**Application form for the Local Hardship Fund of the OU UCU Branch – Strike action September 2023, 5 days**

If you have participated in industrial action called by UCU, and the Open University as your employer has docked pay from you as a result, you may be entitled to apply to the local Hardship Fund of the OU UCU Branch. Guidelines on the local Hardship Fund can be found on our branch website: <http://ucu.open.ac.uk/branch-hardship-fund>. To apply to the local Hardship Fund, please complete the form below and return it by email to ucu-hardship-applications@open.ac.uk. **You will also need to attach copies of your payslips evidencing the loss of pay, without these, your application will not be considered.**

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| 1 | **Name** |  |
| 2 | **Daytime telephone number** |  |
| 3 | **Email address** |  |
| 4 | **UCU membership number** |  |
| 5 | **Staff category** *(AL / Academic / Academic-Related / Research / Other)* |  |
| 6 | **Annual Salary** *(We need this both as a check and to calculate how much you will receive from the national fighting fund)* |  |
| 7 | **Number of days’ pay deducted from October, November or December 2023 payslips.** |  |
| 8 | **Amount deducted from October, November or December 2023 payslips.** |  |
| 9 | **Do you wish to make a claim for the September 2023 wave of industrial action?**  |  |
| 10 | **Did you claim from the national fighting fund for the September 2023 action?**  |  |
| 11 | **Why do you need the funding/what hardship would you otherwise experience?** (\*see note below) |  |
| 12 | **Bank name** |  |
| 13 | **Name of Account Holder** |  |
| 14 | **Sort Code** |  |
| 15 | **Account number** |  |

\*The reason we need a reason for your claim is that this is a hardship fund, not a strike pay fund and we cannot support all our members in this way. We do not want this question to discourage applicants however, if you are/would experience any hardship as a result of the strike action, please do apply.

**Declaration** – I confirm that:

* I took industrial action for the number of days specified above.
* My UCU membership is current and I am paying subs at the correct rate.
* The information I have provided on this form is correct.
* I have claimed from the UCU National fighting fund for the days I’m claiming from the hardship fund.

**Signed**: .......……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….………………

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