

## Warwick Taught Masters Scholarship Scheme Guidance Notes for Applicants 2025-26

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 2025-26.

### 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 2025-26.](#)

*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 2025?
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 fit **at least one** of the following categories:

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>Student Finance Notification Letter from the first and last year of your undergraduate course.</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 for the amounts specified in the table below***</p>	<p>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 2024/2025 will be <b>£8,035 or above</b> if you are eligible***.</p>
<p>You have been a full-time undergraduate Home fee status student in receipt of special support grant from the UK Government.</p>	<p>Student Finance Notification Letter from the first and last year of your undergraduate course.</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>Student Finance Notification Letter or DSA/PIP/Attendance Allowance letter.</p>

**\*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.

### Minimum Maintenance Loan entitlement by year to be eligible to apply:

**\*\*\* Please note:** The values in this table are for those who lived away from home and outside of London. Different rates may apply if you studied in London or lived at home outside of London.

Academic Year	Minimum Maintenance Loan entitlement
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
2023/2024	£7,839 or above
2024/2025	£8,035 or above

### Part 3 – Additional Criteria

In order to be eligible to apply, you must fit **at least one** of the following categories. Points will be awarded based on how many of the criteria below you fit.

Additional Criteria	Evidence Required	Score Available
You began your undergraduate studies aged 21+	<i>No documentation required, as this will be confirmed by accessing your admissions application.</i>	<b>1</b>
You entered University at undergraduate level as a Care Leaver. <b>(Please see Care Leaver definition in Evidence Required field).</b>	<p><i>A letter from the Local Authority confirming your Care Leaver status detailing the care you experienced and for how long, or from Student Finance confirming you were assessed as independent as a care leaver.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	<b>1</b>
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>	<b>1</b>
You come from one of the most deprived areas of the country as defined by the government's <b>IMD</b> (Indices of Multiple Deprivation) database. If your postcode IMD value is <b>in decline 1 or 2</b> , you meet this criteria. Please note this information only covers addresses in <b>England</b> .	<p><i>This is based upon your <b>permanent home address upon entry to University at undergraduate level.</b></i></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><a href="https://www.fscbiodiversity.uk/imd/index.php?p=1177du%0D%0A&amp;d=#data">https://www.fscbiodiversity.uk/imd/index.php?p=1177du%0D%0A&amp;d=#data</a></p>	<b>1</b>

<p>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.</p>	<p><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 authorized position) confirming your role as a carer for someone with long term ill-health or a disability.</i></p> <p><i>(These letters must be on headed paper.)</i></p>	
<p>You were a Warwick Scholars undergraduate.</p>	<p><i>No documentation required, as this will be confirmed by accessing your student record.</i></p>	<p><b>1</b></p>

**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 2025-26 are not eligible for this scholarship.*