

# Warwick Taught Masters Scholarship Scheme Guidance Notes for Applicants 2026-27

The University of Warwick is pleased to be offering the Warwick Taught Masters Scholarship Scheme to support eligible postgraduate students. Awards are set at **up to £10,000** per student and are available to eligible **Home fee status** students from under-represented groups who wish to start a postgraduate taught master's course in 2026-27.

**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 2026-27 are not eligible for this scholarship.*

## 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 2026-27.](#)

*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.*

## How to apply?

Applications for 2026/27 intake for the Taught Masters Scholarship Scheme will open on **18<sup>th</sup> February 2026** and close on **18<sup>th</sup> May 2026**.

You can submit an application here: [WTMSS Application Form](#)

The application form will give you an opportunity to demonstrate how you meet the three part eligibility sections outlined below.

Should you have any other extenuating circumstances you feel we need to be made aware of as part of your application, there will be an opportunity to share this on the form.

You will also be required to submit a statement on how study on a masters-level qualification will support your future career or study aspirations. You may wish to prepare this in advance in order to

meet the 200 word requirement.

All evidence required to support your application will need to be uploaded at the end of completing the form. **Please ensure you have all attachments ready to upload in order to allow us to begin assessing your application.** If you are unable to upload evidence, please get in touch with us at [wtmss@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:wtmss@warwick.ac.uk).

Results of the Warwick Taught Masters Scholarship Scheme award competition will be communicated through email by **30th June 2026**. Please do not contact the Widening Participation and Social Mobility Team before this date to enquire about results.

## 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 eligible to pay tuition fees at the Home fee rate?
2. Can you confirm that you do **not** already hold a Masters (or Integrated Masters), PhD qualification or equivalent level qualification?
3. Are you applying for an **eligible** full-time or part-time taught Masters course, starting in October 2026?

*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 1 year (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 – Financial Eligibility criteria

In order to be eligible to apply, you must fit **at least one** of the following criteria.

Under-represented groups in PGT study criteria	Evidence Required
<p>If you started your undergraduate course <u>prior to August 2016</u>:</p> <p>You were in receipt of a Maintenance Grant from the UK Government as an undergraduate (UG who started 2015 or before).</p> <p><i>If you received a maintenance loan and not a maintenance grant, then you will not be eligible for the scholarship.</i></p>	<p><i>Student Finance Notification Letter from the first and last year of your undergraduate course.</i></p>
<p>If you started your undergraduate course <u>after August 2016</u>:</p> <p>You will need to provide evidence from the Student Loans Company to confirm you were eligible for a means tested <b>maintenance loan</b> from the UK Student Loans Company.</p> <p><i>You do not need to have taken out the Means Tested Maintenance Loan, but we require to see evidence of your eligibility for it.</i></p>	<p><i>Student Finance entitlement letter which shows the amount of maintenance loan you were eligible for in any two years of your studies, which must meet the minimum amounts specified in the table below*.</i></p>
<p>As an Undergraduate student you were in receipt of a Special Support Grant from the UK Government.</p>	<p><i>Student Finance Notification Letter from the first and last year of your undergraduate course.</i></p>
<p>You have refugee status or humanitarian protection in the UK as a result of an asylum claim <b>or</b> you reside in the UK under a UK Government programme such as the Ukraine scheme or Afghan scheme, <b>and</b> did not take out student finance because you received alternative financial support from your university or charitable foundation (eg Sanctuary Scholarship or Chevening Scholarship)</p>	<p><i>A copy of a scholarship award letter if you received financial support and evidence of their visa status eg Biometric Residence Card (BRC) or e-visa access, which you can grant us via the following link : <a href="https://www.gov.uk/evisa/view-evisa-get-share-code-prove-immigration-status">https://www.gov.uk/evisa/view-evisa-get-share-code-prove-immigration-status</a>. Please then email us this code to <a href="mailto:wtmss@warwick.ac.uk">wtmss@warwick.ac.uk</a>.</i></p>

**\*Minimum Maintenance Loan entitlement by year to be eligible to apply:**

WTMSS Minimum UG Loan Amounts (HHI below level of assessed contribution i.e. £42,875 or below)	Living away from home		Living at home
	In London	Outside London	Anywhere
2016/17	£8,559	£6,095	£4,824
2017/18	£8,801	£6,266	£4,959
2018/19	£9,083	£6,469	£5,118
2019/20	£9,339	£6,650	£5,261
2020/21	£9,614	£6,845	£5,414
2021/22	£9,914	£7,060	£5,969
2022/23	£10,143	£7,224	£5,713
2023/24	£10,428	£7,429	£5,876
2024/25	£10,692	£7,614	£6,024
2025/26	£11,025	£7,852	£6,214

## Part 3 – Additional Criteria

In order to be eligible to apply, you must meet **at least one** of the following criteria. Applications are assessed based on the number and nature of the criteria you provide evidence of. Please be aware that the competitive nature of the award means that although you may meet multiple additional criteria, this will not necessarily guarantee you an award.

Additional Criteria	Evidence Required
<p>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 in decile 1 or 2, you meet this criteria.</p> <p>This is based upon your permanent home address upon entry to University at undergraduate level.</p>	<p><i>For us to assess this we will require documentation showing the postcode of your permanent home address when you applied for your undergraduate degree.</i></p> <p><i>English indices of deprivation 2025:Postcode Lookup (<a href="#">Postcode IMD Decile Mapper 2025 – IMD2025</a>) Please note this information only covers addresses in England.</i></p>
<p>You entered University at undergraduate level as a Care Leaver.</p> <p>A care leaver is someone aged 16-25 who was in the care of their local authority for at least 13 weeks at any time since the age of 14, including some time after their 16th birthday.</p>	<p><i>A letter from the Local Authority confirming your Care Leaver status detailing the care you experienced and for how long, OR a letter from Student Finance confirming you were assessed as independent as a care leaver.</i></p>

You were assessed as an 'independent student through estrangement' by Student Finance England, Student Finance Wales, Student Finance Northern Ireland or the Student Awards Agency Scotland at any point during your undergraduate degree.	<i>A letter from Student Finance confirming you were assessed as 'independent student through estrangement' at any point during your undergraduate degree.</i>
You were a Warwick Scholars undergraduate.	<i>No documentation required, as this will be confirmed by accessing your student record.</i>
You either have refugee status, humanitarian protection, or are in the UK under protection from a specific scheme that makes you eligible for Home fee status and access to student loans from the UK government (such as the Ukraine Schemes or Afghan Schemes).	<i>Evidence provided as part of your course application will be used to confirm status.</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>
You began your undergraduate studies aged 21+	<i>No documentation required, as this will be confirmed by accessing your admissions application.</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 are able to provide proof that you are a carer.	<i><b>Either</b> evidence to show you have been in receipt of Carers Allowance, <b>or</b> a supporting letter (on headed paper) from an appropriate professional such as GP, other medical professional or manager of a Carers Centre (a trusted authority figure in an authorized position) confirming your role as a carer for someone with long term ill-health or a disability.</i>