

Sanctuary Scholarships Guidelines and Terms & Conditions

These Terms and Conditions apply to all those wishing to apply for a University of Reading Sanctuary Scholarship (**Sanctuary Scholarship**). By submitting a Sanctuary Scholarship application, you agree to comply with, and be bound, by these Terms and Conditions. To be eligible to apply for a Sanctuary Scholarship, you must have been granted a temporary form of leave (limited leave to remain, discretionary leave to remain, humanitarian protection) as the result of an asylum application or human rights application, be an asylum seeker, or have entered the UK under the Ukraine Family Scheme or the Ukraine Sponsorship (Homes for Ukraine) scheme. In each case you must fulfil the relevant eligibility criteria set out below.

Guidelines

- 1.1 The University of Reading (**University**) offers other funding schemes, such as the University of Reading Master's Scholarship scheme or funding offered by external sponsors for which students may be eligible – for more information see [the Master's Scholarships page](#). This information relates only to the Sanctuary Scholarships.
- 1.2 Sanctuary Scholarships will be awarded by the University. Eligible applicants will need to submit a separate application for the awards and recipients will be selected following the advice of an advisory panel.
- 1.3 **Types of Sanctuary Scholarship.** There are five different award types in the Sanctuary Scholarships. There are summarised below. Please note each award is subject to further specific eligibility criteria as set out later in these Terms and Conditions. The award types are:
 - **five** awards to cover the fees of an 11-week Pre-Sessional English programme is worth £4,565 each;
 - **four** undergraduate bursary awards worth £5,000 each for each year of study;
 - **one** postgraduate taught bursary worth £10,000 (pro rata for part-time students);
 - **one** scholarship comprising a tuition fee waiver and bursary of £14,200 for each year of study for new students studying undergraduate programmes; and
 - **one** scholarship comprising a tuition fee waiver and bursary of £14,200 for each year of study (pro rata for part-time students) students studying postgraduate taught programmes.
 - **10** Scholarships for 2022/3 entry comprising of a full tuition fee waiver and a bursary payment of £5,000 (pro rata–ed for part-time students) for each year of study, for new entrants to undergraduate courses or postgraduate taught courses who have entered the UK under the Ukraine Family Scheme or the Ukraine Sponsorship (Homes for Ukraine) scheme. In addition, scholars under this route will be eligible for a fee waiver which cover the tuition fees for the University's 11–week English Language programme (starting in June 2022) as well as reimbursement of the cost of a single English Language test, from our list of approved providers, up to the value of £185.
- 1.4 **Fee waivers** will be applied directly to the tuition fees at the beginning of each year of the programme. Fee waivers apply for the full duration of the programme and where that programme spans more than one year, fee waivers for subsequent years will only be applied if the student progresses to the next part of their programme.

- 1.4 **Bursary awards** will be paid in three equal termly instalments, directly to the student's bank details as stored in RISIS in October, January and April. It is the student's responsibility to ensure their bank details are correct. Bursaries will be paid for each year of study where a programme spans over more than one year. Bursaries for subsequent years will only be paid if the student progresses to the next part of their programme.
- 1.5 **Reimbursements** for an English Language test will be paid in one instalment, up to a maximum single claim of £185. Payment will be made directly to the student's bank details as included in the expenses claim form which requires submission to make a claim. It is the student's responsibility to ensure their bank details are correct and that they supply the required original receipt as evidence to support their claim. An expenses claim form will be made available to relevant award holders.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a University of Reading Sanctuary Scholarship candidates must:

- 2.0 be granted a temporary form of leave (limited leave to remain, discretionary leave to remain, humanitarian protection) as the result of an asylum application or human rights application; **or** be an asylum seeker; or have entered the UK under the Ukraine Family Scheme or the Ukraine Sponsorship (Homes for Ukraine) scheme; and
- 2.1 fulfil the following specific eligibility criteria as relevant to the award being applied for:
- i. For those applying who have a right to remain in the UK through the Ukraine Family Scheme or the Ukraine Sponsorship (Homes for Ukraine) scheme:
 - a. for the Pre Sessional English awards, applicants should be progressing to degree level study at the University following their pre-sessional English course
 - b. For both the undergraduate and postgraduate taught fee waivers and bursaries, eligibility does not depend on eligibility to access tuition Fee Loans or Maintenance Loans from Student Finance England/Wales/NI/SAAS.
 - ii. For all other awards:
 - a. for the Pre Sessional English awards, applicants should be progressing to degree level study following their pre-sessional English course
 - b. for both the undergraduate and postgraduate taught bursaries, applicants should qualify for Home fees status and be able to claim Student Funding Authority support/Postgraduate loans.
 - c. for the full tuition fee waiver and bursary combined awards applicants should not qualify for Home fees status, and therefore not be able to claim Student Funding Authority support/postgraduate loans
- 2.2 All candidates must have applied to study full or part-time for one of the following University programmes, and have received either a conditional or unconditional offer:
- an undergraduate degree (including Integrated Foundation Year and M level qualifications but excluding Degree Apprenticeship study); or
 - a taught postgraduate degree of a minimum of 9 months duration; **and**

- 2.4 currently reside in the UK; **and**
- 2.5 have completed the application form for the Sanctuary Scholarships and all the appropriate application and enrolment processes of the University including the provision of such evidence of compliance with the Eligibility Criteria as the University may reasonably require.
- 2.6 Every attempt will be made to award Sanctuary Scholarships after and applicants holding conditional offers have been able to transfer to unconditional. In the event that we are unable to adhere to this timeline, any Sanctuary Scholarship awards to applicants with a conditional offer will remain provisional until they are able to fulfil all of their conditions.
- 2.7 Every attempt will be made to place Sanctuary Scholarship recipients on the programme, or alternatively to transfer them to a suitable Foundation programme (in the case of Undergraduate applicants).
- 2.8 Please note that some of our programmes require students to undertake work placements or study abroad which some applicants with current/outstanding asylum claims may be prohibited from participating in due to the terms of their student visas. We therefore cannot offer Scholarships to students applying to study these programmes.
- 2.9 Both applicants applying to start a new programme of study, as well as those transferring from another university are eligible to apply for the Sanctuary Scholarships

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- 3.1 The Sanctuary Scholarships will only be offered to students who satisfy the Eligibility Criteria and comply with these Terms and Conditions.
- 3.2 Each Sanctuary Scholarship is non-transferrable and its continuation into future years of study only applies to programmes of more than one-year duration, and then where the student remains registered for the same level of study for a further full year. Completion of the programme will mean the end to the Sanctuary Scholarship.
- 3.3 In the event that a Sanctuary Scholarship recipient's asylum application is refused by the UK Government, the recipient will be allowed to study pending an appeal on their asylum claim.

The recipient must however continue to have a right to reside and study in the UK. Recipients must inform our International Student Advisory team immediately if they receive any notification of a change to their asylum or immigration status. The University reserves the right to suspend studies following notification from the Home Office.

- 3.4 In the event that a Sanctuary Scholarship recipient's asylum application is granted by the UK Government during the time they are enrolled on their programme, the recipient should immediately update the University and the relevant Student Funding Authority (**SFA**) as this will update their fee status and/or entitlement to Government financial support. Once the recipient has been reassessed, and the recipient becomes entitled to financial support from that SFA, the University reserves the right to adjust the recipient's Sanctuary Scholarship accordingly (for example to the level of support applicable to Forced Migrants with Home Fees status).

3.5 The University's decision is final. The University reserves the right to withdraw the Sanctuary Scholarship and claim back any payments already applied, if a student is subsequently found to be ineligible or if these Terms and Conditions are not adhered to.

3.6 In the event of a suspension of studies, fee waivers and bursaries will be removed for the period of suspension, and will resume once the student is fully enrolled again.

In the event of a withdrawal from study, the next bursary payments will be removed as per the University's advertised cut-off dates.

Sanctuary Scholarship entitlement is for the normal duration of the programme and entitlement is not extended if overall programme duration is altered through suspension or withdrawal.

3.7 Students awarded a Sanctuary Scholarship may be required to participate in relevant University marketing activities about the scheme.

3.8 Sanctuary Scholarship applicants must adhere to any deadline and other application details as appear on www.reading.ac.uk/sanctuary-scholarships.

3.9 A maximum of one Sanctuary Scholarship will be awarded per applicant - with the exception that applicants can apply for **both** a Pre-Sessional English Sanctuary Scholarship **and** one of the Undergraduate or Postgraduate Sanctuary Scholarships.

3.10 The University reserves the right to offer no Sanctuary Scholarships if no suitable applicants apply.

3.11 No further funds will be awarded other than the relevant Sanctuary Scholarship. Any other additional costs will be covered by the awardee. The University accepts no responsibility for any additional costs incurred in relation to the Sanctuary Scholarship.

3.12 Awardees must check that any other scholarship that they have been awarded allows for funding from multiple scholarships, fee waivers and/or bursaries.

3.12 In applying for a Sanctuary Scholarship candidates are deemed to have agreed to the above Terms and Conditions. Any queries should be addressed to refugeescholarship@reading.ac.uk.