

Newcastle University Overseas Research Scholarship

Newcastle University is offering 15 partial scholarships for 2026/27 entry to assist international students to study for a PhD degree. The awards will be credited to the student's fee account to reduce the overall cost of tuition fees.

Terms and Conditions

1. To be considered for awards, applicants must have been offered a place to study on their chosen PhD degree at the University's Newcastle city centre campus for the 2026/27 academic year. This excludes courses based at the Malaysia and Singapore campuses. Only programmes beginning in 2026/27 academic year will be eligible. To be eligible for this scholarship, courses must start no later than 31st May 2027.
2. The NUORS covers the difference between the Home fee rate and the International fee rate for a maximum of 3 years. Awards cannot be deferred to later academic years.
3. Postgraduate applicants must be assessed as international for fee purposes. UK applicants assessed as home for fee purposes are not eligible for these awards.
4. A preliminary selection of candidates will be made within each academic school and faculty in light of the high academic standard required and the limited number of awards. Only applications which schools and faculties decide to support will be considered. Further details on scholarship values and academic grades required can be found on the University's country pages: <https://www.ncl.ac.uk/international/country/>
5. In addition to completing Section 2 (Qualifications), you should attach electronic copies of your student record/transcript in English. If not included in the transcript, you should also provide an official interpretation of the marking/grading scheme used by the institution or any explanatory information which will make clear the level at which the student record has been assessed. Please do not send any other enclosures with your application form.
6. Fully sponsored students do not qualify for these awards. A fully-funded scholarship or full sponsorship covers fees and can also include maintenance. The University reserves the right to suspend payment and recover any scholarship amounts already made to international students with full funding.
7. A Newcastle University Overseas Research Scholarship cannot be held concurrently with any fully-funded scholarship such as a Marshall Scholarship, a Fulbright Award or one held under the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan. Scholarships covering full tuition-fees cannot be held in conjunction with a Newcastle University Overseas Research Scholarship. A Newcastle University Overseas Research Scholarship cannot be held concurrently with the International Family Discount or the Alumni Discount. Applicants may apply for and/or be considered for more than one award but if successful in the Newcastle University Overseas Research Scholarship and one of the schemes listed then they would receive the Higher of the awards with the lower value award reallocated to another applicant. The list of schemes is not exhaustive and applicants should check the regulations for all funding opportunities to which they apply to ensure eligibility.
8. Newcastle University Overseas Research Scholarship application forms should be completed no later than 15th May 2026. Applications submitted after this date will not be accepted.
9. The following applicants are not eligible to receive Newcastle University Overseas Research Scholarship awards:
 - Those students awarded a COLFUTURO scholarship (they cannot be combined with the NUORS)
 - Those students awarded a CONACyT scholarship (they cannot ordinarily be combined with the NUORS – *please contact us regarding this*)
 - Those students holding another tuition fee discount from Newcastle University. Students cannot hold multiple tuition fee discounts from Newcastle University.
 - MPhil, Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, online (e-learning) degree programme applicants. MPhil applicants can only be considered if this is a part of an iPhD course and the course offer explicitly states this
 - Current students, registered at the University who have already commenced their postgraduate degree at the time of the award. Awards cannot be made retrospectively.

- Applicants initially assessed as international for fee purposes but whose fees change to "home"
- Students studying at the Malaysia and Singapore campuses.
- Applicants holding funding which covers a large proportion of the tuition fees (an amount higher than the Home fee rate for that course)
- Students repeating courses

10. The University reserves the right to vary all or any scholarship awards at its sole discretion.

11. The University's decision on all Newcastle University Overseas Research Scholarship awards and interpretation of rules and regulations shall be final: appeals will not be considered.

Further Enquiries:

Any enquiries regarding this scholarship should be sent to: scholarship.applications@ncl.ac.uk,

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