

UG Sanctuary Scholarship Application Guidance Notes (2024 Entry)

Introduction

The guidance notes below are to help you complete the application form for the UG Sanctuary Scholarship for 2024 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 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).

Application Form

There are **7 sections** to complete in the application form. Please complete each section by the deadline: **23:59 (11:59pm) on Tuesday 30th April**.

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 UG 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 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** and hold one of the following statuses from the UK government:
 - **Humanitarian Protection** (*as a result of your asylum claim*)
 - **Limited Leave to Remain** or **Discretionary Leave to Remain** (*as a result of your asylum claim*)
 - Some other form of **temporary status** (*as a result of your asylum claim*)

Please note that students who 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, are not eligible for the Undergraduate 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 6** of the application form with documentation such as a [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.

Section 3: Financial Eligibility

This section asks you to declare that, to the best of your knowledge, you are **not eligible** for Government Student Financial Support (Tuition Fee Loans and Maintenance Loans).

Section 4: Education Eligibility

This section requests information about your educational history and your Warwick undergraduate degree course choice. A full list of undergraduate degree courses for 2024 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)

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**, **BRP**, a **Home Office Letter** or a **solicitor's letter**.

6.2 Personal Statement:

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

1. Details of your personal and family circumstances and the barriers you may have faced in continuing your education - with particular reference to your current status in the UK. You do not need to give details of the events that led you to seek asylum unless you wish to do so.
2. 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.
3. Details of your and your family's current financial circumstances.
4. 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 UG Sanctuary Scholarship and UCAS 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 **31st May 2024**.