Warwick Medical School Scholarship

Guidance Notes for Applicants

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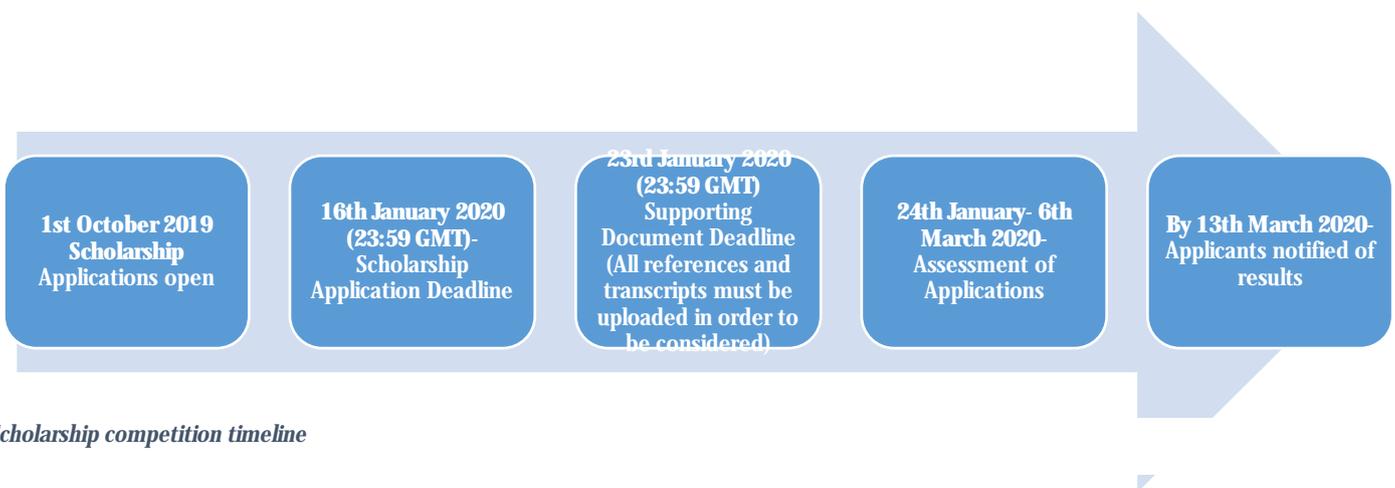
Scholarship details and eligibility

Warwick Medical School Scholarship		
Number of awards	Value/Length	Who can apply?
∅ **For ~~20/2021~~ 2020/21 we will award up to 2 Warwick Medical School Scholarships**	∅ **Full payment of Home/EU fees (£4,425* at 2020/21 rates)** ∅ **A maintenance stipend in line with UKRI rates (provisional £15,239* for full time holders in 2020/21)** ∅ **Length of funding: 3.5 years for new students; 2.5 years for current Year 1 PhD students**	∅ **Home/EU fee paying students PhD applicants in any discipline at Warwick Medical School, starting their degree in Autumn 2020** ∅ **Home/EU students in Year 1 of their PhD in any discipline at Warwick Medical School.**

*Please note this is a UKRI provisional predicted figure and is subject to change

Scholarship competition timeline and process

1st October 2019 Scholarship Applications open

16th January 2020 (23:59 GMT)- Scholarship Application Deadline

23rd January 2020 (23:59 GMT) Supporting Document Deadline (All references and transcripts must be uploaded in order to be considered)

24th January- 6th March 2020- Assessment of Applications

By 13th March 2020- Applicants notified of results

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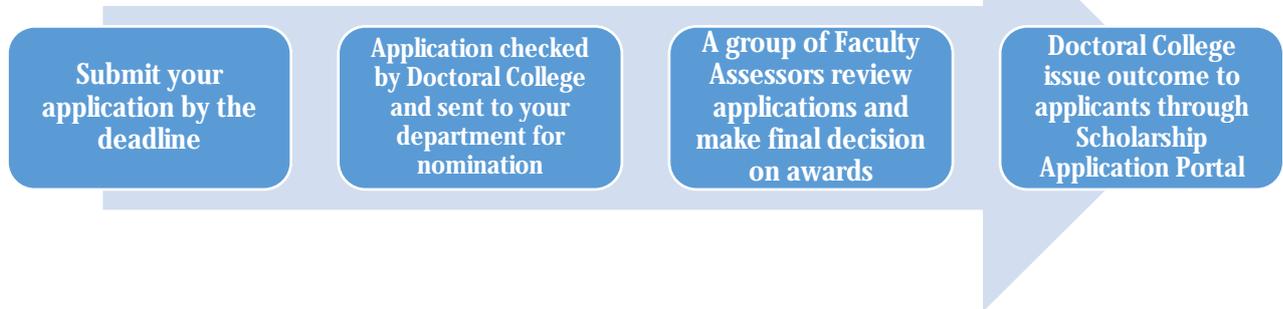
Scholarship process

How to apply

Navigating the Scholarship Application Form

In order to be able to apply for a scholarship, you should already have applied to study the course via the Universal Admissions application system. This is because the funding application takes information from your study application in order to save you from entering various details a second time.

Once your log-in has been generated for the study application, you will then be able to use this for your scholarship application.

To apply for the Warwick Medical School Scholarship you will need to click on the 'Apply Here' link on the scholarship page.

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.

Select scholarship »	Your application »	Referees »	Review and submit

Please select the course your scholarship application relates to.

Course

Select a course ▼

Warwick Medical School Scholarship 2020/21

Eligibility	In order to be eligible for the WMS Scholarship, applicants must be applying for an MPhil/PhD or PhD within Warwick Medical School or enrolled on an MPhil/PhD or PhD in their first year of study. The scholarship is open to Home/EU fee paying applicants only.
Award	For 2020/21 entry there are up to two fully funded WMS Scholarships available to applicants applying for an MPhil/PhD within Warwick Medical School. The award will consist of the full payment of your tuition fees and a maintenance stipend in line with UKRI rates for up to 3.5 years of study.
Deadline	16th Jan 2020 at 16:00

⌂ Your details

Name	▉▉▉▉▉
Nationality	▉▉▉▉▉
Country of residence	England
Country of birth	England
Fee status	EU Fees
Fee status query	*Not set*

⌂ Your qualifications

Degree	UK Bachelor's Degree: BA, BSc etc
Subject	Psychology
Institution	University of Nowhere
Start date	9th Aug 2017
End date	9th Aug 2018
Country	UK
Degree	UK Postgraduate Master's degree: MA, MSc etc

You will need to select the course you are applying with for your scholarship application. If you are applying for more than one course you will need to complete a scholarship application for each course application.

Course

Life Sciences (PhD) (applying)   ▼

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

At the bottom of the form you have the option to save your application and return to it later; withdraw your application; or submit your application. If you choose to withdraw your application you will not be able to create or submit a second one for that course

↩ Back   ▭ Save for later   Withdraw application   ⇧ Submit application

For students applying in their first year you will see the Supporting Documents step in your progress bar.

Select scholarship »   ▭ Your application »   Supporting documents »   ▭ Referees »   Review and submit

Here you can upload new transcripts which were not available in your original course application. Any documents that are not transcripts or related to your qualification will not be considered.

Attach any additional documents to support your application.

Select a file to attach

Documents must be converted to PDF before upload.

Click on the 'Referees' tab. Students in their first year are required to register two new referees. To do this click on the 'Add new referee' tab and enter the referee's details.

| ⇦ Back | 8+ Add a new referee | ⌸ Save for later | Withdraw application | ⇨ Continue |

New applicants will not have this function. We will use the references submitted with your course application.

Request help

You may contact The Doctoral College within the application form if you require help.
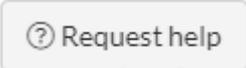
To do this, click on the [? Request help] icon above your 'Application info' box. You will be able to send the Scholarship Team within The Doctoral College a direct message. You can indicate whether you would like the Scholarship Team to access your draft application.

The Scholarship Team will assist you with technical difficulties; they will not advise you how to answer the scholarship questions.

Application questions

There are three mandatory questions you will need to complete before submitting your application. Question one and two respond to the Postgraduate Research Ranking Criteria. See *Appendix 1* 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 300 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.

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.

While your department may access your research proposal from your course application, the Faculty Assessors will use only your 500 word summary from your scholarship application. They will not have access to your research proposal.

Before you begin your application, contact your prospective department to discuss your project and how it will fit with their research. You should be able to demonstrate in your answers that you have engaged with both the department and ranking criteria.

A strong application shows initiative.

The Ranking Criteria

Departments and Faculty Assessors responsible for the assessment of your application 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 the Ranking Criteria.

You must review the Ranking Criteria before starting your application as you will be assessed by how you engage with these descriptors in your application. Click on the ⓘ icon next to question one and two for the criteria.

Supporting documents

New applicants

You are not required to upload any supporting documents to your scholarship application. We will have access to your supporting documents uploaded with your course application.

First year applicants

You will be required to register two new referees for your scholarship application. Both should be academic references and one referee should be your supervisor. You should ensure that your referees have agreed to provide you with a reference within the stipulated timeframe.

You may upload new transcripts if these are available, but any other type of supporting document will not be considered.

What documents will be assessed with my application?

The department will have access to your supporting documents from your course application and will use these to write their nomination statement. See information above on first year applicants.

The Faculty Assessors will have access to your transcripts and references.

Can I upload new documents after I have submitted my scholarship application?

You may upload new supporting documents to your course application however only the department can access these. The Doctoral College will not upload documents on your behalf.

> **The scholarship application deadline is Thursday 16th January, 23:59 GMT and the deadline for uploading all supporting documents is Thursday 23rd January, 23:59 GMT.**

What happens after your application is submitted?

Review and submit

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

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. You may also bookmark the Scholarship Application Form page so you may visit it directly.

You can view unsubmitted, submitted, withdrawn, and rejected applications from the Homepage of the Scholarship Application Form.

The Assessment Process

Competition for awards is very high and scholarship offers will be made to those who are able to demonstrate academic excellence and the potential to be an outstanding research student.

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

Selection and Assessment

Warwick Medical School will nominate their strongest applications and provide a nomination statement. The nomination statement will contextualise your application and references, and will outline your strengths and fit within the department. Due to the limited number of awards available, there are a specific number of nominations allowed.

Decisions will be made by a committee of Faculty Assessors from the Science, Engineering and Medicine Faculty. The Faculty Assessors will score independently then convene at the Faculty Graduate Awards Committee to discuss the ranked applications and approve the award allocations. It is the Faculty Graduate Awards Committee's responsibility to ensure that university processes and policies are free, fair, and transparent.

Notification of scholarship results

All applicants will be informed of the results by email by 13th March 2020.

Due to the volume of applications we receive each year, we are unable to provide any feedback to applicants.

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

Frequently Asked Questions

1. 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.

2. Can I receive a scholarship offer if I haven't received an admission offer?

No, you must have an offer of admission in place to receive a scholarship offer.

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

The scholarship assessors will not review CV's as part of this competition.

4. Can I apply now for entry in 2021/22?

No, the application process is specifically for funding starting in October 2020, and subsequent funding schemes may be subject to change. Information on the next year's funding scheme will be on the Doctoral College's website in late Summer 2020.

5. 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.

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

You can email the Doctoral College at doctoralcollege@warwick.ac.uk .

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 [1]	
An applicant with an outstanding academic record, very well-equipped for doctoral study, usually evidenced by: • a first class degree, or a distinction at Masters level, or equivalent professional experience • excellent references	Excellent
An applicant with a strong academic record, well-equipped for doctoral study, usually evidenced by: • an upper second class degree, or a merit at Masters level, or equivalent professional experience • good references	Good
An applicant that fulfils the academic requirements for entry to doctoral study but does not demonstrate that they are equipped to excel, usually evidenced by: • a lower second class degree, or a pass at Masters level, or equivalent professional experience • acceptable references	Acceptable
An applicant with a weak academic record, ill-equipped for doctoral study, usually evidenced by: • a third class degree or no degree level qualification • poor references	Poor

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[1] * An applicant with substantial and relevant professional experience may be judged to have an outstanding, strong or solid 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.

Project and Place descriptors[2]	Assessment
• 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	Excellent
• 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
• 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
• 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