



Transcript: A Guide to Your SCONUL Application

Do you need space to study? Somewhere quiet to do your work? Would you like to borrow books from your local university library? The Open University has signed up to SCONUL Access to help you with all these things.

SCONUL Access is a national scheme in the UK which allows students and staff from over 200 member universities to use each other's libraries.

As long as you're currently registered on a module worth 30 credits or more, you are eligible – and each time you sign up for another module after that, we can simply renew your membership.

Here's how to apply:

- Go to the OU Library website and click on "SCONUL Access Scheme"
- Scroll down and click on the link to the SCONUL Access website
- Choose "Distance Learning Student" from the list in Step #1
- Choose "Open University" from the list in Step #2 and click "Find"
- You only need to apply once, so choose your preferred member library from the list and then click "Apply for access"
- On the application form, fill in your name and email address
- If you've never had a Library card before, put your OU Personal Identifier in this box – otherwise put in your existing Library barcode number
- Tick the two boxes below and then Submit.

So, what happens next? We'll process your application – this can take up to 21 working days. Once that's done we will send the two items you'll need to take to your chosen library:

- #1 – the official SCONUL Access acceptance email, and

- #2 – if you've not had one before, we will post your Open University Library card. The card should arrive a few days after you receive your acceptance email.

Don't forget, once you have your email and card you can use them to join as many SCONUL Access member libraries as you wish!

You should check with the library you want to use before your first visit, in case they'd like you to provide anything else for registration – for example photo ID.

Any questions? Just contact the Library Helpdesk.

SCONUL Access: bringing libraries closer to you.