EPSRC Student eligibility criteria

Each award will cover the RCUK minimum fee (£4,260) and minimum stipend (£14,777). Additional costs (e.g. consumables, travel) are recovered via the premium fee, or where relevant the CASE industrial partner.

All applicants' eligibility should be checked by Elaine Urwin, Graduate School Administrator, before any offers are made: rsst@ncl.ac.uk

Eligibility criteria:

- **Home/EU** - EU students can apply but they must meet the EPSRC eligibility criteria to receive a full award (fees & stipend). The applicant must have no restrictions on how long they can stay in the UK, and have been ordinarily resident in the UK for at least 3 years prior to the start of the studentship (with some further constraint regarding residence for education). If they do not meet this criteria EU students are only eligible to receive a fees only award.
  - EU students who do not meet the UK residency requirements can be granted the full award if assigned against the International 10% allocation (if available).

- **International** – The EPSRC provides the University an annual 10% allowance to enable the very best International students to be allocated funding. All requests to use this allocation should be sent to the sagpgdean@ncl.ac.uk for approval before any commitment is made.

- This allowance applies to all International students and EU students who do not meet the required UK residency requirement.

**Important notice:** The 10% open eligibility only covers the Home/EU fee and stipend (full award of £77,272) and the additional top-up fee required for International students’ needs to be considered and funded separately (e.g. Band 1 - £11,405 top up required/ Band 2 - £16,805 required per year). The EPSRC clearly state that **students should not pay these additional fees**, and additional funding should be provided by the institution or the Industrial partner. Discussions and confirmation of this additional funding should be agreed with your Head of School/PG Director prior to any academic or funding offer being provided or confirmed, both verbally and in writing.

Further guidance can be requested from sagpgdean@ncl.ac.uk or rsst@ncl.ac.uk