

Warm Welcome Scholarship Scheme

Introduction for applicants (In-Year awards)

1. The Warm Welcome Scholarship Scheme



HM Government

- Part of “Operation Warm Welcome” (announced by UK Government, September 2021)
- Aims to meet needs of different groups with links to Afghanistan in the UK to
 - rebuild lives
 - find work
 - pursue education
 - integrate with local communities
- Provides scholarships giving access to higher education.
- Government funding from the Department for Education (DfE).
- British Council is the delivery partner.

2. The scholarships

- 300 awards; 1 cohort; 2 programmes
 - In-Year scholarships (for current students)
 - Full Degree scholarships (for those commencing academic year 22/23)
- 3 levels of study
 - Undergraduate (3 years max – or 4 years max in Scotland)
 - Taught master's (1 year max)
 - PhD (3 years max)
- Full-time, in-person study in the UK.
- Eligibility requirements include ARAP and ARCS schemes and Afghan British Nationals
- For Full Degree awards, prioritised programmes linked to employability or skills shortages (see slide [●])
- Maintenance stipend funded by DfE; tuition fees waived by HEPs.

3 . Annex A – Eligibility requirements

Eligible scholars are those eligible for a university place that fall into the following categories

- Afghanistan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) resettlement route.
- Afghanistan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) resettlement route
- Those with links to Afghanistan who are already registered at a UK university and are experiencing financial hardship and/or cannot return home due to the situation in Afghanistan.
- Afghan British Nationals (ABNs), described for these purposes as those that were evacuated during Operation Pitting and who entered bridging accommodation or who presented as homeless to a council, but hold British citizenship or some other status that permits them to remain and reside in the UK without the need to be granted leave to remain.

4. The scholarship offer

Maintenance stipend funded by Department for Education

	Undergraduate	Postgraduate (Taught)	Postgraduate (PhD)
Funding rate (London)	£12,667	£16,068	£16,068
Funding rate (non-London)	£9,706	£12,984	£12,984

Conditions

- You must not accept other publicly funded award (eg, student maintenance loan / other scholarship)
- You can take part-time employment
- If eligible, you can claim for additional government benefits / support
 - [Adult Dependants' Grant](#)
 - [Parents' Learning Allowance \(PLA\) and Childcare Grant \(CCG\)](#)
 - [Disabled Students Allowance \(DSA\)](#)
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6. In Year Awards

- Up to 100 awards
- For scholars studying this academic year
- First stipend payment in June, back-dated to May
- Funding continues to the end of the course (max 2 further years, or 3 for undergraduates in Scotland)
- In Year scholars can not apply for Full Degree scholarship
- Simple application
 - Scholars apply to British Council
 - HEPs confirm eligibility and support for application
 - Applications considered in order of submission
- 2- week application window (9-20 May)

Apply quickly!

Register for alerts to keep informed – including the “go live” time of application form

7. Full Degree awards

- Around 200 awards
- For scholars interested in commencing studies in academic year 22/23
- Two-stage application process
 - Scholars apply to participating HEPs and receive offer of place and sponsorship for Warm Welcome funding. (9 May – 11 June)
 - Sponsored applicants complete scholarship application via British Council portal (27 June – 8 July)
 - Following evaluation, allocations and confirmations with HEPs (by 13 August)
- Mid-Late August: HEPs sign grant agreements with British Council in time to receive and pay first stipends in Sept.

More details about Full Degree awards at next information session (Friday 13 May, 10.00).

[Sign-up here](#)

8. In-Year awards – Application Process

- Simple 5 minute application form
 - Your contact and study details
 - Confirmation that you have read the eligibility criteria for residency status
 - HEP contact person if you have discussed with them (optional)
 - Equality monitoring (optional and separated from application)
- After application, we check and confirm details with your HEP
 - Residency status
 - Student status
 - Whether your HEP is supporting scholars for In-Year awards
- 2-week application window 9 – 29 May
- Applications reviewed in order of submission
- Outcome of application notified by 6 June
- Funding received 2-3 weeks later

9. What next?

- Check your eligibility
- Discuss your application with your HEP
- Apply!

In-Year applications open on Monday 9 May!

Contact: scholarships_info@britishcouncil.org