

UNIVERSITY OF READING UK ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP - GUIDELINES AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Guidelines

- 1.0 This information applies to new master's students taking up a place of study in 2026-2027 at the University of Reading (Whiteknights and London Road (UK) campuses) who are eligible for consideration for the *University of Reading UK Academic Achievement Scholarship*. (hereafter referred to as 'the Scholarship'). The information covers all eligible master's courses with the exception of those offered by Henley Business School, for which separate guidelines and terms and conditions apply.
- 1.1 The Scholarship is a competitive award funded by the University of Reading. The Scholarship provides a tuition fee reduction and may be held in conjunction with other funding, but note the ceiling on financial aid (clause 3.5).
- 1.2 The Scholarship is only available to students paying Home fees and has a value of **£2500** per person as a tuition fee reduction.
- 1.3 The Scholarship is awarded on a rolling basis. No application form is required – all eligible students made an offer of admission to a University of Reading master's degree programme are considered automatically. The closing date for consideration is 1 July 2026. You must hold an offer on your chosen course by this date to be considered.²
- 1.4 The Scholarship is awarded on a competitive basis and not all students will be successful. Assessment is based on performance in studies prior to enrolling at the University. We will only contact successful scholarship applicants.
- 1.5 Scholarships will be awarded in batches (funding is released in tranches). The point at which a recipient is notified of a scholarship will depend on the timing of their offer of admission relative to when a tranche of funding is released. Ordinarily a student will know within a maximum of 3 months of being offered admission whether they have been selected for the scholarship, although in many cases notification will be received sooner than this. However, if a student for any reason declines the scholarship, we will then move on to a reserve list and some students may be contacted more than 3 months after the date of the offer of admission. If a student has not been contacted by the University regarding the scholarship by the end of August, they should assume they have been unsuccessful.

² This is the final date at which we will assess eligible master's programme offer holders for the Scholarship. A degree application needs to have been received and an offer of admission made by this date in order to be considered for the Scholarship. We cannot consider applicants who receive an offer of admission after this date.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for consideration for the Scholarships candidates must:

- 2.0 Not already be in receipt of a full tuition fee scholarship or sponsorship.
- 2.1 Have applied for entry to a University of Reading master's course³ for admission in the academic year 2026-2027⁴, using the University's online postgraduate application form.
- 2.2 Have applied to study on a full-time or part-time basis. Flexible / part-time modular master's courses are excluded.
- 2.3 Have received a formal offer of admission (it is **not** necessary to have accepted the offer of admission at the Scholarship consideration stage).

Terms and Conditions

- 3.0 Candidates for the Scholarship must satisfy the Eligibility Criteria and the Terms and Conditions.
- 3.1 If the Scholarship is awarded, it is a requirement of the process that the student accepts the Terms and Conditions under which the scheme operates.
- 3.2 Scholarship candidates will be assessed based on their academic accomplishments to date as recorded in the master's degree application. Supplementary documents cannot be submitted, although the University reserves the right to request additional information from a student being considered for the Scholarship where it believes it will help facilitate a final decision.
- 3.3 The Scholarship is not means assessed and the evaluation process does not seek to make any judgement on a student's financial situation beyond the requirements noted in clause 3.5.
- 3.4 All information provided in the degree course application must be true and accurate - it also forms the basis for deciding which students are selected for the Scholarship.
- 3.5 Candidates in receipt of other tuition fee scholarships⁵ can combine these monies with the Scholarship as long as the combined value does not amount to more than the total annual cost of tuition. The Scholarship will not be awarded anyone who already has a full scholarship or sponsorship to pay for their tuition fees. Scholarship recipients are required to advise us if their financial situation changes and they are subsequently granted full

³ MA, MA by Research, MSc, MRes and LLM are all eligible. M level undergraduate degrees, such as MSci, are not considered postgraduate courses and sources of undergraduate funding are applicable.

⁴ Applications for entry in September 2026 or February 2027. September 2027 entry falls under the 2027/28 academic year and details of any scholarship schemes in operation in that year will be announced in due course.

⁵ This may include the [Alumni Discount](#) offered to University of Reading graduates returning for further degree study.

funding 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. A student will not be disadvantaged if they already hold a partial scholarship, provided it would not exceed the tuition fee, as stated above.

- 3.6 To be considered for the Scholarship a student must have been issued with an offer of admission by 1 July 2026 and under no circumstances can that deadline be extended.
- 3.7 Candidates selected for the 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 working days⁶ within which to register their acceptance of the Scholarship by return email. If the candidate has not accepted their offer of admission for the master's course, they will also be required to do this as condition of the Scholarship offer. If either the Scholarship or the offer of admission are not accepted within 10 working days of scholarship notification, it will be assumed the candidate does not wish to receive funding and the scholarship offer will be withdrawn.
- 3.8 If the Scholarship is offered to a student holding a conditional offer of admission to the University, then the award of the Scholarship will also be conditional on the student meeting these requirements for entry.
- 3.9 The University will only contact successful scholarship applicants and the University will endeavor to do so no later than 22 August 2026.
- 3.10 The Scholarship is applied only in the form of a tuition fee reduction. There is no cash or other alternative to this. Where students pay their tuition fees in instalments, the 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 scholarship).
- 3.11 The Scholarship cannot be deferred to future years and are valid for entry in the 2026-2027 academic year only.
- 3.12 The Scholarship is awarded for one year. In the event of a student studying on a part-time basis or on a full-time course with a duration of more than 12 months being awarded the Scholarship, the tuition fee reduction will be applied in full against the first year of tuition fees and will not be apportioned across multiple years. Students studying flexible / part-time modular master's courses are ineligible for the Scholarship.
- 3.13 The University's decision is final, and we are unable to receive requests for reconsideration. The University reserves the right to withdraw the Scholarship if students are subsequently found to be ineligible or if these Terms and Conditions are not adhered to.
- 3.14 Any queries about the University of Reading UK Academic Achievement Scholarship scheme should be addressed to scholarships@reading.ac.uk

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⁶ Working days are Monday to Friday inclusive.