

## Postgraduate Taught Sanctuary Scholarship Guidance Notes for Applicants 2023-24

### Introduction

The guidance notes below are to help you to complete the application form for the Postgraduate Taught Sanctuary Scholarship. 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. There are a limited number of scholarships available and not all applications will be successful.

### How much could I receive?

The length of funding for Postgraduate Taught Sanctuary Scholarships is 1 year (2 years for part-time study) and includes:

- Full payment of Overseas tuition fees
- A maintenance stipend in line with UKRI rates (provisional £18,200\* for full time holders in 2023/24)

*\*Rates for future years are based on estimated increases for inflation and are not confirmed*

### Eligibility and Evidence

There are a limited number of scholarships available so, before making an application for a PG Taught Sanctuary Scholarship, please ensure that you fully understand and meet the eligibility criteria for the scholarship.

Eligible applicants are people of any nationality who hold one of the following statuses as granted by the UK government:

- Refugee Status
- Asylum Seeker
- Definite Leave to Remain as a result of an asylum seeker application
- Limited Leave to Remain as a result of an asylum seeker application
- Humanitarian protection as a result of an asylum seeker application
- You were included as a dependent (spouse/ child) on an application for asylum

If you have any questions about whether or not you should apply for an award please contact the Widening Participation Scholarships Team at [wtmss@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:wtmss@warwick.ac.uk).

### Application Form

There are **4 sections** to complete in the application form. Please complete each section. Please note that the information you provide in the form will be held and processed in accordance with our Data Protection Policy. The application form has been designed to assess your eligibility and suitability for the PG Taught Sanctuary Scholarship. You are not required to provide personal information about your reasons for coming to the UK/seeking asylum.

### **Section 1: Personal Details**

Please complete the personal information section of the form. We need this information to contact you about your application.

### **Section 2: Education History**

Please complete this section by indicating the highest level of education that you have achieved so far. For example, Bachelors Degree, PG Diploma, Masters Degree, etc.

### **Section 3: Eligibility for the PG Taught Sanctuary Scholarship**

This section focuses on your immigration status and whether you meet the eligibility criteria for the scholarship. Please note that the information we ask 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.

If you are an **asylum seeker** or hold **refugee status**, please provide the following documents to support your application:

- A scanned copy of your ARC (Application Registration Card)
- A copy of your most recent Bail 201 letter

If you hold **Humanitarian Protection** status, **Discretionary Leave to Remain**, or **Limited Leave to Remain**, please provide the following documents to support your application:

- A scanned copy of your current visa
- A copy of the Home Office decision of your asylum application (or evidence that your current visa is a result of an asylum application).

***Documents must be converted to pdf before upload. Please be aware that we will pass your documents onto the Immigration & Compliance team who may verify your status with UKVI. They will contact you to seek your consent in doing so.***

### **Section 4: Personal Statement**

This section is divided into 3 questions. These questions are:

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 careers prospects in that area, as well as how you will contribute to the academic community and department.
3. Please provide any information about your individual circumstances you wish to be considered in support of your application (200 words max.) Please note that you are not required to disclose personal information about your reasons for coming to the UK/seeking asylum unless you feel this is relevant to your application and you are comfortable sharing this information with the panel.

Please provide a detailed response to each question and ensure that in your answers you have included:

- Your rationale for wanting to access postgraduate education, including your future ambitions and aspirations and how your chosen course will help you achieve these.
- The barriers you have faced in your education and how you have tried to overcome these.

- Details of your financial circumstances and any previous applications you have made for funding.
- Any additional support you feel you may need to succeed at University.

The selection panel will only take into account information that you have provided in your PG Taught Sanctuary Scholarship and postgraduate application form.

### Scoring Criteria

Departments and the assessment panel will follow the [Postgraduate Taught Scoring Criteria](#) in their evaluation of your application. The scoring criteria considers your:

- Academic record
- Departmental support
- Achievements to date and how the award will assist your PG Study

**Please read through the scoring criteria [here](#) before completing your application.**

### Application Outcome

The deadline for applications is **31 May 2023**. 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 postgraduate taught student. We aim to notify all candidates of the outcome of their application within 10 weeks of the application closing date.

### 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. Can I upload a CV as a supporting document?**

*No, the scholarship assessors will not review CVs as part of the assessment process.*

**4. Can I apply now for entry in 2024/25?**

*No, the application process is specifically for funding starting in October 2023, and subsequent funding schemes may be subject to change. Information on the next year's funding scheme will be on the website in late Autumn 2023.*

**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.*

**6. Who do I contact if I have any other questions?**

*Please email the Widening Participation Team at [wtmss@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:wtmss@warwick.ac.uk).*