# COMPACT SCHEME SURSARY

Once Compact students have enrolled they will be awarded a £100 Compact bursary to help with the costs associated with starting at university. For example:

- Book voucher
- Railcard
- Discounted car parking
- Money for childcare
- Fill the freezer

- Bus pass
- Mobile phone voucher
- // Equipment
- Stationery
- Homewares

#### TRAVELLING EXPENSES FOR ATTENDING YOUR INTERVIEW

If you are required to attend an interview at the University of Winchester we will pay your travel expenses if you are a compact applicant. We will be in touch before the interview with more information.

### **HOW IS A COMPACT APPLICATION MADE?**

Applicants complete their UCAS application in the normal way and write "Compact" in the further details box on the choice details page. It is also recommended that students talk to their tutor or Careers Adviser before applying.

#### **CONTACT US**

For more information about the University of Winchester Compact Scheme please email **compact@winchester.ac.uk** 

To find out more about the range of courses we offer, or to request a prospectus, please visit our website: www.winchester.ac.uk

If you have any questions about applying to the University of Winchester please contact our Admissions team via admissions@winchester.ac.uk or telephone 01962 827234



www.winchester.ac.uk



The Compact Scheme offers you a guaranteed offer or invitation to interview, guaranteed housing, support with the transition to university and an extra £100 in support

For more information about the University of Winchester Compact Scheme and to check your eligibility please go to www.winchester.ac.uk/compact

#### WHAT IS THE COMPACT SCHEME?

The Compact Scheme is an agreement between schools/colleges and the University of Winchester to provide encouragement to students to progress on to higher education.

### DO I QUALIFY TO BE A COMPACT APPLICANT?

As well as meeting the entry requirements, applicants will also need to meet one or more of our special circumstances criteria.

## **BENEFIT OF BEING A COMPACT APPLICANT**

As a Compact applicant you are guaranteed an offer of a place for non-interview courses. For courses that require an interview as part of the application process, Compact applicants are guaranteed an invitation to interview. The decision on whether to make an offer will be based on performance at interview as well as the initial application.

Compact applicants need to meet/ be predicted to meet the entry requirements of the course in order to receive an invitation to interview, an offer and gain a place.

Individual courses have specific entry requirements which are detailed in our prospectus and on our website www.winchester.ac.uk

Mature candidates (who will be 21 or older when they start their course) who do not have standard qualifications should contact the Admissions team via admissions@winchester.ac.uk
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We consider a range of qualifications and experience including Open University credit, Access to HE or Return to Work study courses and relevant work experience.

# The Compact scheme can provide extra support for applicants in the form of a lower offer, guaranteed student housing and a staff contact to support during the transition to university Please speak to your tutor/Careers Adviser and ask them to complete a Tutor's Supporting Application Form (this is available on our website www.winchester.ac.uk/compact) in order to request this extra support:

# SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES At least one must apply: Students whose parents have no previous experience of study in Higher Education Students who have difficult financial circumstances Students who are from Black, Asian and minority ethnic Students who are from Gypsy, Traveller, Showman and Students who are estranged from their families Students who are considered mature (aged 21 or over) Students who have problems relating to health, disability or Students who have caring responsibilities Students who have been in local authority care Students who have a disrupted pattern of education Students who are from a military service family Students who are refugees or asylum-seekers Students who are from a group which is under-represented in Higher Education, including those from Low Participation In Aigher Education, including those from Low Particip Neighbourhoods (POLAR Quintiles 1 or 2) or the most deprived areas (English IMD quintile 1 or 2). Note: other special circumstances will be considered.

# Lower offer

**EXTRA SUPPORT FOR COMPACT APPLICANTS** 

Compact applicants can request a lower offer. The offer would be made at the bottom of the range of points typically reeded for that course. This request needs to be made around one week before the UCAS application is completed to ensure that the University is aware of your request before making an offer.

## Place in student housing

Compact applicants can request a guaranteed place in our student housing. The tutor/Careers Adviser should note on the Tutor's Supporting Application Form why the applicant would benefit from living in student housing. The request should be made by the housing application deadline (usually May/June). The housing application should also be completed, in the normal way, by the deadline. Please note this does not include housing for partners, families or dependents.

# University transition support from a member of staff

Students can access support from the Student Support and Success department which includes teams dedicated to mental wellbeing, student life advice, academic skills, students and money and disability and learning diversity. In addition, each faculty has a Student Support and Success Adviser. Their focus is on enhancing the student experience, building confidence and encouraging student engagement.

If you feel you would benefit from extra guidance during the transition to university and advice as to which teams could best support you when you start you can request this via your tutor/Careers Adviser.