**Santander Aspire Tech Grant programme – Timeline/Key Dates and Terms & Conditions**

**Overview**

Santander Universities’ mission is to support students into university, work and self-employment. Collaborating with a large network of university partners, we have spent over ten successful years removing barriers to higher education and, in turn, providing life changing opportunities to students from across the country.

In order to further this commitment, Santander Universities is working with [JS Group](https://johnsmithgroup.co.uk/) to provide 400 undergraduates, graduates and post-graduates – from all UK universities - the opportunity to receive a Santander Grant. Successful applicants (who will be selected at random) will be able to use the Grant value to purchase a variety of resources directly from the Santander Aspire Tech webstore (owned and managed by JS Group) – including laptops, printers, internet data, magazine subscriptions, and much more.

The Santander Grants will range as per below:

* 200 Grants of £50
* 150 Grants of £150
* 45 Grants of £500
* 5 Grants of £1,000

Once identified, the 400 successful applicants will receive an email from Santander Universities confirming the value of their Grant. Once the successful applicants have formally accepted the Grant, they will also receive an email from JS Group which will include a link to the Santander Aspire Tech webstore (owned and managed by JS Group), including their log-in details. The successful applicants will then be asked to register and create an account after which their Grant value will be credited. The successful applicant will then be able to purchase any of the products/services using the Grant value. The credit will be valid for one year, starting from the date the successful applicants receive the link to register and create an account.

**How to apply?**

Prior to applying for the Grant, please take the time to read through the Terms and Conditions.

If, after reading the Terms and Conditions, you would still like to apply, you must complete your application via the [Santander Scholarship Platform](https://app.becas-santander.com/en/program/santander-scholarships-tech-santander-aspire-tech-grant-programme). Please note: applications will be open from **09:00am 26/07/2021 until 11:00pm on 25/08/2021**.

In order to apply for the Grant, you must first register on the [Santander Scholarship Platform](https://www.becas-santander.com/en/index.html). Once your registration is complete, you will then also be able to apply for other global educational and employability opportunities hosted on the page (these will be subject to different Terms and Conditions).

**Timeline and Key Dates**

1. **Applications open**
* As mentioned above, applicants wishing to apply for the Grant must do so via the [Santander Scholarship Platform](https://app.becas-santander.com/en/program/santander-scholarships-tech-santander-aspire-tech-grant-programme). Applications will open at **09:00am on 26/07/2021 and will close at 11:00pm on 25/08/2021**. Applications made outside of this time frame will not be considered.
* When applying for the Grant, applicants will be asked to provide their consent to sharing their personal details (including name, email address, phone number, DOB, gender, university attended, and University Student ID number) with Santander UK plc., the relevant UK universities and JS Group – for the purpose of managing this programme as stated in these Terms & Conditions.
* Applicants will also need to confirm that they meet one of the following criteria, and provide their consent for the processing of this data:
	+ Applicants must currently be completing an undergraduate degree at any UK university (this includes those starting in the upcoming 2021/2022 academic year, proof of this must be provided)
	+ Applicants must have graduated from any UK university within the last calendar year (i.e. no earlier than January 2020)
	+ Applicants must currently be completing a postgraduate degree at any UK university (this includes those starting in the upcoming 2021/2022 academic year, proof of this must be provided)
* In line with confirming the above, applicants must also provide the following information, and provide their consent for the processing of this data:
	+ Name of the UK university where currently studying or where graduated from (depending on your current status)
	+ University Student ID number
* All applicants will receive a confirmation email of their application from the Santander Scholarship Platform.
1. **Selection process**

Once the application period has closed, Santander Universities will select the 400 successful applicants at random (on the basis that they have met all the eligibility criteria as stated above). If you wish to find out more, contact santander.universities@santander.co.uk.

1. **Confirmation of outcome/recipients announced**
* All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application on 20/09/2021 via an email from the Santander Scholarship Platform.
* Once the winners have been identified, Santander Universities will contact the respective universities so that they can verify the successful candidates’ student status. This will take place prior to Santander Universities communicating the outcome to the relevant students.
* Should the winners attend a non-partner university (see full list [here](https://www.santander.co.uk/universities/our-partners)), Santander Universities will confirm the student verification process with them once they have been informed of the outcome.
* Should the successful candidates or respective universities not be able to verify the student status, a new winner will be selected at random to receive the Grant.
1. **Receipt of Santander Grant**
* Once the student status has been confirmed, Santander Universities will then be in touch to confirm the Grant value per winner. This will be sent on 20/09/2021, alongside the email from the Santander Scholarship Platform.
* The Grant values will range as follows:
	+ 200 Grants of £50
	+ 150 Grants of £150
	+ 45 Grants of £500
	+ 5 Grants of £1,000
* All successful applicants must formally accept the Grant via the link in the email (from the Santander Scholarship Platform) by **5pm 27/09/2021.**
* Once the Grant has been accepted, they will also receive an email from JS Group which will include a link to the Santander Aspire Tech webstore, including their log-in details. Successful applicants will need to click through this link to register and create an account on Santander Aspire Tech webstore.
* Successful applicants must register to the webstore using the same email address used to apply for this programme via the Santander Scholarship Platform.
* Once the successful applicants have created an account, they will be able to browse the Santander Aspire Tech webstore where they will be able to purchase a variety of products/services using the Grant value they have been awarded. The value of the Grant will automatically be credited to their JS Group user account.
* The credit which is applied to the successful applicants’ accounts will be valid for one year. This will start from the date when they receive the link (via JS Group) to register to the webstore.

**Terms & Conditions**

**Eligibility criteria**

1. Whilst applying, applicants must meet one of the following criteria:
	1. Be currently enrolled on an undergraduate degree in any UK university (this includes those starting in the upcoming 2021/2022 academic year, proof of this must be provided)
	2. Have graduated from any UK university within the last calendar year (i.e. no earlier than January 2020)
	3. Be currently enrolled on a postgraduate degree in any UK university (this includes those starting in the upcoming 2021/2022 academic year, proof of this must be provided)
2. Applicants must confirm they meet the above criteria (in point 1) during the application process via the Santander Scholarship Platform.
3. Applicants must be able to provide a valid University Student ID number.
4. Applicants must also provide the name of the UK university they attend or where they graduated from.
5. Applicants must apply for the programme via the Santander Scholarship Platform any time from 09:00am on 26/07/2021 until 11:00pm on 25/08/2021. Any late submissions will not be considered. No responsibility can be accepted for applications which are not completed, or for applications which are lost, mislaid or ineligible.

**Terms and conditions for the programme**

1. Applications are open for all undergraduates, postgraduates and those who have graduated within the last calendar year from any UK university.
2. All individuals wishing to apply for the Santander Grant must do so via the [Santander Scholarship Platform](https://app.becas-santander.com/en/program/santander-scholarships-tech-santander-aspire-tech-grant-programme).
3. Successful applicants will be selected randomly upon meeting the eligibility criteria.
4. The name, email address, phone number, DOB, university attended and Student ID number of the 400 successful recipients will be shared with Santander UK plc., the relevant university partners and JS Group. Applicants will provide their consent to sharing these details during the application process via the Santander Scholarship Platform.
5. In the case that the successful candidates attend a partner university, Santander Universities will ask the respective universities to confirm the individuals’ student status prior to communicating the outcome to the relevant students.
6. In the case that the successful candidates attend a non-partner university, Santander Universities will confirm with them the student verification process at the point they have been identified as the winner. The respective student must then meet the requirements outlined to them to validate that they are eligible for the Grant.
7. Should the successful candidates or their respective universities not be able to verify the student status, a new winner will be selected at random to receive the Grant instead.
8. It is the applicants’ responsibility to ensure they read and understand the eligibility criteria and submit their application appropriately, on time and following the application instructions / requirements as indicated on this document.
9. The 400 successful applicants will receive a confirmation email (informing them of the outcome) via the Santander Scholarship Platform. Upon receiving this, the recipients must confirm their acceptance of the Santander Grant by clicking on the link in the email. Confirmation/acceptance of the Grant must be provided by 05:00pm 27/09/2021 through the Santander Scholarship Platform.
10. Successful recipients must register to the Santander Aspire Tech webstore (owned and managed by JS Group) using the same email address used to apply to this programme via the Santander Scholarship Platform.
11. The successful recipients can only spend the Santander Grant value on any equipment, resources and / or services available to purchase on the Santander Aspire Tech webstore.
12. The credit applied to the successful recipients’ accounts will be valid for one year. This will start from the date when they receive the link (via JS Group) to register to the webstore and to create their user account.
13. If the successful student purchases any item for a higher value than the Santander Grant they have received, the student will be responsible for making up the difference.
14. Successful candidates will be able to spend the Santander Grant value on one or more transactions. If the student purchases any item for a lower value than the Santander Grant value they have received, the remaining credit will be available for future purchases on their John Smith Webstore user account.

**General terms**

1. Santander Universities UK (a division of Santander UK plc) reserves the right to withdraw any application to the programme that is found to be in breach of any of the pre-established conditions and / or rules laid out in this document.
2. Santander UK reserves the right to update or amend these terms and conditions without prior notice at any time.
3. The initiative and these terms and conditions are governed by English law and any disputes will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England.

**Data protection**

For the purpose of this clause:

Data Protection Law means the Data Protection Act 2018, the UK GDPR, the General Data Protection Regulation (2017/679) (GDPR), the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulation and all applicable laws which replace these including all applicable laws and regulations relating to processing of personal data and privacy, including where applicable the guidance and codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner (or the data protection authority which replaces it).

Any reference in these terms and conditions to “data controller”, “data processor”, “data subjects”, “personal data”, “process”, “processed”, “processing” and “supervisory authority” shall have the meaning set out in the GDPR.

1. By applying for this programme you understand that Santander may collect, use and share information about you such as name, email address, phone number, DOB, gender, university attended and Student ID number with its associated companies, its partner JS Group, its service providers, your university where necessary and agents in order to administer the programme and delivery of the Grants (of varying values.)
2. When you register onto the Santander Aspire Tech webstore you will be subject to the terms and conditions and privacy policy on the website which is owned and managed by JS Group so please ensure you read these before providing any personal data.
3. For more information about how Santander processes your personal data **please read the data protection statement below**. Please read the JS Group privacy policy on how they process your personal data. <https://www.johnsmith.co.uk/cookie-privacy>

**Data Protection Statement**

Your personal data is data which by itself or with other data available to us can be used to identify you. We are Santander UK plc, the data controller. This data protection statement sets out how we’ll use your personal data. You can contact Santander UK Plc’s Data Protection Officer (DPO) at 201 Grafton Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 1AN if you have any questions.

By applying to this programme, we’ll use your personal data for the reasons set out below:

* Setting up your account on the Santander Aspire Tech webstore (owned and managed by JS Group) and paying the Grant (in the form of credit on the aforementioned webstore)

 The personal data we collect and use may include :

* Full name
* University details (such as the name of your UK university)
* Email address
* Phone number
* Date of birth
* Gender
* Student ID number

Providing your personal data

We’ll tell you if providing some personal data is optional, including if we need to ask for your consent to process it. In all other cases you must provide your personal data so Santander UK plc can process your application.

Using your personal data: the legal basis and purposes

* We’ll process your personal data based on your consent to assess your entry into the programme and to check that you meet the programme terms and conditions and for the purposes of administering your entry, and for administrating the programme and Grants (of varying values).

Sharing of your personal data

Subject to applicable data protection law Santander may share your personal data with the following where required:

* The Santander group of companies and associated companies in which we have shareholdings; and
* Companies and other persons who help us provide our products and services
* Our legal and other professional advisors, including our auditors where applicable
* Government bodies and agencies in the UK and overseas (e.g. HMRC who may in turn share it with relevant overseas tax authorities and with regulators e.g. the Prudential Regulation Authority, the Financial Conduct Authority, the Information Commissioner’s Office);
* Courts, to comply with legal requirements, and for the administration of justice;
* In an emergency or to otherwise protect your vital interests;
* To protect the security or integrity of our business operations;
* When we restructure or sell our business or its assets or have a merger or re-organisation;
* Market research organisations who help to improve our products or services;
* Anyone else where we have your consent or as required by law.

International transfers

Your personal data may be transferred outside the UK and European Economic Area. While some countries have adequate protections for personal data under applicable laws, in other countries steps will be necessary to ensure appropriate safeguards apply to it. These include imposing contractual obligations of adequacy or requiring the recipient to subscribe or be certified with an ‘international framework’ of protection. We will take all reasonable steps necessary to make sure your information is protected to UK standards.

Criteria used to determine retention periods

The following criteria are used to determine data retention periods for your personal data:

* Retention in case of queries. We’ll retain your personal data as long as necessary to deal with your queries (e.g. if your application is unsuccessful);
* Retention in case of claims. We’ll retain your personal data for as long as you might legally bring claims against us; and
* Retention in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements. We’ll retain your personal data after your account, policy or service has been closed or has otherwise come to an end based on our legal and regulatory requirements.

Your rights under applicable data protection law

Your rights are as follows:

* The right to be informed about our processing of your personal data;
* The right to have your personal data corrected if it’s inaccurate and to have incomplete personal data completed;
* The right to object to processing of your personal data;
* The right to restrict processing of your personal data;
* The right to have your personal data erased (the “right to be forgotten”);
* The right to request access to your personal data and information about how we process it;
* The right to move, copy or transfer your personal data (“data portability”); and
* Rights in relation to automated decision making including profiling.

You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner’s Office. It has enforcement powers and can investigate compliance with data protection law: <https://ico.org.uk/> . For more details on all the above you can contact Santander UK Plc’s DPO or request a copy of our ‘Using My Personal Data’ booklet by asking for a copy in branch or online at santander.co.uk.