

# PGT Sanctuary Scholarship Application Guidance Notes (2025 Entry)

## Introduction

The guidance notes below are to help you complete the application form for the PGT Sanctuary Scholarship for 2025 entry. Please read these notes fully before completing the [online application form](#) and before contacting the University with any further questions about the application form as you may find your answer in these notes.

Before making an application for a PGT Sanctuary Scholarship please ensure that you fully understand and meet the eligibility criteria for the scholarship. Further details on the eligibility criteria for the PGT Sanctuary Scholarship can be found on [our webpage](#). Applicants will be required to submit supporting documentation/evidence, a personal statement and a supporting reference on the application form. If you have any questions about whether or not you should apply for an award please contact the Widening Participation Lifecycle Team ([lifecycleteam@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:lifecycleteam@warwick.ac.uk)).

## Application Form

There are **6 sections** to complete in the application form. Please complete each section by the deadline: **18:00pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025**.

Please note that the information you provide in the form will be held and processed in accordance with the privacy statement at the bottom of the application form. The application form has been designed to assess your eligibility and suitability for the PGT Sanctuary Scholarship. You are not required to provide personal information about your reasons for coming to the UK/seeking asylum.

### Section 1: About You

Please complete the personal information section of the form. We need this information to contact you about your application. Please ensure that you put your name as you would want to see it on, for example, a certificate, with your first name in one box and your second name in the other. You do not need to include your middle names, but we do ask you to let us know your 'preferred name' if this is different to your first name.

### Section 2: Sanctuary Eligibility

This section is about your immigration status, your right to study and whether you meet the Sanctuary eligibility criteria for the scholarship. Please note that, in order to be eligible for the PGT Sanctuary Scholarship, you must:

- Be **living in the UK** at the time of your PGT Sanctuary Scholarship application. The UK includes England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. ***We will not accept applications from students living outside of the UK.***

**AND**

- Have sought asylum from the UK government (you are an **asylum seeker**) or were included as a dependent (spouse/child) on an application for asylum. Please note: *Spouses/civil partners must have been the spouse/civil partner on the date on which the asylum application to the UK government was made. Children/step-children must have been aged under 18 on the date on which the asylum application to the UK government was made.*

**OR**

- Have **received a decision on your claim for asylum** but your new visa status **does not** allow you to access UK Government Student Financial Support, i.e. the Postgraduate Masters Loan, nor does it give you Home Fee Status. For example, if your decision contains the words "no public funds", this means that you cannot access UK Student Loans, therefore you would be eligible to apply for this scholarship.

***Please note that students who have been granted protection under specific schemes that make you eligible for 'Home fee' status and student loans from the UK government, such as the Ukraine Schemes or Afghan Schemes, are not eligible for the Postgraduate Taught Sanctuary Scholarship.***

The information we ask for in this section will only be used to determine whether you are eligible for the scholarship in relation to your current immigration status in the UK. We do not need you to provide details on the circumstances that led you to the UK.

Please note that you will need to evidence your current immigration status in **Section 5** of the application form with documentation such as an [Application Registration Card \(ARC\)](#), [Biometric Residence Permit](#), Home Office letters or a solicitor's letter. If you are unsure about your current immigration status, please speak to your solicitor or to your family members if you are listed as a dependent on a family member's asylum application.

**Right to study:** If you do not think you have the right to study, or if you have 'no study' immigration bail conditions, please contact us at [lifecycleteam@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:lifecycleteam@warwick.ac.uk) for support.

### **Section 3: Education Eligibility**

This section requests information about your educational history, previous academic qualifications and your Warwick postgraduate taught degree course choice. A full list of postgraduate degree courses for 2025 entry can be found online [here](#). Please note that the following courses are **not** eligible for the Postgraduate Taught Sanctuary Scholarship:

- *Module based courses (courses not achieving 180 CATS over a 1 year full-time or 2 year part-time basis)*
- *Distance Learning courses*
- *Postgraduate courses leading to a Doctoral qualification (such as a PhD or MPhil) - if you are interested in a Doctoral programme, you can find out more about Warwick's Sanctuary Scholarships for Doctoral study online [here](#).*

### **Section 4: Referee Details**

Your referee should know you in a professional capacity, such as a tutor, lecturer, employer or solicitor, and should provide a supporting statement on your behalf. This section asks for the name, role and contact details of your referee. **Your Referee Supporting Statement should be uploaded to Section 5 of the application form.**

### **Section 5: Required Attachments / Documents (including a Personal Statement and Referee Supporting Statement)**

This section asks you to upload evidence/documentation covering 3 key areas.

#### **5.1 Sanctuary/Immigration eligibility documentation:**

To support your application, we ask you to provide evidence that you meet the Sanctuary Eligibility criteria in Section 2 by uploading documentation of the immigration status you currently hold with the UK government and evidence of your right to study. Evidence could include copies of your [ARC](#), [BRP](#), a **Home Office Letter** or a **solicitor's letter**.

### **5.2 Personal Statement:**

Please tell us why we should choose you as a scholar by completing the following:

1. In **200 words or less**, please provide information about your academic and professional achievements to date, including qualifications, prizes and awards, relevant professional experience and extra-curricular activities.
2. In **400 words or less**, comment on how your course of study will provide skills and knowledge that will enhance your career prospects in that area, as well as how you will contribute to the academic community and department.
3. Any information about your individual circumstances you wish to be considered in support of your application (**200 words max.**)

The selection panel will consider information that you have provided in your PGT Sanctuary Scholarship and Postgraduate Taught course application forms. The panel will also contact the subject department you have applied to when making decisions.

### **5.3 Referee's Supporting Statement:**

The Referee Supporting Statement is an important part of the selection process. Please be sure to include all of the requested information, as well as any other information you believe should be taken into consideration by the selection panel. It is your responsibility as the applicant to provide your referee with a copy of your personal statement if you wish.

The Referee Supporting Statement should be no more than 750 words long and should cover the following:

1. The nature of the referee's professional relationship to you and an indication of how long the referee has known you.
2. What are the applicant's personal and financial circumstances and what barriers have they overcome to continue their education?
3. How well suited is the applicant to the higher education course they plan to take and how realistic are the student's ambitions?
4. What contribution, to your knowledge, has the applicant made to their previous academic institutions and local community?
5. How do you think the student would benefit from the support offered by Warwick's PGT Sanctuary Scholarship?
6. Is there any other information that you consider is relevant to the student's application?

Applications will only be considered if they are accompanied by a Referee Supporting Statement that is signed, dated and on letter headed paper.

## **Section 6: Declaration**

**6.1** Please tick the boxes to confirm that you have uploaded all of the required documents/evidence. Incomplete applications will **not** be taken into consideration.

**6.2** Please tick this box to confirm that you have given accurate information on your application form.

### **Application Outcome**

Please note that this is a competitive process and not all applications will be successful. We would therefore encourage you to explore [alternative sources of funding](#) if you plan to apply for one of the PGT Sanctuary Scholarships. We aim to notify all candidates of the outcome of their application by **18<sup>th</sup> July 2025**.