

SCONUL Scheme & access to other libraries

You can access 170 different university libraries through the SCONUL scheme. You may find this helpful if you live near another university campus and would like to study there instead of travelling to your normal campus.

Each library will have different access rights, opening times etc. Some may only offer reference access. Each library is different and we ask that you respect their regulations.

How do I arrange SCONUL Access?

Go to the website at <http://www.sconul.ac.uk/sconul-access>

The screenshot shows a web interface for SCONUL Access. It consists of three main steps:

- STEP #1: tell us what kind of user you are:** A dropdown menu is set to "Full Time Postgraduate".
- STEP #2: Tell us the name of your institution:** A dropdown menu is set to "University of Roehampton".
- STEP #3: You are eligible for the following universities and colleges:** A "Find" button is visible.

Below the steps, there are two tabs: "See results as a list" (selected) and "See results as a map". The content area shows:

The following 168 institutions participating in SCONUL Access for the UK and Ireland are accessible by you. All the libraries listed will provide reference access.

Please click on your preferred Institution to apply for Access

A navigation bar with letters A through Z is displayed. Under the letter 'A', the following institutions are listed:

- [University of Aberdeen](#)
- [Abertay University](#)
- [Aberystwyth University](#)

- **Step 1:**
 - Choose **Full Time Undergraduate** if you are a BSc or Foundation student
 - Choose **Full Time Postgraduate** if you are an MSc or Graduate Certificate student
- **Step 2:** Select your university

- **Step 3:** Select which library you would like access to.

This can be done in two ways:

- Select from the alphabetical list *OR*
- Select the map tab. Here you can enter your postcode to find the nearest SCONUL library.
- For a library close to your usual QA campus, enter *EC1R 4TF* for London, or *B5 4UA* for Birmingham.
- Select Apply for access.

Library Access Application Form

To be eligible for SCONUL Access you must:

- Be a registered library user at a home university or college which supports your type of user.
- Be considered "in good standing" (i.e. have abided by the library rules, paid library debts etc.)

Please note that by filling in this form and submitting it to your home library, you are applying to join SCONUL Access. This will be your passport to a wealth of higher education libraries; **you do not need to make multiple applications** via this form. Personal information supplied by you will be used only for the purposes of administering the scheme, including the transfer of data between home and host library and vice versa.

You are planning to visit:

SOAS, University of London

First name * John

Family Name * Smith

Email address * john.smith@hotmail.com

Library or ID Card number * B00617998

Library user type * Full Time Undergraduate

I agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of all the libraries I apply for and/or use *

I would like to receive information from your college or university's SCONUL Access representative

Submit

- **Step 4:**

Complete the required details (Library or ID card number is your student number).

Make sure you tick the box "I agree to be bound by the rules and regulations..."

- **Step 5:**

You will then receive an email from SCONUL confirming your access.

○ You need to take a copy of this email and your university ID card with you when you visit a SCONUL library. *You will need the email on every visit, so keep it safe.*

Other Libraries

Specialist libraries in the centre of London may be of help too:

- The **City Business Library** at Aldermanbury, City of London. CBL provides free and current business information and has some additional databases: https://col.ent.sirsiidynix.net.uk/client/en_GB/cbl
- **Westminster Reference Library** at St Martin's Street, Leicester Square. It is a specialist public library for Business, Law resources and UK Official Publications: <https://www.westminster.gov.uk/westminster-reference-library>
- The **British Library Business & IP Centre** (BIPC) at St. Pancras, London. It provides limited access to a wide range of databases and free industry guides: <http://www.bl.uk/business-and-ip-centre>