

Doctoral Access Scholarships - Sanctuary

Guidance Notes for Applicants

2024/25 Entry

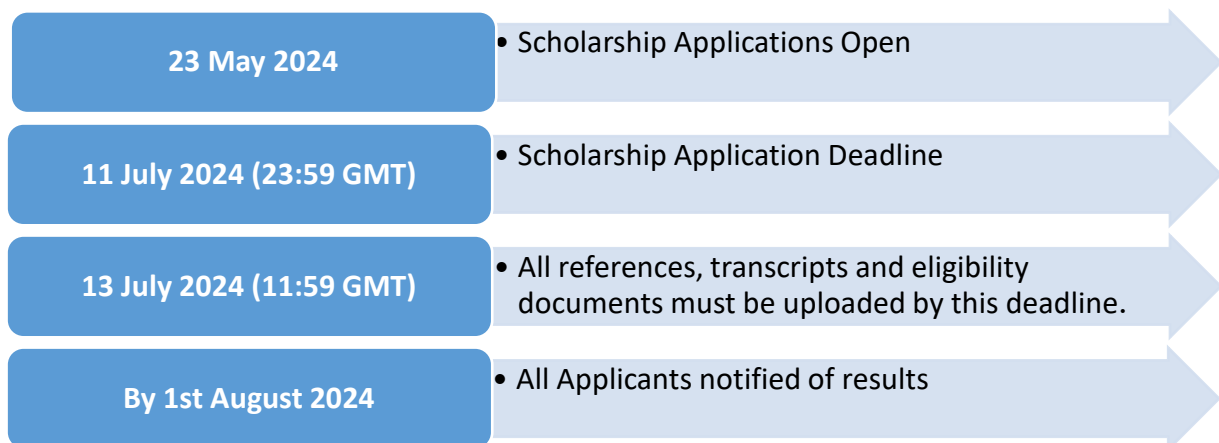
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Award Details

There are a limited numbers and not all applications will be successful.

- A maintenance stipend paid at the prevailing UKRI rate for 4 years
 - If you are already in your first year of study when you apply then the length of funding will be reduced accordingly.
- The full payment of academic fees (Fees will not be back dated for current PhD's)
- Research Training and Support Grant of £5,000 (one-off)

Deadlines



Eligibility

In order to be eligible to apply for these scholarships, applicants must meet at least one criteria from **both Part 1** and **Part 2**:

Part 1

All applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- Hold an Unconditional offer to study a full-time or part-time Postgraduate Research course at the University beginning in Autumn 2024.
- Be a current PGR student at the University of Warwick in their first year of enrolment. Current students must not already be in receipt of scholarship funding.

Part 2

In addition, all applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be of any nationality and hold one of the following statuses as granted by the UK government and/or be supported by the Council for At-Risk Academics (CARA):
 - Refugee Status
 - Asylum Seeker
 - Definite Leave to Remain as a result of an asylum seeker application
 - Limited Leave to Remain as a result of an asylum seeker application
 - Humanitarian protection as a result of an asylum seeker application
 - Included as a dependent (spouse/child) on an application for asylum. *Spouses/civil partners must have been the spouse/civil partner on the date on which the asylum application was made. Children/step-children must have been aged under 18 on the date on which the asylum application was made.*
- Be of any nationality and be displaced inside their own country or have had to leave their home country because of armed conflict.
- Be of any nationality and be at serious risk of, or the victim of discrimination, persecution, suffering or violence on account of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion.
- Be of any nationality and be a Current PGRs at the University at serious risk of disruption to studies as a consequence of current violent conflict or significant political unrest in home countries.

Starting Your Scholarship Application

To apply for the 'Warwick Doctoral Access Scholarship- Sanctuary' you will need to follow the Submit your scholarship application link on the [scholarship webpage](#).

You will be taken to the 'Select Scholarship' page where you can review your details and qualifications. The information here has been taken from your course application.

You will need to select the course you are applying with for your scholarship application.

Course

Note: If you are applying for more than one course you will need to complete a scholarship application for each course application.

Click on the Start Application icon to begin your application.

At the top of the form, you will see a progress bar. You can switch between sections before submitting your application.

Select scholarship »	Your application »	Referees »	Review and submit
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At the bottom of the form, you have the option to:

1. Save your application and return to it later.
2. Withdraw your application.
3. Submit your application.

Back	Save for later	Withdraw application	Submit application
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Note: If you choose to withdraw your application, you will not be able to create or submit a second for the same course.

Application Questions

There are four mandatory questions you will need to complete before submitting your application. Question one and two respond to the Postgraduate Research Ranking Criteria.

See Appendix 3 for Ranking Criteria.

1. In 300 words or less, describe how best you meet the person and preparedness descriptors. You may wish to consider your academic history, skills and expertise, professional experience, and awards or publications.
2. In 500 words or less, describe how best you meet the project and place descriptors. You may wish to consider the significance of your project, engagement with relevant literature, and the project's fit with your proposed supervisor and department. How will you and/or your project contribute to Warwick's commitment to excellence in research and education through advancement of diversity, equity, and inclusion?
3. In 500 words or less, provide a summary of your research proposal as appropriate to your discipline and your ability to complete it. For very technical disciplines where advanced detailed might be beyond the current research of an undergraduate or postgraduate taught degree, candidates are encouraged to describe the general area and fundamental open problems that motivate you to pursue the topic, as well as commenting on your academic background and suitability to conduct the research. You are not required to provide a full bibliography.
4. Please provide any additional information of how the scholarship will assist your postgraduate study and details of your individual circumstances (200 words max.)

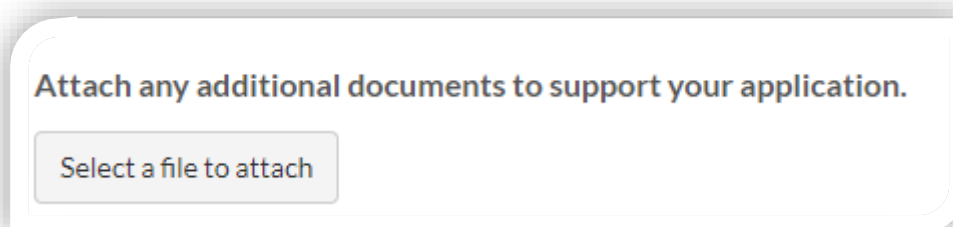
*Note: While your department may access your research proposal from your course application, the Faculty Assessors will only view the 500-word summary from your scholarship application. **Faculty Assessors will not have access to your full research proposal.***

We will have access to your transcripts and references uploaded with your course application.

All applications require transcripts and two references.

Note: Changes cannot be made to references that have been uploaded in support of your course application, these are requested by PG Admissions.

In the 'Supporting documents' tab you will be asked to upload documents which evidence your immigration status.



If you are an asylum seeker or hold refugee status you will need to provide the following documents to support your application:

- Scanned copy of your ARC (Application Registration Card)
- A copy of your most recent Bail 201 letter

If you hold Humanitarian Protection status, Discretionary Leave to Remain, or Limited Leave to Remain, you will need to provide the following documents to support your application:

- Scanned copy of your current visa
- A copy of the Home Office decision of your asylum application (or evidence that your current visa is a result of an asylum application)

Please be aware that we will pass your documents onto the Immigration & Compliance team who will look to verify your status with UKVI to determine eligibility for the scholarship. The Immigration & Compliance team may contact you to request further documentation if required.

Documents must be converted to PDF before upload.

Ranking Criteria

Departments and Assessors will follow the Postgraduate Research Ranking Criteria in their evaluation.

The Ranking Criteria consists of two descriptors:

- Person and Preparedness
- Project and Place

See Appendix 1 for Ranking Criteria.

The Assessment Process

What happens after your application is submitted?

You will be able to review your application before submitting. The system will prevent you from submitting your application if you have not completed your application properly and will notify you of any issues.

Note: You will not be able to amend your application once you have submitted.

You will be sent a confirmation of submission email containing a URL which will take you directly to your application. We would recommend that you bookmark this page so you can visit it directly.

Selection and Assessment

Warwick operates transparent ranking criteria that enables candidates to understand how their application will be assessed. **Refer to Appendix 1.**

Competition for awards is very high and scholarship offers will be made to those who are able to demonstrate the potential to be an outstanding research student, up to the specified number of awards available.

Departments to provide a nomination statement for applications. The nomination statement will contextualise your application and references and will outline your strengths and fit within the department.

The convened Doctoral Access- Sanctuary Committee will discuss all nominated applications and approve the award allocations.

Notification of Scholarship Results

All applicants will be informed of the results by email by 1 August 2024.

The Doctoral College is unable to provide any feedback to applicants.

Please be aware that an application must have been submitted by the scholarship deadline to receive a notification of results, and any late applications will not be considered for a scholarship.

Frequently Asked Questions

Once I have submitted my application, can I make any changes?

No, once you have submitted your application you will not be able to make any changes. Therefore, you must double check your application in its entirety before submitting. The Doctoral College cannot make any changes to your application.

I'm updating my CV, where do I upload it?

The scholarship assessors will not review CVs as part of this competition.

Can I apply now for entry in 2025/26

No, the application process is specifically for funding starting in October 2024, and subsequent competitions may be subject to change. In addition, scholarships cannot be deferred to the next academic year.

My fee status is incorrect, how do I get this changed?

You should [contact the Postgraduate Admissions team](#) to challenge the decision on your fee status. They will ask you to complete a form and submit supporting evidence for them to make a decision. Any changes to your fee status should be reported to the Doctoral College before the department's nomination deadline.

Who do I contact if I have any queries not shown here?

You can message the Doctoral College through the [Scholarship Application Portal](#), or email us at doctoralcollege@warwick.ac.uk.

I am a first-year applicant, can I apply?

Yes, this scholarship scheme is open to those applying to start their PhD in 2024/25 and first year PhD's who meet the eligibility criteria.

Appendix 1

Ranking Criteria for competition applications

Applications are ranked in order of preference – 1 being the most highly ranked application.

Judgment is made under two broad categories: Person and Preparedness and Project and Place. The following descriptors indicate the characteristics considered under each heading. It is important to note that the descriptors below should be used to guide assessors, but the University has consciously moved away from a defined scoring criteria in order to recognize areas such as professional experience.

Person and Preparedness Descriptors*	Assessment
<p>An applicant with an outstanding academic record, very well-equipped for doctoral study, usually evidenced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A first-class degree*, or a distinction at Masters level*, or equivalent professional experience or other markers of excellence ▪ Excellent references ▪ An awareness of Warwick’s commitment to excellence in research and education through advancement of diversity, equity, and inclusion. 	Excellent
<p>An applicant with a strong academic record, well-equipped for doctoral study, usually evidenced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An upper second-class degree*, or a merit at Masters level*, or equivalent professional experience ▪ Good references 	Good
<p>An applicant who fulfils the academic requirements for entry to doctoral study but does not demonstrate that they are equipped to excel, usually evidenced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A lower second-class degree*, or a pass at Masters level*, or equivalent professional experience ▪ Acceptable references 	Acceptable
<p>An applicant with a weak academic record, ill-equipped for doctoral study, usually evidenced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A third-class degree* or no degree level qualification* ▪ Poor references 	Poor

* An applicant with substantial and relevant professional experience may be judged to have an excellent, good or acceptable academic record without having achieved the degree classification associated with that category. Applicants in some disciplines are often established and successful practitioners undertaking applied research in professional contexts. They typically have significant professional knowledge and experience that bears directly on their ability to undertake doctoral research. Furthermore, in light of recent grade inflation, the degree classifications of applicants who graduated many years ago may not be directly comparable with the degree classifications of recent graduates. Reviewers are also encouraged to take into account protected characteristics of applicants and consider how this may have impacted academic performance (for example attainment gaps for Black students).

Project and Place Descriptors	Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A project with the potential to make a significant contribution to the field ▪ A clearly articulated and robustly justified research question ▪ Sophisticated critical engagement with relevant literature ▪ An appropriate and well-developed research design ▪ An excellent fit between the project and the expertise of the proposed supervisors, or in the case of a project the applicant is recruited to, an excellent fit between the candidate's prior knowledge/experience and the project. ▪ An excellent fit between the project and the research strengths or priorities of the host department/University. ▪ A project that has impact in more than one discipline. 	Excellent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A project with the potential to make a strong impact within the student's field ▪ A clearly articulated and justified research question ▪ Critical engagement with relevant literature ▪ An appropriate and partially developed research design ▪ A good fit between the project and the expertise of the proposed supervisors, or in the case of a project the applicant is recruited to, a good fit between the candidate's prior knowledge/experience and the project. ▪ A good fit between the project and the research strengths or priorities of the host department 	Good
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A project with the potential to make an original contribution to the field ▪ A clearly articulated research question ▪ Engagement with relevant literature ▪ An appropriate indicative research design ▪ An acceptable fit between the project and the expertise of the proposed supervisors, or in the case of a project the applicant is recruited to, an acceptable fit between the candidate's prior knowledge/experience and the project. ▪ An acceptable fit between the project and the research strengths or priorities of the host department 	Acceptable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A project without the potential to make an original contribution to the field ▪ An unclear research question ▪ Little or no engagement with relevant literature ▪ An inappropriate research design ▪ A poor fit between the project and the expertise of the proposed supervisors, or in the case of a project the applicant is recruited to, a poor fit between the candidate's prior knowledge/experience and the project. ▪ A poor fit between the project and the research strengths or priorities of the host department 	Poor

Appendix 2

Further information on eligibility and how to apply for **2+4 MRes/PhD Research Programme in Economics and Warwick Business School** applicants and current students.

Applicant Category	Eligible to apply for Chancellor's International Scholarship
Applicant for the '2+4' MRes/PhD course or 2+3 MRes	✗
Current student in year 1 (Masters Level) of the '2+4' or '2+3'	✗
Current student year 2 (Masters Level) of the '2+4' or '2+3'	✓
Current student in year 1 of the '+4' (PhD Level) '2+3'	✗
Current student in year 2 of the '+4' (PhD Level) '2+3'	✗
Current student in year 3 of the '+4' (PhD Level) '2+3'	✗
Current student in year 4 of the '+4' (PhD Level)	✗

Appendix 3

Further information on eligibility and how to apply for overseas applicants and current students in a **Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT) studying on a 1+3**.

Applicant Category	Eligible to apply for Chancellor's International Scholarship
Applicant for 1+3 in a CDT	✗
Applicant for PhD in a CDT	✓
Student in year 1 (Masters Year) of the '1+3'	✓
Student in year 1 of '+3' (PhD)	✗
Student in year 2 of '+3' (PhD)	✗
Student in year 3 of '+3' (PhD)	✗