

Terms and Conditions

MBA Full-Fee Scholarship Competition 2026

1. Promoter

- 1.1. The promoter of this competition is Newcastle University Business School, part of Newcastle University, with a registered address at 5 Barrack Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4SE ("the University").
- 1.2. The competition is delivered in partnership with Bdaily ("Media Partner").

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. The competition is **open only to individuals who meet the criteria for "home student"** at the time of entry and throughout the selection process.
- 2.2. Entrants must be **18 years of age or older**.
- 2.3. Entrants must meet the **standard MBA entry criteria (see Section 3)** and demonstrate this through a submitted CV and supporting documentation.
- 2.4. Entrants must receive a **conditional or unconditional offer** to study the full-time MBA at the University's **Newcastle city centre campus** for the **2026/27 academic year** to redeem the scholarship.
- 2.5. The award is **available only to new applicants**. Current students already enrolled in a postgraduate programme at the University are not eligible.
- 2.6. Fully sponsored students or those in receipt of **full tuition-fee funding** from another source are not eligible.
- 2.7. Employees of the University, the Media Partner, and their immediate families are **not eligible** to enter.

3. Standard MBA Entry Criteria

To be eligible for the full-time MBA programme and this funding, entrants must meet the following standard entry requirements:

3.1 Academic Requirements

- A **2:1 honours degree**, or **international equivalent**. Applicants without a 2:1 honours degree or equivalent may be admitted on the strength of their professional achievements, provided they can evidence relevant experience at an appropriate level.

3.2 Professional Experience Requirements

- A minimum of **three years** significant, **full-time, post-graduation work experience**.

3.3 Evidence of Managerial Responsibilities

The applicant's experience – presented in their **CV** and **personal statement** – must demonstrate managerial responsibilities that include oversight of **one or more** of the following:

- budgets
- products
- projects

- people

4. Funding Award

4.1. One winner will receive full funding, covering the published MBA tuition fee for the **2026/27 academic year only**.

4.2. The funding covers **tuition fees only** and does *not* cover living costs, accommodation, travel, visas, insurance, equipment, or any other expenses.

4.3. The award cannot be **transferred, deferred, exchanged for cash**, or applied to another programme or academic year.

4.4. The funding can be redeemed only when the selected winner has met all admissions conditions and **registered** as a student in September 2026.

5. How to Enter

5.1. To enter, eligible entrants must complete the competition application process, which includes:

a. Personal Information

- Full name
- Contact details
- Current job role and employer
- Education history
- UK residential address
- Country of nationality and residency

b. Essay-Style Response

Entrants must submit a written response to a structured essay-style question devised by the Business School to assess leadership potential, critical thinking, and alignment with #nclMBA values.

c. CV Submission

Entrants must upload a current CV demonstrating they meet the **standard MBA entry criteria** listed in Section 3.

d. Interview (if shortlisted)

Shortlisted entrants will be invited to an interview with an MBA Academic Selector.

Once a winner is selected, they must make an application to study the Newcastle University MBA in September 2026.

5.2. All competition entries must be submitted by **23:59 (UK time) on 31 May 2026** (the "closing date").

5.3. If no suitable candidate is identified, the University reserves the right to not to award the scholarship or extend the closing date.

5.4. Late, incomplete, or illegible entries will not be considered.

5.5. Only entries from individuals with a **verified UK residential address** will be accepted.

6. Selection Criteria

6.1. The winner will be selected based on overall merit, assessed through:

- quality and insight of essay responses
- strength and relevance of managerial and professional experience
- CV evidence of meeting MBA entry requirements
- interview performance (if applicable)
- alignment with the Business School's strategic priorities

6.2. All decisions of Newcastle University Business School are final, and appeals will not be considered.

6.3. The University reserves the right **not to award** the funding if no suitable entrant is identified.

7. Conditions of Award

7.1. The successful entrant must:

- apply to study the Newcastle University MBA in 2026 and accept their MBA offer by the stated deadline to redeem the scholarship
- provide evidence supporting all claims made in their CV or application
- meet all academic and enrolment requirements
- register for the MBA in **September 2026**

7.2. Awards cannot be applied retrospectively and cannot be deferred.

7.3. The University reserves the right to withdraw funding where false, misleading, or unverifiable information has been provided, including regarding qualifications, work experience, or UK residency.

7.4. The University may vary, suspend, or withdraw the funding in exceptional circumstances.

8. Competition Compliance and Data Protection

8.1. Entry is free and **no purchase is necessary**.

8.2. The competition will be run in accordance with the **UK Code of Non-broadcast Advertising, Sales Promotion and Direct Marketing (CAP Code)**.

8.3. Personal data will be processed in line with **UK GDPR** and the University's Privacy Notice.

9. Publicity

9.1. By entering, entrants agree that if selected as the winner, the University and Bdaily may publish their **name, job role, and image** for promotional purposes.

9.2. The winner may be required to participate in reasonable publicity activities.

10. Liability

10.1. The University is not responsible for lost, delayed, corrupted, or incomplete entries, or for costs incurred in interviews or enrolment.

10.2. Nothing in these Terms limits the University's liability for **fraud** or **negligence causing personal injury**.

11. General

11.1. These Terms and Conditions may be amended at any time without prior notice.

11.2. The University reserves the right to cancel or amend the competition where necessary due to circumstances beyond its control.

11.3. These Terms and Conditions are governed by **English law**, and entrants submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the **courts of England and Wales**.

11.4. Enquiries related to the competition should be sent to mba@Newcastle.ac.uk