

# GREAT Scholarships 2026 – Frequently Asked Questions

The below responses can be used to answer queries from applicants to the GREAT Scholarships 2025.

- **Am I eligible for a GREAT scholarship?**

You are eligible to apply for a GREAT scholarship if you:

- ✓ are a passport holder and resident from one of the following countries: Bangladesh, China (mainland only), Egypt, France, Ghana, Greece, India, Indonesia, Italy, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, and Vietnam
- ✓ have an undergraduate degree that will enable you to gain entry onto a postgraduate programme at a UK university
- ✓ can meet the academic and English language requirements of the UK university you apply to.

- **What is expected of me as a GREAT scholar?**

We welcome applications from students who are committed to their studies and who will be able to benefit from studying a postgraduate course at a UK university. We encourage you to apply if you can demonstrate your interest in your chosen subject, through examples of your work or academic experience.

We expect GREAT scholars to attend lectures and tutorials (whether online or in-person, as circumstances allow) and engage with extra-curricular activities. We want you to act as an ambassador for UK higher education by sharing your experiences and promoting the value of studying at a UK university. You may also be asked to attend a networking event with other scholars, to discuss experiences so we can capture perceptions of studying in the UK.

After your studies, we expect you to maintain contact with the British Council and act as an ambassador for GREAT scholarships, by sharing your experiences with future scholars and encouraging others to apply.

- How do I find out more information about GREAT scholarships for my own country?

Visit the [GREAT Scholarships pages](#) on the Study UK website and look for your country. Here you will be able to read more information about the universities taking part and the eligibility criteria.

- **How do I apply for a GREAT scholarship?**

Visit the [GREAT Scholarships pages](#) on the Study UK website and visit your country page. On your country page you can view the list of universities that are offering GREAT scholarships. Visit the university page on the Study UK website to find out more information, and then visit the university's

website to learn more about how to apply. This will usually mean applying for your chosen course through the university's own application system.

As part of the application process, you may need to send an essay. Some universities will ask for 500 words on a topic you've studied previously and why you found it interesting. This essay will be part of the shortlisting criteria, alongside previous academic achievement, and the potential you show. Shortlisted applicants may be asked to attend a video interview with the university's selection committee.

The shortlisting and interview process will be managed by universities, so please contact your chosen university for more information on the application process.

- **Can I apply if I'm already studying in the UK?**

Yes, you can apply for a GREAT scholarship if you're currently studying in the UK, if you meet the other eligibility requirements.

- **When is the deadline to apply for a GREAT scholarship?**

The deadline for each GREAT scholarship will vary by university, so please check with your chosen institution when the application deadline is.

The deadline for institutions to select candidates for the GREAT Scholarships is 30 June 2026.

- **How much of my tuition fees does the GREAT scholarship cover?**

The minimum value of each scholarship is £10,000, which goes towards tuition fees only (not other costs of study). However, some scholarships may be worth more, so check the value of each scholarship on the university's page through the GREAT Scholarships pages on the Study UK website.

Scholarships will be offered at postgraduate taught level (one-year master's degrees).

- **How much does it cost to study in the UK?**

You can find out more about the cost of studying in the UK on the [Study UK website](#).

- **Can I apply for multiple GREAT scholarships at different universities?**

Yes, you can apply to more than one university that offers GREAT scholarships.

- **This scholarship isn't for me. Are there any other scholarships available?**

There are many scholarships available for international students considering UK study. Please search for a scholarship using the [Study UK's scholarships search tool](#) to find one.

Many universities also offer their own scholarship programmes. We suggest browsing institutions that you might be interested in to see if there are further scholarships you could apply to.

If you're applying for an undergraduate course, find out more about undergraduate scholarships for international students on the [UCAS website](#).

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- Can British Council colleagues apply for a GREAT scholarship?

No, British Council colleagues are not eligible to apply.

- Where can I find more information about studying in the UK?

You can find out everything you need to know about studying in the UK on the Study UK website.

- Does the GREAT Scholarship start in September 2026?

Yes, the GREAT Scholarship is for the 2026-27 academic year starting in September. There may be some flexibility to start in January 2027, however, please speak to your university about this as it is not guaranteed that they will be able to offer a different start date. Please note, universities in Scotland start the academic year slightly earlier than September.