Tamar Engineering Project – Guidelines for applicants

About the Tamar Engineering Project

Engineering can provide that rewarding career which offers the chance to make a positive impact on the world and change lives.

The Tamar Engineering Project (TEP) was inspired by Plymouth University alumnus Stephen Ball – who, from a disadvantaged background, became one of the UK’s great modern day industrialists as CEO of Lockheed Martin. TEP will support a new generation of engineers, particularly those students who have demonstrated talent and motivation at school, yet might not believe University is a choice available to them.

The project aspires to break down financial barriers for socio-economically vulnerable students and give TEP scholars the confidence to transform their own life, give back to society, the economy and, in turn, as successful graduates, support the ‘Brunels of the future’. This will be done through a financial award and mentoring programme.

TEP students are those who have successfully applied for the scheme and enrolled onto one of an identified range of engineering/engineering-related courses at Plymouth University.

Awards of £4,500 (including a fee waiver of £1.5k) will be made to TEP students for each year of study. In addition, students will automatically be accepted onto our Employer Mentoring Programme, linking with an industry professional to help develop personal and employability skills.

Successful enrolment onto TEP will be made based on the merits of the application.

The identified range of courses are listed on www.plymouth.ac.uk/campaign/tamarapply

Who can apply?

Applications are invited from those students of all ages who are domiciled in the UK and have accepted an offer as a firm choice, to study an identified Plymouth
University engineering course and who meet any of TEP’s selection criteria outlined below:

- Have a family income below £25,000. This would be confirmed as assessed by Student Finance. More information can be found here https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/overview
- Live in a postcode area where there is low participation in higher education as identified by HEFCE. You can check your POLAR quintile on the interactive map on this website: http://www.hefce.ac.uk/analysis/yp/POLAR/Map.of.young.participation.areas/
- A Looked After Young Person (i.e. in foster care/care leaver)
- A Carer. Do you care, unpaid, for a family member or friend with an illness or disability, mental health condition or an addiction? If you are a Carer and can evidence this, then you will qualify for eligibility.
- Irreconcilably estranged from parents. Are you in a position of not having had verbal or written contact with both of your biological, adoptive parents or your only living parent for 12 months or longer with this situation unlikely to change? If you are estranged and can provide a statement of evidence from an independent person with good standing in the community, or if you have been given estranged status by Student Finance then you will qualify for eligibility.

In addition, applicants should have a good academic achievement record.

Who cannot apply?

The following is a complete list of students who are not eligible to apply for the award:
- Those who intend to study a subject other than the identified Plymouth University engineering courses
- Those who intend to study a Plymouth University engineering course but fail to meet any of the TEP selection criteria
- Those studying the Extended Science course or progressing directly into the 2nd or 3rd year of study
- Those already enrolled on an identified Plymouth University engineering course, who commenced their study in September 2016 or before
- Overseas students

How do I apply?

Applications should be made using the application forms provided, and submitted by post to the Student Funding Unit. Forms can be obtained at www.plymouth.ac.uk/campaign/tamarapply or by emailing campaign@plymouth.ac.uk.

- Applications for a University course place will be dealt with in the usual way at the time of application by the Admissions Service. Applications should be made through UCAS.

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Applications for the TEP Award are considered annually, and on condition of being made an offer by the University. Applications should be made directly to the Student Funding Unit at Plymouth University, carrying your UCAS number/student reference number.

TEP applicants should answer all questions fully and consult the judging criteria to demonstrate how their TEP application fulfils the ambitions of the project and wider University. Applicants are reminded for the requirement to use correct spelling and grammar when filling out applications.

The deadline for submitting a TEP application is strictly **Wednesday 31 May 2017 at 12pm (noon)** and no applications will be accepted after this time, under any circumstances. Please refer to the awards timeline within this document for full details.

### Awards timeline

The timeline for the TEP application process for September 2017 is:

- Applications open: Monday 16 January 2017, 9am
- Deadline for applications: Wednesday 31 May 2017, 12pm (noon)
- Award Board sits: 3rd week August 2017
- Scholars notified: 4th week August 2017

All successful applicants must agree to the Terms and Conditions of the project which includes participation in the mentoring scheme and acting as a beneficiary ambassador, which may involve photography and video.

Successful candidates will be notified and all beneficiaries will be invited to collect their award at a time and date to be confirmed.

Award of funding will be on condition of enrolment onto an identified engineering degree at Plymouth University, and returning all required documentation. Payment is in three instalments with the 2nd and 3rd paid following the feedback obtained at the termly meetings, as per the Terms and Conditions.

### Tamar Engineering Project selection panel

Applications will be adjudicated by a panel comprising representatives from Plymouth University: the Faculty of Science and Engineering, External Relations, and industry representation.

The panel reserve the right to support applications based on the applicant meeting the criteria and the benefit and likelihood of success for the student. The decision of the selection panel is final.
Enquiries

Enquiries should be made to:

Email: admissions@plymouth.ac.uk
Phone: +44 (0)1752 585858
Web: www.plymouth.ac.uk/campaign/tamarapply

All applications should be made using the forms available on the Campaign web pages, and submitted by post using the details on the form.