

Warm Welcome Scholarship Scheme

Introduction for applicants (Full Degree awards)

1. The Warm Welcome Scholarship Scheme



HM Government

- Part of “Operation Warm Welcome” (announced by UK Government, September 2021)
- Aims to meet needs of different groups with links to Afghanistan in the UK to
 - rebuild lives
 - find work
 - pursue education
 - integrate with local communities
- Provides scholarships giving access to higher education.
- Government funding from the Department for Education (DfE).
- British Council is the delivery partner.

2. The scholarships

- 300 awards; 1 cohort; 2 programmes
 - In-Year scholarships (for current students)
 - Full Degree scholarships (for those commencing academic year 22/23)
- 3 levels of study
 - Undergraduate (3 years max – or 4 years max in Scotland)
 - Taught master's (1 year max)
 - PhD (3 years max)
- Full-time, in-person study in the UK.
- Eligibility requirements include ARAP and ARCS schemes and Afghan British Nationals
- For Full Degree awards, prioritised programmes linked to employability or skills shortages (see slide [●])
- Maintenance stipend funded by DfE; tuition fees waived by HEPs.

3 . Annex A – Eligibility requirements

Eligible scholars are those eligible for a university place that fall into the following categories

- Afghanistan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) resettlement route.
- Afghanistan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) resettlement route
- Those with links to Afghanistan who are already registered at a UK university and are experiencing financial hardship and/or cannot return home due to the situation in Afghanistan.
- Afghan British Nationals (ABNs), described for these purposes as those that were evacuated during Operation Pitting and who entered bridging accommodation or who presented as homeless to a council, but hold British citizenship or some other status that permits them to remain and reside in the UK without the need to be granted leave to remain.

4. The scholarship offer

Maintenance stipend funded by Department for Education

	Undergraduate	Postgraduate (Taught)	Postgraduate (PhD)
Funding rate (London)	£12,667	£16,068	£16,068
Funding rate (non-London)	£9,706	£12,984	£12,984

Conditions

- You must not accept other publicly funded award (eg, student maintenance loan / other scholarship)
- You can take part-time employment
- If eligible, you can claim for additional government benefits / support
 - [Adult Dependants' Grant](#)
 - [Parents' Learning Allowance \(PLA\) and Childcare Grant \(CCG\)](#)
 - [Disabled Students Allowance \(DSA\)](#)
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6. In Year Awards

- Up to 100 awards
- For scholars studying this academic year
- First stipend payment in June, back-dated to May
- Funding continues to the end of the course (max 2 further years, or 3 for undergraduates in Scotland)
- In Year scholars can not apply for Full Degree scholarship
- Simple application
 - Scholars apply to British Council
 - HEPs confirm eligibility and support for application
 - Applications considered in order of submission
- 2- week application window (9-20 May)

Applications now open!
Register for alerts and apply!

7. Full Degree awards

- Around 200 awards
- For scholars interested in commencing studies in academic year 22/23
- Two-stage application process
 - Scholars apply to participating HEPs and receive offer of place and sponsorship for Warm Welcome funding. (9 May – 11 June)
 - Sponsored applicants complete scholarship application via British Council portal (27 June – 8 July)
 - Following evaluation, allocations and confirmations with HEPs (by 13 August)
- Mid-Late August: HEPs sign grant agreements with British Council in time to receive and pay first stipends in Sept.

Register for alerts for information about timelines and participating HEPs

8. Full Degree awards – Application Process

- Select the course of your choice at a participating institution and apply to them
 - All courses are eligible, but remember the priority programmes (see slide 9)
 - Participating HEPs will be listed on our website
- Deadlines for application to HEPs
 - 10 June (undergraduate and taught master's)
 - 18 June (PhD)
- HEPs consider candidates.
 - Offers of places made
 - Sponsorship of some candidates (based on the number of awards available at institution)
- Sponsored candidates informed by end June
- Sponsored candidates submit application for scholarship via British Council platform
 - Personal details
 - Academic attainment
 - Offers received
 - Personal statement (motivation / objectives for studying)
- Allocations and confirmation process with HEPs
- Confirmation of awards (early/mid/August)

9. Priority Programmes

Recommended subjects to prioritise
Agriculture, food and related studies
General, applied and forensic sciences
Health and social care
Education and teaching
Biosciences
Materials and technology
Mathematical sciences
Computing
Chemistry
Pharmacology, toxicology and pharmacy
Physics and astronomy
Medical sciences
Allied health
Nursing and midwifery

9. What next?

- Check your eligibility
- Register for alerts
- Look out for the list of participating HEPs (and keep looking as it is likely to grow!)
- Approach the institutions where you want to study.
- Apply and tell them you are considering a Warm Welcome Scholarship application.

Contact: scholarships_info@britishcouncil.org
Look out for FAQs on website