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1 Scope

1.1 This document outlines the full terms and conditions of this scheme, and you should read these before you complete and submit an application.

1.2 These terms and conditions apply to Postgraduate Taught (PGT) master's students taking up a place ofstudy in 2026/27. Applicants must hold the status of:

- Asylum seeker (a person who has made a claim within the UK for refugee status), eligible dependent or child of an asylum seeker or,
- Under some circumstances, we may accept applicants who have discretionary or limited leave to remain, or under Humanitarian Protection, depending on their eligibility for UK based student funding – a decision on this basis will be discussed with our relevant colleagues and please note our decision will be final.

Applicants must have received the status under which they are applying, as outlined above, prior to submittingtheir application for the scholarship.

1.3 Successful applicants are responsible for sourcing and securing local accommodation, if required. The Sanctuary Scholarship provision does not include University accommodation (see point 3.1.a).

1.4 The allocation of the bursary is competitive and so not all applications received will be successful.

There are 3 post graduate taught masters scholarships available, and all will consist of:

- Tuition Fee Bursary for the year of study – Applicants must be classified as eligible for international fee rate as assessed by Swansea University Admissions.

  A choice of two bursary package options:
  - A living cost bursary capped at £14,400 for the entire duration of the course, paid as a monthly stipend. This option will exclude students from Home Office allowance.
  - A study costs bursary capped at £4,250 for the entire duration of the course, paid in two separate payments at the start of Term 1 and Term 2. This option will permit students to receive Home Office allowance.

2 Eligibility Criteria and Definitions

Eligible Postgraduate Taught Programmes	An eligible PGTM programme is a full time or part time programme (other than those listed below) leading to an MSc/MA/LLM qualification, with a maximum duration of one year for a full-time programme or up to three years for a part time

	programme. Part time programmes must be studied at a minimum of 33% intensity (e.g. a programme which would take one year if studied full time can take up to two or three years if studied part time).
Excluded Postgraduate Taught Programmes	These programmes are NOT eligible for the Sanctuary Scholarship: Postgraduate Certificate, Diploma, LPC, PGT programmes that are studied over a period of more than 33% of its full time equivalent, PG programmes that are franchised and studied by distance learning are also not eligible for this scholarship, all NHS sponsored Master's degree programmes, including Nursing, Healthcare Science, Medicine are not eligible. **Courses that include travel abroad and/or work placements are not eligible**, such as PGCEs (Teaching) or Social Work.
Ineligible Courses/Modes of Study	• NHS sponsored courses. • Courses that include travel and/or study abroad. • Courses that include work placements and/or overseas travel. • Distance Learning courses.
Application for Study	You must have made an application and received an offer to study an eligible programme at Swansea before you can apply for a Swansea University Sanctuary Scholarship. You must have received an unconditional offer for your chosen course for your application to be considered by our decision panel. English language requirements will apply. To become eligible for your course and the Sanctuary Scholarship, you may have to evidence completion of an English Language test such as IELTS, or Swansea University equivalent (SWELT). Please find more information about this here: Swansea University – English Language Requirements
Immigration Status	An eligible immigration status can be one of the following if you have it in your own right or as a dependent of someone with this status: • UK Asylum Seeker, eligible dependent or child • UK Limited/Discretionary Leave to Remain (as result of an Asylum

	application)* • Humanitarian Protection* *But do not meet residency requirements and thus eligibility criteria for student funding. This will be judged on a case-by-case basis with our relevant colleagues and our decision on eligibility will be final. You must be in the UK at time of application. You must hold this status prior to your application for study at Swansea University. Immigration status needs to be confirmed and verified at the application stage for the application to be deemed eligible, and successful award holder(s) will be required to reconfirm status prior to enrolment. It is the duty of the successful award holder to inform us of any change in immigration status (and failure to do so may result in the award/application being withdrawn).
UK Postgraduate Taught Student Loans	If you are eligible to access UK PGT loans from the UK government then you cannot apply for this scheme.

3 Application

3.1 To be eligible to be considered for one of the bursaries, you need to:

- Meet the eligibility criteria in relation to your immigration status
- Have applied for and received an unconditional offer of study for an eligible programme (see above)
- Not be eligible to apply for statutory funding for students from the UK government, specifically UK student loans
- Have submitted a Sanctuary Scholarship application by the published deadline
- Be able to meet your living, travel and study expenses via the allotted stipend or be able to supplement the stipend from your own funds to meet your living costs.
- Be able to secure appropriate accommodation within suitable travelling distance of the University or commute from your current location.
- Please note priority will be given to those applicants who do not currently hold an equivalent level qualification.
- Please note that priority may be given to those living in the local area or within a commutable distance
- Please note that diversity of applicants may be considered during the selection process.

3.1.a. By applying for the scholarship, you are acknowledging awareness of an agreement with the followingconditions:

- The Scholarship Award is an open ‘competition’.
- If you are not awarded a scholarship, you can start your studies on a self-funded basis. You will be asked to complete a Tuition Fee Assessment Form and International Tuition Fee rates may apply.

- You are responsible for securing any accommodation that you require while you are attending Swansea University and paying for the cost of this and other living and study costs. There will be no recourse to additional university funds.
- You are responsible for meeting the travel or commuter costs associated with attendingSwansea University, as there will be no recourse to additional university funds.
- You will have a UK bank account in your own name.

3.2 It is the University's responsibility to identify potential award recipients based on information provided in your scholarship application. The University cannot be responsible for any errors or omissions in the information supplied and on which eligibility decisions are based. TheUniversity's decision on the interpretation of eligibility criteria is final and there is no right of appeal.

You must comply with all requests for additional information to establish your eligibility on the timeframes specified and you must submit any evidence requested by deadlines.

3.3 You should complete the relevant Sanctuary Scholarship Application Form which is made available on request via email.

- You will be notified by email if your application does not meet the eligibility criteria for this scholarship.
- If the PGTM programme that you hold an offer for is one of the 'ineligible' programmes listedabove, then your application will not meet the eligibility criteria, and you will be informed.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.

3.4 The deadline for Sanctuary Scholarship applications will close at 5pm on Tuesday 23rd June 2026.

3.5 The University reserves the right to review application closing dates and/or timeframes to ensure the allocation of awards is met in full, where possible.

4 Selection

4.1 Selection will be based on your personal statement submitted in your scholarship application andother contextual information, *including your references,* provided in your application.

4.2 A selection panel will meet to consider all eligible applications and allocation of this fund. This willnormally comprise, but is not limited to, a member of the academic staff team, a representative from the local asylum seeker community and/or a member from a local asylum seeker support group or agency, a student representative (e.g. a previous Sanctuary scholar, a Student Union representative, etc.) and a representative from the University's professional services team.

4.3 You cannot be considered for an award if you have not submitted a completed application, along with any relevant supporting evidence, within the application deadline. All awards are discretionary and subject to limited availability. The scholarship award process is highly competitive; only a small proportion of applications will be successful.

5 Additional Funding Support

5.1 This funding scheme is only open to those who are **not** eligible for UK Government funding, such as Postgraduate loans or any other significant sponsorship funding towards fees and living costs. The University reserves the right to vary this policy in particular individual circumstances, where the additional fundingreceived may be limited. The University reserves the right not to allocate, or to withdraw and seek repayment of your fee bursary and study bursary, if you already have, or are later awarded a bursary orsponsorship package and/or if you fail to disclose a significant change in your immigration status that then entitles you to access statutory student funding.

6 Provision of the award

6.1 Provision of the awards will be made by the University's Finance Office and the University's Money Advice Team. Please note the tuition fee element of the award will only be transferred to the University's Income Team on the due date if you are fully registered as a student at Swansea University and have completed and returned a scholarship agreement form to the Participation Team. This form will be emailed to you should you be successful in your application.

Please note that prior to enrolment on your degree (and allocation of the scholarship) you will be required to meet with an allocated staff member who will:

- *Confirm your immigration status at the point of enrolment.*
- *Ensure that you have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the bursary,in full.*

6.2 You will be contacted regarding the schedule of provision for the stipend to cover living costs. If you and your family are in receipt of asylum support provided by the UK Home Office, this stipend may disrupt your eligibility for these payments.

It is your responsibility to seek independent advice from an external organisation supporting refugees or asylum seekers on the impact that accepting the Sanctuary Scholarship may have on you or your family's immigration status, claim for asylum and access to support from the UK Home Office.

6.3 Please note the university will not be able to provide interim financial support between the last payment date of the Scholarship stipend and any statutory/government support, you may be eligible for.

6.4 If studying at Swansea University requires you to enter an accommodation contract, either with the University or a local provider, the responsibility to meet all costs of this will remain with you as no further funds can be made available.

6.5 If you are undertaking a full time PGTM programme which entails a longer period of writing up, furtherfunding will not be available.

6.6 The University reserves the right to withdraw or not award scholarships at any point before they are allocated.

6.7 No cash alternatives will be offered to the fee bursary and the scholarship cannot be

transferred to any other course at Swansea University or to any other nominated recipient.

7 Changes to study

7.1 If you change to a non-eligible programme or mode of study, then your Sanctuary Scholarship may be withdrawn. If you make **any** changes to your original programme of study, you must notify the Participation Team about this by emailing participationstudents@swansea.ac.uk as it may affect your continued eligibility.

8 Suspension from Studies

8.1 If you suspend your studies, then you will not be eligible to receive any future awards in that academic year.

8.2 You *may,* however, be eligible to receive any outstanding awards due upon your return to your studies, following a period of suspension.

8.3 If you do consider suspending your studies, you must notify the Participation Team at your earliest opportunity, as dates of suspension may affect your eligibility for future bursary awards.

9 Withdrawal from Studies

9.1 A student who wishes to end their course will be withdrawn from that course and the Sanctuary Scholarship will be withdrawn.

9.2 A student who withdraws will not have to repay any Sanctuary Scholarship award payment, if they are in attendance on the date of their payment/tuition fee due date.

9.3 A student who withdraws will not receive any further payments/award provision.

9.4 A student who withdraws will have the tuition fee award adjusted to meet the tuition fee liability inthe year of withdrawal.

10 Repeating, extending or deferring your studies

10.1 Scholarship awards will not be provided during any extension/repeat period(s) to a taughtpostgraduate programme.

10.2 Scholarship recipients will not be eligible for a '+1' / 'gift year' of tuition fee scholarship or grant.

10.3 Scholarship funding is only up to the award value of the relevant tuition fee liability as agreed at the startof the programme.

10.4 Students transferring to a different mode of study (e.g. full time to part time) will receive the tuition fee scholarship and other scholarship provision associated with their new study mode

on a pro rata basis.

10.5 Awards are allocated only for the duration of the course. If you defer or withdraw and restart, any award already offered will become void. If eligible, you will be eligible to apply for a scholarship in thefuture, but this will be subject to the terms of the award then in force.

11 Changes to your immigration status

11.1 If you have a change to your immigration status, you **must** notify the Participation Team immediately. We may require you to provide documentary evidence of your change in status.

11.2 If your change in immigration status means that you become eligible for UK PGT funding, then any scholarship award will be calculated on a pro rata basis and will only be payable up until that point. You will be expected to apply for relevant funding from the UK Government for the future period of study, tocover any balance/shortfall that is payable from the date that your immigration status changed, and the scholarship award was no longer payable. Once UK Government student financial support has been awarded, the Sanctuary Scholarship award would be suspended.

11.3 If you receive notice of detainment by the UK Home Office, then your award will be suspended for the duration of your detention. The University will review the support available to you to support continuation of your studies, if possible. Please notify the Participation Team as soon as possible to ensure we can provide you with the most appropriate support.

11.4 If at any point during the application process or after you begin your studies, we are informed by the Home Office that you should not be studying at the University, you will no longer be eligible for the Sanctuary Scholarship. We will deem you withdrawn, and you will be expected to leave your studies immediately.

11.5 It is a student's responsibility to ensure their Application Registration Card is in date throughout the duration of the course, in line with any ongoing claims for asylum. If your card does expire before your course end date, without a renewal being obtained, this could result in you being withdrawn from the university and all financial support being terminated.

12 Disciplinary action and fraudulent applications

12.1 The University reserves the right to terminate your scholarship award and demand repayment of funds (fee scholarship) already paid in the case of any disciplinary action being taken against an award-holder. Cases will be considered on an individual basis by a member of the Senior Management Team.

12.2 The University reserves the right to withdraw an award from anyone who is found to have provided inaccurate information about any aspect of their eligibility to the Sanctuary Scholarship award.

In such cases, the University reserves the right to seek repayment of any award already made. The University may seek to recover any money paid as a debt (in which case the University may

also seek to recover additional sums such as interest accrued on the debt, county court fees and legal costs if applicable).

We may request at any point, for verification and auditing purposes, evidence of any information provided in your application.

13 Appeals

13.1 There is no right of appeal and the University's decision is final.

13.2 Complaints should be submitted to our team for review and processing. To lodge a complaint, please contact participationstudents@swansea.ac.uk

14 Use of Data

14.1 Students on collaborative programmes need to be aware that, to facilitate the delivery of these programmes, it will be necessary for some student personal data, including sensitive data, to be shared with partner institutions. Each partner institution is responsible for ensuring that they comply with the Data Protection Act 2018, including ensuring that the data shared is relevant to the registration requirements and shared and stored securely.

14.2 The University may use the data/information you share with us to provide information and advice about the University to you as an applicant. Should you subsequently join the University, the University may also use the data to inform our strategies for supporting you as a new entrant, to inform you about provision that you may be able to access, to monitor student success and for other legitimate reasons.

For more information on Swansea University's use of student data, see here:

Student Privacy Notice

14.3 Successful applicants will be required to attend a meeting with the Participation Team. This meeting will include a discussion regarding consent to be contacted by the University's Fundraising Team; providing such consent is entirely optional.