

Postgraduate Sanctuary Scholarship 2025/26

Application deadline:

Wednesday 25th June 2025 at 5pm

Please return your completed application form including any required supporting evidence as pdf attachments to scholarships@westminster.ac.uk.

You can only submit ONE email, including your application and all relevant documents. You will not be able to amend your application once we have received it. You need to have a conditional/unconditional offer in place before you can apply for a scholarship.

Selection process:

Please remember that scholarships are limited. Meeting the eligibility criteria does not guarantee that you will receive an award.

All eligible applications will be considered by an awarding panel. The panel members understand that applicants will have a broad range of differing skills, attributes and experiences, so they will give equal consideration to the applicant's academic record, personal circumstances and their answers to the questions posed in the application form.

All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application within 2 weeks after the deadline.

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INFORMATION

The University offers a number of Postgraduate Sanctuary Scholarships to support students seeking asylum or with refugee status living in the United Kingdom who are not eligible to receive postgraduate financial support from Student Finance. It covers full tuition costs, plus a maintenance grant of £1,000 per month for 12 months.

ELIGIBILITY

Students must fulfill all criteria below:

- You must have an offer from the University of Westminster for a place on a full-time master's course starting in September 2025
- You must be resident in the UK
- You must hold one of the following eligible immigration statuses before submitting your application
 - UK asylum seeker
 - UK discretionary leave to remain (as a result of an asylum application)
 - UK limited leave to remain (as a result of an asylum application)
 - UK refugee status obtained
- Students who already have a master's degree are not eligible to apply.
- Students who are able to receive taught postgraduate student loans from Student Finance are not eligible to apply
- The following categories of students are not eligible:
 - a. Postgraduate Diploma
 - b. Professional courses (eg RIBA pt III, ACCA, CIMA, CiLEX)
 - c. Conversion courses (eg Graduate Diploma in Law)
 - d. Integrated Masters/MPhil/PhD student
 - e. Part time students

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Applicants must be able to verify their immigration status and are required to provide evidence in the form of a Biometric Residence Permit (BRP), Home Office letter confirming immigration status, Passport with vignettes, Application registration card (asylum).

Please note, once you are awarded a status by the Home Office that allows you access to student finance (tuition fee loans, etc.), you will not receive any outstanding maintenance payment.

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Application Form

PERSONAL DETAILS

Full Name _____

UK Address _____

Westminster Reference Number _____

This can be found on your course offer letter and is 8 digits, for example 18234567

Course applied for _____

Which of the required immigration statuses do you hold?

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Name and location of college	Finish date	Qualifications (i.e. A-level Maths)	Grades predicted/obtained

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Please provide details of your most recent employment history and any previous work experience.

Job title, Employer Name and Address	Dates of Employment	Brief description of roles/responsibilities

PERSONAL STATEMENT

This is the chance to talk about your personal experience up to now, the circumstances that led you to migrate to the UK and how long you have been living here. You can also talk about your living conditions, whether this is privately rented, with family or in temporary accommodation? This is also a chance to talk about your immigration status and explain the problems you might face paying for your education and living costs. Also briefly describe why you are interested in your course or any career goals you might have (maximum 300 words).

DECLARATION

I confirm that I have read the [GDPR](#) (General Data Protection Regulations Declaration) statement and consent to my personal data being held and utilised as detailed in this statement. I also confirm that the information provided and documentary evidence supplied is accurate to the best of my knowledge. Any information contained within this application, later found to be incorrect or untrue may result in the withdrawal of any scholarship or scholarship offer.

Name _____ Date _____