

# UNIVERSITY OF READING – BRITISH COUNCIL GREAT MASTER’S SCHOLARSHIPS 2026. GUIDELINES AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## Guidelines

- 1.0 This information applies to new full-time master’s students taking up a place of study in 2026-2027 who are eligible for consideration for one of the University of Reading – British Council GREAT Master’s Scholarships (referred to hereafter as the GREAT Scholarship).
- 1.1 There are other scholarships schemes, such as to the University of Reading Master’s Scholarships. This information relates only to the GREAT Scholarship.
- 1.2 GREAT Scholarships will be awarded by the University of Reading, subject to the criteria set by the GREAT Scholarship scheme. The deadline for applications **1 May 2026** and the selection process will not commence until after the closing date.
- 1.3 The GREAT Scholarship has a value of £10,000. It is applied in the form of a tuition fee reduction and cannot be paid in cash.
- 1.4 The allocation of funds is competitive and not all applications received may be successful. We will only contact successful scholarship applicants.

## Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for consideration for the GREAT Scholarship for the academic year 2026-2027 candidates must:

- 2.0 Be applying to study on a full-time basis. Part-time and flexible learning (modular) master’s courses are excluded.
- 2.1 Not already be in receipt of a full tuition fee scholarship.
- 2.2 Not already be registered on a postgraduate programme.
- 2.3 Have applied for entry to an eligible University of Reading master’s programme for admission in the academic year 2026-2027, using the University’s online postgraduate application form.

- 2.4 Be a citizen<sup>1</sup> of **India or Nigeria** and be living in one of these countries at the time of application.
- 2.5 Have received a formal offer of admission (it is not necessary to have accepted the offer of admission at the scholarship application stage).

### Terms and Conditions

- 3.0 GREAT Scholarship applications will only be considered if candidates satisfy the Eligibility Criteria and the Terms and Conditions.
- 3.1 GREAT Scholarship applications must be submitted using the form that eligible candidates will have access to via their [me@reading applicant portal](mailto:me@reading.applicant.portal). No alternative method of application will be valid or considered. The scholarship application form must be completed in full, including confirmation that the candidate understands and accepts the terms and conditions under which the scheme operates.
- 3.2 GREAT Scholarship candidates will be assessed primarily on the basis of their academic accomplishments to date, although reference may also be made to achievements outside of the field of education, for example extracurricular activities, voluntary work, overcoming adversity. The scholarship application allows for candidates to submit these details. Please note there is a limit of 1000 characters to record this information for each question. Supplementary documents cannot be submitted, although university staff reviewing scholarship applications will make reference to the information provided as part of the master's application process, including supporting information, such as degree transcripts.
- 3.3 GREAT Scholarship candidates are asked to provide brief details of their overall financial situation on the scholarship application form. This is because the funding on offer constitutes only a portion of the overall cost of study and university staff reviewing scholarship applications will evaluate what the candidate's overall financial situation is and whether it appears feasible for them to be able to fund the remainder of their studies through other sources of finance. The information provided in relation to a candidate's overall financial situation must not exceed 1000 characters.
- 3.4 All information in the GREAT Scholarship application should be provided by the candidate themselves and be true and accurate.
- 3.5 Candidates in receipt of multiple tuition fee scholarships can combine the scholarships, provided that they do not amount to more than the total cost of tuition. We will not give a GREAT Scholarship to anyone who already has a full scholarship to pay for their tuition fees. Scholarship recipients are required to advise us if their financial situation changes and they are subsequently granted a full scholarship from another source. The University reserves the right to withdraw all or part of the Scholarship and make no (or no further) payments, if the student obtains sufficient alternative funding from another source.
- 3.6 The GREAT Scholarship competition will close at midnight (UK time) on **1 May 2026** and under no circumstances can scholarship applications be submitted after the final deadline.

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<sup>1</sup> Hold a passport issued by one of these countries.

- 3.7 Candidates selected for a GREAT Scholarship will be notified by email and it is therefore essential that the University has up-to-date contact information. Upon being notified of an award, a candidate will have 10 days within which to register their acceptance. If the candidate has not accepted their offer of admission for the master's course, they will also be required to do this. If the Scholarship and the offer of admission are not accepted within 10 days of scholarship notification, it will be assumed the candidate does not wish to receive funding and the scholarship offer will be withdrawn and may be allocated to another candidate.
- 3.8 If a GREAT Scholarship is offered to a conditional offer holder, then the award of the scholarship will also be conditional on the student achieving the conditions of entry.
- 3.9 The University will only contact successful GREAT Scholarship applicants and the University will endeavor to do so within 4 weeks of the closing date for applications.
- 3.10 GREAT Scholarships are applied in the form of a tuition fee reduction. There is no cash alternative to the tuition fee reduction. Where students pay their tuition fees in instalments, the GREAT Scholarship will be applied pro rata in proportion to the fee paid (e.g. in the event the annual tuition fee is paid in two equal instalments, each payment will be reduced by an amount equivalent to 50% of the GREAT Scholarship). GREAT Scholarships cannot be deferred to future years and are for entry in the 2026-2027 academic year only.
- 3.11 The University's decision is final and we are unable to consider requests for reconsideration. The University reserves the right to withdraw the GREAT Scholarship, if students are subsequently found to be ineligible or if these terms and conditions are not adhered to.
- 3.12 In making an application for a GREAT Scholarship, candidates are deemed to have agreed to the above terms and conditions. Any queries about the GREAT Scholarship scheme should be addressed to [scholarships@reading.ac.uk](mailto:scholarships@reading.ac.uk)