

Vice-Chancellor's Excellence Scholarships (VCES)

Up to 50% tuition fee discounts

Newcastle University offers a number of scholarship awards each year to assist high calibre international students to study for a postgraduate Master's/MRes degree. The awards will be credited to the student's fee account to reduce the overall cost of tuition fees.

Terms and Conditions

1. An applicant can only apply and be considered for a scholarship after they have been offered a place to study on their chosen eligible full-time Master's/MRes course at the University's Newcastle city centre campus for the 2026/27 academic year and have been assessed as international for fees purposes. **Applications cannot be considered in advance of applicants meeting these two criteria.**

The following are not eligible to apply for awards;

- MPhil, MLitt, Doctoral (e.g. PhD, Integrated PhD, DClinPsych) applicants
- Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma applicants
- Online (E-learning) degree programme applicants
- Applicants for the MClintDent Endodontics, MClintDent Periodontics, MClintDent Prosthodontics, MSc Industrial and Commercial Biotechnology (FT) and MSc Drug Chemistry (FT)
- Current students, registered at the University, who have already commenced their postgraduate degree at the time of the award. Awards cannot be made retrospectively
- Students repeating courses
- Study abroad and exchange students
- Students starting their degree in January of the academic year
- Students funded through partnerships between the University and external organisations, such as Universitas Indonesia, Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnologia (CONACYT), COLFUTURO, Foundation BECA

2. The closing dates for applications are:
 - 26th February 2026
 - 26th May 2026
3. Late applications will not be considered. Awards will be based on fully completed applications received by the closing date. Unsuccessful applications will not be considered for awards at later allocation points. Applicants can apply for a scholarship once; it is not possible to submit multiple applications.
4. The University awards Scholarships on the basis of academic merit and other information provided on the Scholarship application form. To be considered for awards applicants must have or expect to receive the equivalent of an upper second class UK honours degree or above. The applicants chosen to receive the awards will be assessed according to evidence of academic ability, evidence of commitment to studies and quality of application and may be contacted for additional information.
5. Scholarships will be renewable annually, subject to academic progression.
6. 2026/27 awards cannot be deferred until the 2027/28 academic year.
7. The value of the scholarships will be up to 50% of the tuition fees and will be credited to the student's tuition fee account to reduce the overall cost of tuition fees.
8. Successful applicants cannot be in receipt of a VCES award AND an award from any of the following scholarship schemes operated by the University: Vice-Chancellor's International Scholarships, Newcastle University GREAT Scholarships, Vice-Chancellor's Future Leaders Scholarships, Vice-Chancellor's EU Scholarships, Newcastle India Leadership and Innovation Scholarship, any

international scholarships offered by Newcastle University Business School, any Elite Sports Scholarships; Medical Sciences International Masters Excellence Scholarships, Spärck Al Scholarships, scholarships offered by schools and faculties, Alumni Progression Scholarship, Alumni Progression Discount, International Family Discount, INTO progression scholarships. Applicants may apply for and/or be considered for more than one award but if successful in the VCES and one of the schemes listed then they would receive the Higher of the awards with the lower value award reallocated to another applicant. This list of schemes is not exhaustive, and applicants should check the regulations for all funding opportunities to which they apply to ensure eligibility.

9. Applicants initially assessed as international for fee purposes but whose fees change to "home" either before they commence their degree or during their degree, are not eligible to receive Vice-Chancellor's Excellence Scholarship awards and will have any offer made withdrawn.
10. Fully sponsored students do not qualify for these awards. A fully funded scholarship or full sponsorship covers full tuition fees, before any scholarships are deducted from the fee. The University reserves the right to suspend payment and recover any scholarship amounts already made to international students with full funding.
11. Successful applicants must inform the University if they have been awarded any scholarships or sponsorships that cover full tuition fees. Students breaching this regulation will have their VCES award suspended and the University will recover any previous payments.
12. Applicants should check the scholarship offer e-mail for any additional conditions attached to the scholarship offer.
13. Successful candidates will be expected to work with the international recruitment team from time to time to serve as a student ambassador for the University during their period of study to help inform prospective students about study at Newcastle University. This may involve such activities as: attending physical or virtual presentations for prospective students; providing written or filmed testimonials/ vlogs and blogs for the University's website; or serving as an advocate to help promote the scholarship programme. It may also include the University's use of certain identifying data (such as the scholarship recipients' names, nationalities and courses of study) in the context of the above and related activities. The time commitment for ambassador activities should not typically exceed 8 hours per semester.
14. Details of successful scholarship recipients will be passed to Newcastle University Advancement Teams who may contact students following graduation.
15. The University reserves the right to vary all or any scholarship awards and regulations at its sole discretion.
16. The University's decision on all Vice-Chancellor's Excellence Scholarship awards and interpretation of rules and regulations shall be final; appeals will not be considered.

Further Enquiries:

For any enquiries relating to this scholarship, please contact the International Scholarships Team:

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