SCHOOL OF LAW SCHOLARSHIP 2018

Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL)

Terms and Conditions

The Oxford Brookes University GDL Scholarship ("Scholarship") will be awarded to the author of the best essay on the following topic:

In his state trial for treason Sir Thomas More told his judges that he would give 'the devil himself' the benefit of due process of law. Does the 'viral' transmission of allegations on social media threaten this cornerstone legal principle? Please give reasons for your answer.

1. Entries will be judged by Oxford Brookes University Law School academic staff against the following criteria:

   - The ability to present a well-reasoned argument.
   - The ability to produce a succinct, coherent, and well-structured essay.
   - Good grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
   - The ability to write about legal issues in a way that is accessible to a reader who may not be a legal professional.

2. There is a strict 1,000 word limit (excluding footnotes). Only the first 1,000 words of an essay will be marked.

3. The Scholarship award is worth £2,000 and is to be used towards payment of course fees for a student who enrols on the GDL at Oxford Brookes University in the academic year 2018-19.

4. Entries must be received by the School of Law by midday on Wednesday 8th August 2018. All entries must be submitted by email to: law@brookes.ac.uk. Entries sent to the wrong email address or received after the closing date/time will not be considered.

5. To be eligible to enter the competition, you must have accepted a place on the GDL at Oxford Brookes commencing in 2018–19 on or by Wednesday 1st August 2018. Entrants accepting their place after this date will not be considered. Entrants may have accepted an offer to study either on the full time GDL 2018-19 or the part time GDL 2018-20.

6. The sum of £2,000 will be offset against course fees. No cash alternative is available. The Scholarship is not transferable to another individual or academic year.
7. If the successful candidate does not take up his or her place on the course, the Scholarship will be awarded to the next highest-scoring candidate.

8. The successful entrant will be notified directly on or by Friday 17th August 2018. The School of Law is unable to acknowledge individual entries. The decision of the judging panel is final and individual correspondence regarding the decision will not be entered into. The School of Law is unable to return entries after judging has taken place.

9. The successful entrant must be willing to participate in further promotional activity as requested by the University.

10. Scholarship submissions must be the entrants' own work and any sources used should be fully referenced. Any proven form of plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification from enrolment and/or continuance in the GDL. The University may put work through Turnitin. **Entrants must attach the following declaration to their work:**

    *I confirm that the work submitted here is entirely my own work and has not been plagiarised.*

    *Signed……………………………*

    *Dated……………………………..*

11. Candidates who have secured full financial sponsorship for the GDL are not eligible to participate. Entrants who subsequently obtain financial sponsorship will not be eligible. For candidates who obtain partial financial sponsorship for the GDL, the value of any Scholarship award will be reduced to the value of fees remaining due. Brookes’ alumni who are awarded a 10% discount off course fees will have that amount deducted before application of the £2,000 Scholarship.

12. University employees and their immediate families are not eligible to submit an entry.