

Vice-Chancellor's International Scholarships

Newcastle University offers a large number of partial scholarship awards each year to assist international students with good qualifications to study for a postgraduate Master's 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 Master's degree programme 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 September 2026 will be eligible: courses starting in January 2027 are not eligible for this award.
2. Eligible applicants will be considered automatically for awards.
3. The value of the award is £8,000 and will be credited to the student's tuition fee account.
4. Postgraduate applicants must be assessed as international for fee purposes.
5. Successful applicants will be selected on merit and allocation of scholarships will be based on the University's strategic and diversity priorities, which may alter from time to time. Awards may be allocated early in the application cycle; early course applications are therefore encouraged.
6. To receive awards applicants must become registered students at Newcastle University in the 2026/27 academic year for a full-time Master's degree programme. Awards cannot be deferred to later academic years.
7. Applicants domiciled in the following countries/regions will be considered for Vice-Chancellor's International Scholarship awards; Algeria, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Egypt, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey*, UAE, Ukraine, USA, Uzbekistan, Vietnam or Zimbabwe.

To be considered as domiciled in these countries, applicants must have predominantly resided there during the last three years. The University considers permanent country of residence to be the country in which the applicant is ordinarily resident, not a country where they are only living for the purpose of full-time education.

8. Scholarships are renewable annually and will be subject to academic progression.
9. 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.
10. Scholarships will not be confirmed unless applicants satisfy all conditions related to their scholarship offer, even if they are still accepted to study at Newcastle University.
11. Successful applicants cannot be in receipt a Vice-Chancellor's International Scholarship award AND an award from any of the following scholarship schemes operated by the University: Vice-Chancellor's EU Scholarships, Vice-Chancellor's Excellence Scholarships, Newcastle-India Leadership and Innovation Scholarships, Vice-Chancellor's Future Leader's Scholarships, Newcastle University GREAT Scholarships, international scholarships offered by Newcastle University Business School, any Elite Sports Scholarships; Spärck AI Scholarships, Medical Sciences International Masters Excellence Scholarships, International Family Discount, Alumni Progression Scholarship, Alumni Progression Discount, faculty and school scholarships. Applicants may apply for and/or be considered for more than one award but if successful in the Vice-Chancellor's International 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. This list of schemes is not exhaustive and applicants should check the regulations for all funding opportunities to which they apply to ensure eligibility.

12. The following applicants are not eligible to receive Vice-Chancellor's International Scholarship awards:
- Pathway students progressing to the University from INTO
 - MPhil, doctoral (PhD, Integrated PhD, EngD, DCLinPsych), Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, online (e-learning) degree programme applicants
 - Current, registered students at the University who have already commenced their postgraduate degree at the time of the award. Awards cannot be made retrospectively.
 - Students repeating courses
 - Students applying for the two-year Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) and MSc Advanced Architectural Design courses
 - Students studying Distance Learning courses (e.g. LLM Mediation and International Commercial Dispute Resolution).
 - Applicants applying for the MSc Industrial and Commercial Biotechnology (FT) and the MSc Drug Chemistry (FT)
 - Applicants funded through partnerships between the University and external organisations
13. 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 International Scholarship awards and will have any offer made withdrawn.
14. 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.
15. Details of successful scholarship recipients will be passed to Newcastle University Advancement Teams who may contact students following graduation.
16. The University reserves the right to vary all or any scholarship awards at its sole discretion.
17. The University's decision on all Vice-Chancellor's International 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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