UG Sanctuary Scholarship Application Guidance Notes (2027 Entry)

Introduction

The guidance notes below are to help you complete the application form for the UG Sanctuary Scholarship for 2027 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 UG Sanctuary Scholarship please ensure that you fully understand and meet the eligibility criteria for the scholarship. For further details on the eligibility criteria for the UG Sanctuary Scholarship please see the following webpages:

- UG Sanctuary Scholarship (Undergraduate degree course route)
- UG Sanctuary Scholarship (International Foundation Programme route)

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).

Please note that the UG Sanctuary Scholarship application form is not an application for an Undergraduate course place or a place on the International Foundation Programme (IFP). You will therefore need to apply for a course place separately by:

- *Submitting a UCAS application for an Undergraduate course place by **UCAS's 13th January 2027 deadline**. There is more information about how to make a UCAS application online **here**.*

OR

- *Submitting an application for a place on the **International Foundation Programme** through their online application form **here**. Please note that only students with overseas qualifications that are not suitable for direct entry onto an Undergraduate course are eligible for the International Foundation Programme. Students with UK-based qualifications are not eligible for the IFP.*

Application Form

There are **7 sections** to complete in the application form. Please complete each section by the deadline: **18:00 on Wednesday 3rd February 2027**.

Please note that the information you provide on 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 UG Sanctuary Scholarship.

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/family

name in the other. You do not need to include your middle names, but please 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. To be eligible for the UG Sanctuary Scholarship, you must:

- Be **living in the UK** at the time of your UG 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. Tuition Fee Loans and Maintenance Loans) 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, and therefore you would be eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Please note *that if you have been granted refugee status or 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****, you will not be eligible for the Undergraduate Sanctuary Scholarship. Instead, you should apply for a student loan through Student Finance England, or another relevant student loans company.*

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 **and** your right to study in the UK in **Section 6** of the application form with documentation such as an Application Registration Card (ARC), Home Office letters or a solicitor/immigration lawyer'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.

Section 3: Financial Eligibility

This section asks you to declare that, to the best of your knowledge, you are **not eligible** for UK Government Student Financial Support (Tuition Fee Loans and Maintenance Loans). Your asylum documentation should state "no access to public funds", or similar.

Section 4: Education Eligibility

This section requests information about your educational history and your Warwick undergraduate degree (or International Foundation Programme) course choice.

If you haven't already, you must apply for an eligible Undergraduate course at the University of Warwick (by no later than **13th January 2027**) or apply for a course place through the International Foundation Programme**.** Eligible courses for the Undergraduate Sanctuary Scholarship include:

- International Foundation Programme
- **Undergraduate courses:**
    - Full-time course which lasts up to 4 years
    - Part-time course
    - These include courses leading to either a Bachelors degree (e.g. BA, BSc) or an Integrated Masters (e.g. MA, MSc)
    - A full list of undergraduate degree courses for 2027 entry can be found online here.

Please note that the following courses are **not** eligible for the Undergraduate Sanctuary Scholarship:

- Courses taught at Partner Colleges or Universities
- 4-year graduate entry MBChB course
- Year 1 Foundation courses in the Warwick Business School
- Module based courses
- Non-degree awards (Higher Education Diploma, Higher Education Certificate, Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma)

Please note that:

- *The Sanctuary Scholarship application is **not** an application for an Undergraduate course place and you will need to apply for a course place separately through **UCAS** by the **13th January 2027 deadline**.*
- *The Sanctuary Scholarship application is **not** an application for an International Foundation Programme course place and you will need to apply for a course separately through the **IFP webpage**.*

Please also note that you must be applying for the first year of study for your first undergraduate degree (or the International Foundation Programme). Applicants seeking to transfer in from another higher education institution are not eligible for this scholarship.

Section 5: Referee Details

Your referee should know you in a professional capacity, such as a teacher, social worker 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 6 of the application form.**

Section 6: Required Attachments / Documents *(including a Personal Statement and Referee Supporting Statement)*

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

6.1 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, a **Home Office Letter,** or a **solicitor's/immigration lawyer's letter**.

6.2 Personal Statement:

This is a space for you to tell us more about you and why you are applying for an Undergraduate Sanctuary Scholarship. The panel are keen to hear more about your ambitions for the future, how the scholarship would help you to achieve your goals and anything else about you that you would like the panel to know.

In no more than 750 words, please tell us why we should choose you as a scholar. Your statement should include:

1. Your ambitions for the future, why you have chosen your course of study and how the UG Sanctuary Scholarship will help you to achieve your goals.
2. Details of your personal and family circumstances and the barriers you have faced in continuing your education. You do not need to give details of anything that you would prefer not to, but this is a place for you to share a little more about how the scholarship would make a difference.
3. Anything else you would like the panel to know about you.

The selection panel will only take into account information that you have provided in your UG Sanctuary Scholarship and UCAS/IFP application forms.

6.3 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. What are the applicant's personal and financial circumstances and what barriers have they overcome to continue their education?
2. How well suited is the applicant to the higher education course they plan to take and how realistic are the student's ambitions?
3. What contribution, to your knowledge, has the applicant made to his or her school/college and local community.
4. How do you think the student would benefit from the support offered by Warwick's UG Sanctuary Scholarship?
5. 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 7: Declaration

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

7.2 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 the scholarship. We aim to notify all candidates of the outcome of their application by **Friday 9th April 2027**.