

# UWE Bristol Sanctuary Scholarship

Terms and Conditions 2023-24

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These Terms and Conditions are important, and you should take the time to read them once you have been awarded the UWE Bristol Sanctuary scholarship.

If you have any questions about the Sanctuary Scholarship, please contact [edi@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:edi@uwe.ac.uk)

## What is the UWE University of Sanctuary Scholarship?

The aim of the UWE Bristol Sanctuary Scholarship is to offer opportunities and support for refugees and asylum seekers to study at UWE Bristol. We would like to welcome asylum seekers and refugees into their university community that fosters inclusion for all.

## What UWE Bristol Sanctuary Scholarship offers?

UWE will offer two Sanctuary Scholarships for entry from 2023-24, for new applicants to Undergraduate Degree programmes. The Scholarship will include:

- Full tuition fee waiver for the duration of the course (maximum four years for full-time study or six years for part-time study) for students who are not eligible for UK government student finance.
- £1,650 annual bursary for the duration of the course, as a contribution towards study costs (maximum four years for full-time study or six years for part-time study).
- Access to support from UWE Cares.

## Eligibility criteria

- To apply for the Sanctuary Scholarship, you must hold a conditional or unconditional academic offer from UWE Bristol.
- You must meet all the conditions of the academic offer to be able start your studies.
- The scholarships offer a maximum of four years of funding for full-time study, or six years for part-time study. During this time, you should be a registered student and progressing your university course.

You are eligible to apply for the Sanctuary Scholarship if you fall into one of the following immigration status groups:

1. An asylum seeker - a person who has made a claim within the UK for refugee status.
2. A person who has been granted Humanitarian Protection (HP) or Limited Leave to Remain (formerly Discretionary Leave to Remain) in the UK.
3. A refugee - a person who has been granted refugee status by the UK Home Office.
4. The dependents of any of the above status groups, in recognition that they are also from asylum seeking or refugee backgrounds, including:
  - family members of an asylum seeker whose claim is dependent on a principal applicant; or
  - family members of an individual with refugee or Humanitarian Protection (HP) status who have come to the UK on a Family Reunion visa.

As part of your application for this scholarship, you must be able to supply documents about your immigration status in the UK. Once we have them, we will be able to make a decision about your scholarship. We will ask to see one or more documents from the following list:

- Application Registration Card (ARC)
- Section 120 One Stop Notice
- BAIL 201
- Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) showing refugee status, limited leave to remain etc.
- Home Office Travel Document (e.g. 1951 convention document)
- Documents from UKVI showing the progress of the application or appeal
- Passport used to travel to the UK.

## Eligible courses

To be eligible to apply for the Sanctuary Scholarship you must hold an offer to study on a UWE Bristol Undergraduate course (including Foundation years). This can be any full-time course of up to four years duration, or part-time course of up to six years duration.

Full-time courses of greater than four years standard duration, or part-time courses of greater than six years standard duration, are not eligible for the Sanctuary Scholarship. The Sanctuary Scholarship is not accepting applications for study on Postgraduate courses.

## Payments

If you are eligible for UK government student finance, the University expects you to apply for and accept the available funding from your regional funding provider. This is usually in the form of a loan for tuition fees and living costs.

Your eligibility for UK government financial support and the type of financial support which is available to you, depends on many factors which include (but are not limited to):

- the level of course which you apply to undertake,
- your residency status in the UK,
- whether you have studied in higher education before.

Further information about financial support is available on the [UWE website](#).

All Sanctuary Scholars will receive a £1,650 annual bursary as a contribution towards study costs. We will agree with the scholarship recipient the most appropriate way to pay the bursary. It may be paid in instalments and could include provision of vouchers or other in-kind support (eg. provision of equipment).

If you are not eligible for UK government student finance, you will receive a full Fee Waiver for your tuition fee costs.

The Scholarship will be paid once for each eligible year of study up to a maximum of four years for a full-time undergraduate course, or six years for a part-time undergraduate course.

## Right to Study

Please note: if you apply for the Sanctuary Scholarship, UWE Bristol will be required to conduct a Right to Study check with the UK Home Office.

- If you do not have the right to study confirmed by the UK Home Office, you will not be permitted to start your programme of study.
- Any decision will be final and cannot be appealed.
- If you are awarded a Sanctuary Scholarship, and you are someone who is subject to immigration control, then by accepting the Scholarship you have consented for UWE Bristol to conduct a Right to Study check at the start of each term. UWE Bristol will seek your consent for any additional check that is required.

## Renewal of the Scholarship

The Sanctuary Scholarship award covers the ordinary duration of your studies, up to a maximum of four years for full-time study or six years for part-time study. The Sanctuary Scholarship award is renewable each year provided that all the following conditions continue to be met:

- You must continue to be registered on your course at the time of each payment.

- You must continue to provide satisfactory evidence of your immigration and/or asylum status each academic year or whenever requested.
- You must continue to have a Right to Study in the UK.

## Changes of Circumstances or Course of Study

### Withdrawal:

- After you have withdrawn from your studies, you will not be eligible for any further Sanctuary Scholarship payments.
- You will not have to repay any Sanctuary Scholarship instalments previously paid to you whilst you were registered and in attendance on the date of the payment.
- If you withdraw, and your Sanctuary Scholarship was covering your tuition fees, your Sanctuary Scholarship tuition fee award will be adjusted to meet any adjusted tuition fee liability.

### Internal Transfers:

- Your Sanctuary Scholarship only covers your original chosen course.
- A student who transfers course within UWE Bristol will normally be entitled to the Sanctuary Scholarship award equivalent to the duration of their original degree, less any years' worth of support already paid.
- If you are considering transferring course, you must inform the Student Money Service **before** any change is finalised with your Faculty to discuss the implication on your Sanctuary Scholarship funding.
- If you transfer **after** the Scholarship has been awarded, then any additional funding that may be needed to cover additional tuition fees, as a result of any course change, will only be paid at the discretion of the Student Money Service and is not guaranteed.
- Any undergraduate student who, after having been notified of their Sanctuary Scholarship award, transfers to a course that is longer in duration than their original course (e.g. transfer from a BSc to an MSci, or transfer to a course with a year in industry), is not guaranteed funding for their additional year.
- A student who transfers to a programme with a tuition fee that is greater than the tuition fee for their original programme, may themselves be liable to pay the difference between the two tuition fee levels.
- A student who transfers to a University affiliated college will no longer continue to be eligible for the Sanctuary Scholarship.

### External Transfers:

- The UWE Bristol Sanctuary Scholarship is non-transferable.

- If you transfer to a different University, your Sanctuary Scholarship payments will cease when your UWE Bristol course registration ends.

### Repeating Studies:

- Sanctuary Scholarship funding may not be available for any period of repeat study.
- You may need to be able to self-fund any period of repeat study, including tuition fees and living costs.
- If you are eligible for Government funding, you may be eligible for some continued support during your period of repeat study. This is a complex area, so you should contact the Student Money Service for advice.
- If during the period of repeat study your Scholarship entitlement is put on hold, this will restart once you have successfully completed the period of repeat study and satisfactorily progressed on your studies.

### Suspending studies:

- If you are considering suspending your studies, you must inform the Student Money Service before any change is finalised with your Faculty.
- If you have agreement from your Faculty to temporarily suspend your studies, you may not be entitled to receive Sanctuary Scholarship award payments during the suspension period.
- Your Scholarship entitlement during any suspension period is at the discretion of the Student Money Service.

### Changing from studying full-time to part-time:

- If you are considering changing from full-time study to part-time study during your studies, you must inform the Student Money Service before any change is finalised with your College.
- If you have agreement from your College to temporarily change to from a full-time to a part-time mode of attendance, you may not be entitled to receive Sanctuary Scholarship award payments during your extended study period.
- Your Scholarship entitlement during any period of extended study is at the discretion of the Student Money Service.

### Change in immigration status during studies:

- If you receive any change to your immigration status you must inform the Immigration Advice Service immediately.
  - This would include any response from the Home Office regarding an application made, whether in the positive or negative, as well as any further immigration applications submitted, notification of changes to status or the terms associated with your granted status.

- Any communication from or to the Home Office regarding your status and its terms should be brought to the attention of the Immigration Advice Service so your continued Right to Study can be confirmed.
- If you have a change in your immigration status, which means that you become eligible for UK Government student financial support, you must apply for this support without delay. Once the Immigration Advice Service has been informed by you of this change to your immigration status, a Student Money Service Advisor will assist you in applying for this support. You would then be expected to re-apply for UK Government student financial support in each subsequent year, should you remain eligible.
- Once your UK Government student financial support has been assessed and awarded, you will have your Sanctuary Scholarship entitlement reassessed to take into account any Government student funding which you may be eligible to receive.

### Change in Nationality Status:

- You must inform the Student Money Service if your nationality status changes at any point during your application or studies.
- Your fee status and student support may be affected by any change in Nationality.

## Support during the scholarship

UWE Bristol is committed to helping you succeed, so UWE Bristol Sanctuary Scholars will be offered ongoing pastoral support through [UWE Cares](#). UWE Cares aims to help you settle in, make the most of the many opportunities that UWE Bristol has to offer, and provide you with information and support to help overcome challenges or worries you might face.

Successful Sanctuary Scholars will have:

- A named contact for queries and concerns,
- 1-to-1 student appointments, and
- extra events and opportunities to help you meet people and develop your skills and confidence for the future.

You will receive a regular newsletter to help you access information, guidance and employment and social opportunities.

UWE Cares will also provide you with a named Careers Coach to help you reach your goals and support you to access specialist services across the university, including Wellbeing Services, Disability Services, academic advice through Student Support Advisors, Study Skills through Library Services and financial education and support through Student Money Services.

If you are a successful UWE Bristol Sanctuary Scholar, UWE Cares will contact you after you register for your course. We look forward to meeting you and learning more about how we can help you reach your goals and enjoy your time studying with us at UWE Bristol.

## Commitments for UWE Bristol Sanctuary scholars

- As UWE Bristol Sanctuary scholar, you will be expected to attend an annual event.
- As UWE Bristol Sanctuary scholar, you are required to promote the UWE Sanctuary scholarship.
- Following graduation, you will be expected to be an active member of the UWE Alumni Community by helping the University to promote its programmes to prospective students.



## Sanctuary Scholarship Offer reply slip

\* I firmly accept the offer of the Sanctuary Scholarship.

\* I decline the offer of the Sanctuary Scholarship.

(\* Please delete as applicable)

Please reply within 14 days. The University reserves the right to withdraw the offer if your reply is not received within the time limit.

UWE Welcome ID:

Programme:

Name:

Signed: -----

Date: -----

### Contact details:

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