed enrolment. This includes all associated holds related to enrolment including qualifications, DBS and occupational health checks being removed from the student's account. As part of the enrolment process, students will be asked to opt into the scheme and confirm their information can be shared with John Smith's.