

● Funding Postgraduate Students in the UK - Information for International Students

Fees

International postgraduate fees in the UK are high as is the cost of living. Students from outside Europe (EEA) must pay the full cost of their studies which can vary across institutions. A year's postgraduate course costs roughly £10,000 but can be much greater, the cost of living for a year in the UK would probably amount to another £10,000 but depends on the individual.

Funding

If you cannot fund your postgraduate degree by private means there are several scholarships and bursaries that you can apply for. Bear in mind that these may not cover all of your costs, and can vary. The following organisations provide comprehensive information about funding your UK degree.

Prospects: The UK's official Graduate careers website

http://www.prospects.ac.uk/cms/ShowPage/Home_page/International_students/pl/elmbb

The British Council:

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/learning-funding-your-studies.htm>

Provides three links specific to scholarships and funding.

- Education UK
- Chevening Scholarships
- 9/11 Scholarships

Education UK: Provides a scholarship search engine

http://www.educationuk.org/pls/hot_bc/page_pls_all_homepage

Most scholarships and bursaries that can be searched on this site appear to be specific to individual universities (although not always course specific).

Language

The majority of courses will require a good standard of English language proficiency and will usually ask for a qualification in English as a foreign language.

Specific Scholarships

1. Chevening Scholarships
2. Commonwealth Scholarships Commission
3. Commonwealth Scholarships
4. Rotary International
5. Ford Foundation
6. Overseas Research Students Awards Scheme
7. International Students House

1. Chevening Scholarships

<http://www.chevening.com/>

Applications take place in the home country through the British Council or British Embassy. The Website is very clear and easy to use, the Kenyan deadline is the 1st of October and the contact number for more information is 00254 (0) 20 283 6000

2. Commonwealth Scholarships Commission

Commonwealth (DFID) Shared Scholarship Scheme

<http://www.cscuk.org.uk/>

Value per annum	fees, travel and maintenance
Duration	up to 2 years
Number of Award(s)	150 approx
Subject area	General

The scheme is a joint initiative between the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and UK universities, to jointly support scholarships for students from developing Commonwealth countries who would not otherwise be able to study in the United Kingdom. Awards are for taught postgraduate courses. There is no formal list of eligible subjects, however all courses undertaken must be demonstrably relevant to the economic, social or technological development of the candidate's home country. Individual universities will handle advertising and recruitment directly and applications should therefore be addressed directly to the participating university.

This award is applicable to the following countries:

Anguilla, Antigua And Barbuda, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Botswana, British Virgin Islands, Cameroon, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Falkland Islands, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Gibraltar, Grenada, Guyana, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Montserrat, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn, St Helena, St Kitts And Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Tanzania, Tonga, Trinidad And Tobago, Tristan Da Cunha, Turks And Caicos, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu, Western Samoa, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

3. Commonwealth Scholarships

General scholarship fund

<http://www.cscuk.org.uk/>

Value per annum	fees, travel, maintenance
Duration	up to 3 years
Number of Award(s)	120-150
Subject area	General

CSFP General Scholarships are open to Commonwealth citizens and British protected persons, permanently resident in a Commonwealth country other than the United Kingdom. They are normally available for study towards a Masters or Doctoral degree, but are also available for undergraduate study to residents of the Falkland Islands, Maldives, Seychelles and St Helena. Subject: Unrestricted, but for developing countries applications should clearly be related to the future social and economic development of their home country. Applications must be submitted by a CSFP nominating body. These include national agencies in participating countries, a number of universities in developing countries and a small number of other organisations.

These awards are applicable to the following countries:

Falkland Islands, Maldives, Seychelles, St Helena Postgraduate: Antigua And Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Botswana, Brunei, Darussalam, Cameroon, Canada, Cyprus, Dominica, Fiji Islands, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, St Kitts & Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent & The Grenadines, Samoa, Seychelles, Sierra Leone,

Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Tanzania, Tonga, Trinidad & Tobago, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Australia, Bahamas, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Cyprus, Malta, New Zealand , Singapore

4. Rotary International

Ambassadorial Scholarships

<http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/AmbassadorialScholarships/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Value per annum	up to \$26,000
Duration	up to 2 years
Number of Award(s)	not specified
Subject area	Non Subject Specific

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. The programme sponsors several types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. While abroad, scholars serve as ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with local Rotarians and others the experiences that led to greater understanding of their host countries. Eligibility: applicants must be citizens of a country in which there are Rotary Clubs

5. Ford Foundation

International Fellowships Programme (IFP)

<http://www.fordfound.org/>

Value per annum	full scholarship
Duration	up to 3 years
Number of Award(s)	not specified
Subject area	Humanities Non Subject Specific Social Sciences MBA

The Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program (IFP) provides opportunities for advanced study to exceptional individuals who will use this education to become leaders in their respective fields, furthering development in their own countries and greater economic and social justice worldwide. To ensure that Fellows are drawn from diverse backgrounds, IFP actively seeks candidates from social groups and communities that lack systematic access to higher education.

6. Overseas Research Students Awards Scheme

<http://www.orsas.ac.uk/>

7. International Students House

<http://www.ish.org.uk/scholarship.html>

International Students House and its sister charity International Students Trust provide a range of Residential Scholarships for students from the developing world. The Residential Scholarship provides free accommodation at ISH in London for up to one year. Under certain circumstances this may be extended. The scholarships we provide with our partners are worth £600,000 a year.

The majority of scholarships are for postgraduate courses or less frequently for an undergraduate course, where the university is prepared to waive the 3 years tuition fees. All scholarships are co-funded with the academic institution who provide a tuition fee waiver. We also co-fund with other partners such as the Chevening Programme, The Association of Commonwealth Universities, and the Commonwealth Broadcasting Association. These scholarships are available for students from the developing world who intend to return to their home country to work and aid it's development with the skills and training they have acquired studying in London.