



Frequently asked questions

What are the eligibility criteria for the scholarships?

Each scholarship has different eligibility requirements, usually relating to nationality, level of study and subject of study. Please check the requirements of the scholarship to ensure you are eligible before you apply.

Is there an age restriction for the scholarships?

Some scholarships do have age restrictions. Please check the eligibility requirements of the scholarship in which you are interested.

Are split-site doctoral students eligible for the University of Leeds scholarships?

HOME/EU

Split-site students are not eligible for any of the scholarships administered by the Postgraduate Scholarships Office.

INTERNATIONAL

The fully-funded ACU Commonwealth scholarships allow split-site doctoral students, for more information please see: <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/split-site-scholarships/>

I am from a non-EU country but have lived and worked in the UK for several years. Which scholarships am I eligible to apply for?

When you apply for a study place at the University of Leeds, the office handling your application for admission will decide whether you are eligible to pay fees at the UK/EU rate or at the international rate, based on certain residency criteria. This would be Taught Student Administration (tp_applications@leeds.ac.uk) if you are applying for a taught postgraduate master's programme, or Research Student Administration (rp_applications@leeds.ac.uk) if you are applying for research degree study. We recommend that you contact the relevant office as soon as possible for advice on your fees status.

Your fees status determines which scholarships for which you will be eligible. If you are eligible to pay fees at the UK rate, then you would be able to apply for the scholarships for UK/EU students. If you are rated as an international student, you may only apply for the scholarships available for international students.

While you are waiting for the outcome of your fees assessment, we recommend that you apply for scholarships **for both UK and international students** in order to avoid missing any application closing dates. Once your fees status has been decided, you can then withdraw applications for scholarships for which you are not eligible. You will have to complete two separate online applications, one as a Home/European Union fee rated student and the second as an International/Overseas applicant.

What are the selection criteria for the scholarships?

Scholarships administered by the Postgraduate Scholarships Office are awarded on the basis of academic merit, not financial need.

How soon will I find out if my application has been successful?

As a general rule, we will inform you of the outcome of your application approximately **6-8 weeks after the closing date** of the scholarship competition. Some Scholarships, such as the Commonwealth Shared Scholarship, have a longer administration process.

Applications for some of our scholarships can be tracked from the middle of January on the Postgraduate Scholarships website <http://scholarships.leeds.ac.uk/tracking.aspx> Please see the tracking page for the list of scholarships that can be tracked

We do not enter into any correspondence regarding the progress of applications.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION

If I am on the reserve list, when will I know the final outcome?

If any of the candidates who have been offered awards do not take them up, it is possible that an award might be offered to you. If this is the case we will write to you again as soon as possible. Applicants on the reserve list should look for other funding options as we cannot predict when an award will become available.

International students please note that the UK Government operates a scheme called Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS). This means that certain applicants who require a Student Visa and wish to study for a PhD research degree in science, engineering or technology disciplines, will need to apply via an on-line application system for an ATAS Clearance Certificate **before** applying for student visa entry clearance (there is no fee for this). A detailed list of the subjects covered by the ATAS Scheme may be found at <http://www.fco.gov.uk/atas>.

International reserve candidates are therefore encouraged to apply for ATAS clearance as soon as they have received an offer of a place to study. If you have not applied for ATAS clearance, this may preclude you from being awarded, due to the constraints of your programme start date and the amount of time it can take to apply for a student visa.

If I am awarded a scholarship but decide to defer my study place, can I keep my scholarship?

If you are offered an award, you will need to take up the scholarship by the date stated in your award letter. You cannot defer this date, and will lose the scholarship if you choose to start on an alternative date.