



Terms and Conditions for Artificial Intelligence Scholarships January 2024

(For scholarships offered on behalf of the Office for Students (OfS), University of Bath and Institute for Coding Consortium for the online MSc Artificial Intelligence)

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1. Scope

These terms and conditions apply to new Taught Postgraduate Masters students studying on the online MSc Artificial Intelligence programme starting January 2024, who are identified by the Office for Students (OfS) and the University of Bath as eligible for consideration for one of the Artificial Intelligence Scholarships.

The allocation of these scholarships is competitive and so not all applications received may be successful. Please see below for details on how selection is made. Only successful recipients of an award will be notified.

Scholarships are awarded in the form of a cash award to assist with course-related costs. If you are successful, the scholarship will be paid to you in six instalments (three payments each year for two years). You do not need to tell us how you intend to spend it. Scholarships cannot be deferred to a later academic year if you suspend/withdraw from your studies.

Eligible candidates will be able to apply to the University of Bath for a scholarship via an application form. Once complete, the application form must be sent to postgraduate-taught-funding@bath.ac.uk before the scholarship application deadline.

This document outlines the full terms and conditions of this scheme and you should read these carefully before you apply for or accept a scholarship.

2. Eligibility

If you wish to be considered for one of the Artificial Intelligence Scholarships, you **MUST**:

- Be enrolled on our MSc Artificial Intelligence course beginning January 2024
- Be self-funding your degree and not in receipt of any other scholarship or sponsorship. This does not include a [Postgraduate Master's Loan](#)
- Apply for the scholarship before the application deadline of **23:59pm (GMT) on Monday 30th October 2023**

At least one of the following underrepresented societal group criteria **MUST** also apply to you:

a)	Black 21 - Black or Black British - Caribbean 22 - Black or Black British - African 29 - Other Black background 41 - Mixed - White and Black Caribbean 42 - Mixed - White and Black African	In line with the HESA student ethnicity codes 2021/22: https://www.hesa.ac.uk/collection/c21051/a/ethnic
b)	Female	Applicants who are 'female or identify as female' gender. The Office for National Statistics describes female gender as "a social construction relating to behaviours and attributes based on a label of femininity. Gender identity is a personal, internal perception of oneself and so the gender category someone identifies with may not

		match the sex they were assigned at birth where an individual may see themselves as a woman.”
c)	Disabled	<p>You are disabled under the Equality Act 2010 if you have a physical or mental impairment that has a ‘substantial’ and ‘long-term’ negative effect on your ability to do normal daily activities.</p> <p>‘Substantial’ is more than minor or trivial, e.g. it takes much longer than it usually would to complete a daily task like getting dressed.</p> <p>‘Long-term’ means 12 months or more, e.g. a breathing condition that develops as a result of a lung infection.</p> <p>There are special rules about recurring or fluctuating conditions, e.g. arthritis.</p>
d)	Students from Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) deciles 1 to 4	<p>Check to see if your area is in IMD deciles 1 to 4: https://imd-by-postcode.opendatacommunities.org/imd/2019</p>
e)	Care experienced	A care experienced person is someone who has spent time in care during their childhood.
f)	Estranged	An irreconcilably estranged person is someone who has not had any verbal or written contact with their parents for a significant period of time, and this is unlikely to change. This can include your biological or adoptive parents, or your only living parent. A significant period of time is usually considered to be twelve months or longer, but this can also depend on your circumstances.
g)	Gypsy, Roma, Traveller	<p>The term Gypsy, Roma and Traveller encompasses a wide range of individuals who may be defined in relation to their ethnicity, heritage, way of life and how they self-identify. This may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English or Welsh Romany Gypsies • European Roma • Irish Travellers • Scottish Gypsy Travellers • showpeople such as people linked with fairground or circus professions • people living on barges or other boats • people living in settled (bricks and mortar) accommodation • New Age Travellers
h)	Refugee	<p>The definition of a Refugee as defined on the UKCISA website is:</p> <p>(a) you must be ordinarily resident in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of your course; and</p> <p>(b) on the first day of the academic year you are paying fees for, you must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a refugee recognised by the UK Government

		<p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the spouse / civil partner of such a refugee and you must have been the spouse or civil partner of that person on the date on which their asylum application was made <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the child of such a refugee or of a refugee's spouse or civil partner and at the time the refugee made the asylum application you must have been the under-18-year-old child of the refugee or of the refugee's spouse or civil partner; <p>And</p> <p>(c) you have not ceased to be ordinarily resident: since you were recognised as a refugee; or if you are a spouse / civil partner, or child, of a refugee, since you were given leave to remain in the UK.</p>
i)	Child from UK Military family, veterans or partner of UK Military personnel	From a military family, where immediate family member (partner, child, sibling) is or was part of the UK military/ military personnel/a veteran.

Criteria a-c will be prioritised. If you do not meet one or more of the underrepresented societal group criteria outlined above, you will not be considered for an Artificial Intelligence Scholarship.

Please note you may be asked to evidence any of the eligibility criteria outlined above.

3. Scholarships available

Artificial Intelligence Scholarships are available for students who enrolled on our January 2024 start date.

To be eligible to apply for a scholarship you must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in section 2 above. The Artificial Intelligence Scholarships at the University of Bath are open to Home and international students, all of whom may apply, **however preference may be given to Home students.**

Award	Amount	Available Scholarships
Artificial Intelligence Scholarships 2024	£10,000	Up to five

4. Application

You must apply using the Artificial Intelligence Scholarship application form available on our website. If you have any issues or need any assistance, please contact the PGT Recruitment Team at postgraduate-taught-funding@bath.ac.uk.

It is the University's responsibility to identify potential scholarship recipients on the basis of information provided in your scholarship and study application. The University cannot be responsible for any errors or omissions in the information supplied to it and on which eligibility decisions are based. The University'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.

Changes to study

If you change to a non-eligible programme then your scholarship may be withdrawn.

Monitoring of attendance

You must successfully enroll at the start of the course and maintain your attendance throughout, including meeting assessment deadlines and engaging in the course delivery, to ensure your scholarship installments are awarded to you. Your course attendance may be monitored and reported.

Suspensions and withdrawal from studies

If you suspend or withdraw from your studies then you may not be eligible to receive any future payments in that academic year and your scholarship may be re-calculated.

All scholarships paid will be calculated on a pro rata basis and any overpayments may need to be repaid to the University should you suspend, withdraw from studies, transfer to a non-eligible programme, or no longer be eligible for a particular scholarship for any other reason.

Repeating, extending or deferring your studies

The scholarships outlined herein will not be paid during any extension/repeat period(s) to your programme.

The scholarships outlined herein are for January 2024 entry only. If you defer or withdraw and restart, any scholarship already offered will become void. If eligible, you may be considered for support the following year, but this will be subject to the terms of those scholarships then in force. There is no guarantee that postgraduate students will be eligible for funding in future years.

Changes to your immigration status

If you have a change to your immigration status, you **MUST** notify the PGT Recruitment Team. We may require you to provide documentary evidence of your change in status.

If you receive notice that you are liable to be detained by the UK Home Office then your scholarship will be suspended for the duration of your detention. The University will review the support available to you to help you resume your studies if your status enables you to continue and if this is practicable.

Disciplinary action and fraudulent applications

The University reserves the right to terminate your scholarship award and demand repayment of sums in the case of any disciplinary action being taken against you. Cases will be considered on an individual basis by the University of Bath and Institute for Coding Consortium partners at their discretion.

The University reserves the right to withdraw a scholarship from anyone who is found to have misled the University about any aspect of their eligibility and to seek repayment of any sums that have already been set off against their tuition fees. In such cases, the University may seek to recover any money paid as a debt in the county court (in which case it may also seek to recover additional sums such as interest, court fees and legal costs). We may request at any point, for audit purposes, evidence of the criteria as stated in your application.

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- Please ensure that you keep your email address up to date as you may also receive email alerts about our scholarships provision. It is a requirement that your home email address provided is your personal email address and not the address of an educational representative or agent.
- Please note that the University does not award scholarships in order of application and does not start selection until after the relevant closing date.
- All awardees may be expected to participate in publicity for the scholarships from time to time during the academic year.
- You cannot be considered for an award if you have not submitted your application along with any appropriate evidence by the published deadlines.
- Awards cannot be claimed retrospectively.
- Feedback will not be provided on unsuccessful applications or decisions on awarded scholarships in any circumstances.
- Only awardees will be notified of a successful scholarship award.
- The University reserves the right to review application closing dates to ensure the allocation of awards is met in full.
- We may request at any point, for audit purposes, evidence of any criteria as stated in your application.
- Scholarships cannot be deferred and are for the January 2024 academic entry year only.
- The University and Institute for Coding Consortium reserves the right to vary the number of awards available.
- No additional information can be subsequently be added to your application, nor can the original application be amended once it has been submitted, unless this is requested by us.

5. Selection

Selection will be based on the information and question answers submitted in your scholarship application and other contextual information, as provided in your application to study at Bath.

A selection panel will meet to decide upon allocation of scholarships in their discretion, prioritising eligibility criteria a-c, and possibly Home students. This panel will comprise of representatives from the Department of Computer Science.

You cannot be considered for an award if you have not submitted a scholarship application along with any relevant supporting evidence (if requested), before the relevant application deadline outlined in Section 2. All awards are discretionary and limited in number, so even if you meet the criteria you are not guaranteed to receive one.

6. Payments

Payment of awards will be made by the University's Student Finance Office. Please note your first scholarship payment will only be paid to you if you have completed and returned a scholarship payment agreement form. This must be returned to the PGT Recruitment Team: postgraduate-taught-funding@bath.ac.uk.

This form will be emailed to you if you are successful in your scholarship application.

We may also ask for a visual verification check via Microsoft Teams and that you show your original passport during the link, to check identification before awarding the first scholarship payment.

The payment method will be paid by direct bank transfer. Bank details will need to be provided to us via your University of Bath student email address, otherwise payment will be delayed. Payment of the scholarship award will be made over two years. Payment of the scholarship award will be made in three instalments each year, usually in: March, July and November. The first scholarship payment date will be confirmed once you have enrolled on the course.

Remaining instalments will normally be paid on or around 1st of the month.

Please note that payments of the scholarship award may differ to the unit payment deadlines for the online MSc Artificial Intelligence course. **The first scholarship payment will take place after the first unit payment deadline is due.**

The unit payment deadlines for the online MSc Artificial Intelligence course have been outlined below. Please note these deadlines may be subject to change and should be used as a guide only:

Unit start	Payment deadline
01/01/24	18/12/23
26/02/24	19/02/24
29/04/24	22/04/24
24/06/24	17/06/24
02/09/24	26/08/24
28/10/24	21/10/24
06/01/55	16/12/24
03/03/25	24/02/25

05/05/25	28/04/25
30/06/25	23/06/25

Please contact the Online Recruitment Team if you have any questions about the unit payment deadlines: online-admissions@bath.ac.uk

Please note that payment details and information may be subject to change.

7. Training opportunity

If you are successfully awarded and accept an Artificial Intelligence Scholarship, you will also have the opportunity (subject to industrial availability) to carry out work experience related to this area. This is an optional part of the course (not compulsory) and is exclusive to Artificial Intelligence Scholarship recipients only. Awardees should notify the Department at the start of their course if they are interested in this opportunity.

This training opportunity would take place after the research phase of the course and is subject to industrial availability. It is not assessed or accredited and will not be included on your final transcript or degree certificate from the University of Bath.

8. Definitions

The following definitions apply:

Institute for Coding Consortium is a group of UK Universities who were awarded funding from the Office for Students to support postgraduate conversion courses in artificial intelligence (AI) and data science. The University of Bath is a member of the Institute for Coding Consortium.

9. Appeals

There is no right of appeal and the University's decision is final in relation to your eligibility for a scholarship. You may make a complaint if you believe that you have not been considered for a scholarship because of a procedural error, or you believe that there has been some other procedural problem with our allocating and awarding system. Complaints should be made in writing to the PGT Recruitment Team by emailing postgraduate-taught-funding@bath.ac.uk.

10. Use of Data

The University may use the personal data / information you share with us as part of your application, 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 you provide to inform our strategies for supporting you as a new entrant, to inform you about provision or opportunities that you may be able to access, to monitor student success and

for other legitimate reasons. All awardees may be expected to participate in publicity for the scholarships from time to time during the academic year.

In the case of the Artificial Intelligence Scholarship, personal data that you provide may also be passed to the Institute of Coding Consortium members and Office for Students (OfS) to provide monitoring data and to assist with administering the awards. Details of scholarship applicants and awardees will also be passed to Wiley Global Education Services as the University's online postgraduate programmes partner to support offer holders enrolling on the course in January 2024.

Any queries relating to these terms and conditions should be addressed to the Head of PGT Student Recruitment, PGT Recruitment Team, The University of Bath, BA2 7AY or by emailing postgraduate-taught-funding@bath.ac.uk.