

Warwick Taught Masters Scholarship Scheme Guidance Notes for Applicants 2023-24

The University of Warwick are pleased to launch the Warwick Taught Masters Scholarship Scheme to support eligible postgraduate students. Awards are set at **up to £10,000** per student and available to eligible **Home fee status** students from under-represented groups who wish to start a postgraduate taught master's course in 2023-24.

How much could I receive?

The Warwick Taught Masters Scholarships are valued at **up to £10,000**. The scholarship will be paid as a contribution towards your tuition fees.

Where a tuition fee is lower than £10,000, you will be awarded up to the amount to cover your tuition fee **only**. Awards are not transferable to stipends.

[See Postgraduate fees for 2023-24.](#)

*Note: If you are in receipt of a full fee waiver, including in receipt of an NHS Bursary or Social Work Bursary, you will **not** be eligible for the award.*

Eligibility and Evidence

To be eligible to apply you need to be able to answer yes to **all three** questions in **Part 1** and **at least one** question from **Part 2**. Applications will not be considered for those who do not meet this eligibility criteria.

Part 1 - General eligibility criteria

1. Are you applying for a full-time Masters course, or a part-time Masters course that will be studied over a maximum of 2 years, starting in October 2023?
2. Are you eligible to pay tuition fees at the Home fee rate?
3. Can you confirm that you do **not** already hold a Masters (or Integrated Masters) or PhD qualification?

*You must be able to answer **yes** to all the questions above in order to apply for the Warwick Taught Masters Scholarship Scheme.*

*If you have answered no to any one of the above questions, unfortunately you will **not** be eligible for this scholarship scheme. Details regarding other funding opportunities that may be available to you can be found on our [Scholarships and Funding webpage](#).*

*Please note that the following courses are **not** eligible for this funding:*

- *Diploma's/Certificates*
- *Module based courses not achieving 180 CATS over a 1 year full-time or 2-year part-time course (ie Executive MBA course)*
- *Distance Learning*

Unfortunately, you will **not** be eligible for this scholarship scheme if you are not able to answer yes to at least one of the questions in part 2.

Part 2 - Under-represented groups in Postgraduate Taught study criteria

In order to be eligible to apply you must have answered yes to all of the three questions in Part 1 and be able to answer yes to **at least one** of the following questions:

Under-represented groups in PGT study criteria	Evidence Required
If you started your undergraduate course <u>prior to August 2016</u> : You were in receipt of a Maintenance Grant* from the UK Government as an undergraduate (UG who started 2015 or before).	<i>Student Finance Notification Letter from the first and last year of your undergraduate course.</i>
If you started your undergraduate course <u>after August 2016</u> : You will need to provide evidence from the Student Loans Company to confirm your residual household income was assessed as £40,000 or less**.	<i>Student Finance entitlement letter which shows the amount of maintenance loan you were eligible for in any two years of your studies. (Preferably most recent). The maintenance loan entitlement for 2022/2023 will be £7,623 or above if your household income was £40,000 or less.</i>
You have been a full-time undergraduate Home fee status student in receipt of special support grant from the UK Government.	<i>Student Finance Notification Letter from the first and last year of your undergraduate course.</i>
You are in receipt of DSA (Disabled Students Allowance) as an undergraduate student and/or currently receive DLA (Disability living allowance) or PIP (Personal Independence payment).	<i>Student Finance Notification Letter or DSA/PIP/Attendance Allowance letter.</i>

***Please note:** For students who started their undergraduate course prior to August 2016; a maintenance loan is not the same as a maintenance grant. If you received a maintenance loan and not a maintenance grant then you will not be eligible for the scholarship.

****Please note:** If you started your undergraduate course after August 2016, you do not need to have been paid the Means Tested Maintenance Loan, but we require to see evidence of your eligibility for it. The University will only accept formal Student Finance entitlement letters as evidence of this.

Previous Years Rates:

2016/2017 - £6,434 or above
 2017/2018 - £6,515 or above
 2018/2019 - £6,828 or above
 2019/2020 - £7,019 or above
 2020/2021 - £7,225 or above
 2021/2022 - £7,450 or above
 2022/2023 - £7,623 or above

Part 3 – Additional Criteria

Points will be awarded to applicants who meet any of the additional criteria listed below:

Additional Criteria	Evidence Required	Score Available
You began your undergraduate studies aged 21+	<i>No documentation required, this will be confirmed by accessing your admissions application.</i>	1
You entered University at undergraduate level from a Care background or as a Foyer resident. (Please see Care Leaver definition below).	<i>Letter from Local Authority or Foyer confirming your Care Leaver status or your Foyer status. Detailing the care you experienced and for how long. Information about Foyer Residents can be found here.</i>	1
You come from one of the most deprived areas of the country as defined by the government's IMD (Indices of Multiple Deprivation) database. If your postcode IMD value is 16,250 or less , you meet this criteria. Please note this information only covers addresses in England .	<i>This criteria is based upon your permanent home address upon entry to University at undergraduate level – in order for us to assess this we will require documentation showing the postcode of your permanent home address when you applied for your undergraduate degree. http://imd-by-postcode.opendatacommunities.org/</i>	Maximum 1 for either IMD & Polar 4
You come from an area where it is unusual for people to go to University. This is defined by the government classification called Polar 4 (quintile 1).	<i>This criteria is based upon your permanent home address upon entry to University at undergraduate level – in order for us to assess this we will require documentation showing the postcode of your permanent home address when you applied for your undergraduate degree. https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/postcode-search/</i>	
You are a carer for an ill or disabled family member who is in receipt of Carers Allowance prior to enrolling on your course, or be able to provide proof that you are a carer.	<i>Either evidence to show you have been in receipt of Carers Allowance, or a supporting letter from an appropriate professional such as GP, other medical professional or manager of a Carers Centre (a trusted authority figure in an authorised position) confirming your role as a carer for someone with long term ill-health or a disability. These letters must be on headed paper.</i>	1
You have been in receipt of one of the following Warwick scholarships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warwick Scholars • Multicultural Scholars • Lloyds Scholars 	<i>No documentation required, this will be confirmed by accessing your student record.</i>	1

Note: The University's financial support arrangements are specific to a student's academic year of entry. Continuing, transferring or repeating students who started a Masters course with the University prior to academic year 2023-24 are not eligible for this scholarship.

Care Leavers Definition

The term 'care leaver' means looked after for at least 13 weeks since the age of 14 and in care on your 16th birthday.