

SCHOOL OF LAW SCHOLARSHIP 2019

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:

*A signal English public law case is *Entick v Carrington* [1765] EWHC KB J98. In it Lord Camden said [2] ‘if this is law it would be found in our books’ implying that anything not in the law books is not law. Read and consider this principle and the judgment which is available at [http://www.bailii.org/cgi-bin/format.cgi?doc=/ew/cases/EWHC/KB/1765/J98.html&query=\(Entick\)](http://www.bailii.org/cgi-bin/format.cgi?doc=/ew/cases/EWHC/KB/1765/J98.html&query=(Entick))*

Now consider the fact that in 2017–2019 there are (as of this writing) 288 bills before Parliament. This does not even consider secondary legislation produced by ministries and regulatory authorities.

If a hallmark of the rule of law is making the law public and knowable, has the sheer quantity of new law undermined the rule of law?

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 enrolls on the GDL at Oxford Brookes University in the academic year 2019-20.
4. Entries must be received by the School of Law by midday on **Thursday 8 August 2019**. 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 2019–20 on or by **Thursday 1 August 2019**. 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 2019-20 or the part time GDL 2019–21.
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 16 August 2019**. 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.