

University of Bath Terms and Conditions for British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM 2026/27

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1. Scope

These terms and conditions apply to new Taught Postgraduate Masters students taking up a place of study in 2026/27 entry, who are identified by the University as eligible for consideration for one of the British Council Women in STEM Scholarships.

The allocation of the scholarship is competitive and so not all applications received may be successful. Please see below for details on how selection is made.

Scholarships are awarded in the form of a fee waiver, a maintenance stipend and allowances for other one-off costs as detailed in Sections 3 and 6. Scholarships cannot be deferred and are for the 2026/27 academic entry year only.

Eligible candidates will be able to apply to the University of Bath for a scholarship via an online application form. Once complete, the application form must be submitted before the scholarship application deadline.

This document outlines the full terms and conditions of this scheme, and you should read these before you accept your scholarship.

2. Eligibility

If you wish to be considered for one of the British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM you MUST:

- have received an offer to study one of our eligible **full-time, campus based, Taught Postgraduate Master's courses** for one of the eligible courses outlined in Section 2 below for the entry year 2026/2027; and
- applied for the scholarships before the final application deadline **23:59 (GMT +1) 23 April 2026**

You must also meet all of the below criteria and:

- be a woman*, as identified under UK legislation
 - *Applicants must be able to confirm their legal sex as female, evidenced by passport or other official documentation. This will be a condition of acceptance
- be a permanent resident of, and hold a valid passport or recognised international travel document from, one of the following eligible countries:
 - Kazakhstan
 - Uzbekistan
 - Turkey
 - Azerbaijan
 - Albania
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - Kosovo
 - Montenegro
 - North Macedonia
 - Serbia

- have applied for one of our eligible master's courses listed below for 2026 entry:
 - [MSc Biotechnology \(Sustainable Technologies\)](#)
 - [MSc Biotechnology \(Healthcare Biotechnologies\)](#)
 - [MSc Artificial Intelligence](#)
 - [MSc Sustainable Energy Engineering](#)
 - [MSc Robotics and Autonomous Systems](#)
 - [MSc Advanced Mechanical Engineering](#)
- have achieved a first-class or high second-class bachelor's honours degree or international equivalent in your undergraduate study
- have completed all components of an undergraduate degree at the time of submitting the application for the scholarship. Students in the final year of their undergraduate degree may be considered if they will have completed their degree in time for enrolment to the Master's course in the UK and meet all matriculation requirements
- demonstrate a strong case for financial support/socio-economic need
- return to your country of citizenship for a minimum of two years after your scholarship award has ended
- be active in the STEM field with work experience or with proven interest in the proposed subject area

Preference will be given to candidates who have not had any significant international exposure or previously studied in the UK.

If you have not complied with the conditions outlined above, you will not be considered for the British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM.

You will **NOT** be considered for an award if you meet any of the following criteria:

- hold dual British citizenship
- are an employee, a former employee, or relative** of an employee of His Majesty's Government or the British Council in the eligible countries
 - ** Relatives are defined as parents or step-parents, siblings or step-siblings, children or step-children, spouse, civil partner or unmarried partner (where the couple have been in a relationship akin to marriage or civil partnership for at least two years)

3. Current Scholarships

British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM are available for students who enrol on our September 2026 start date.

To be considered for a scholarship you must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in Section 2 above. Please note that **all awards are discretionary and limited in number, so even if you meet the criteria, you are not guaranteed to receive one.** Successful candidates are selected by the University as outlined below.

Award	Amount	Available Scholarships
British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM	Outlined in Section 3 below	5 scholarships

Scholarship amount

- a full tuition fee waiver
- a monthly stipend of £1,731 for a maximum of 12 months (dependent on continuous enrolment on the master's course)
- IELTS exam fee (if applicable) (for scholars without a valid test of English)
- one return economy-class journey from Home country to UK
- visa and insurance/NHS surcharge costs (as outlined in Section 6)
- study related costs (as outlined in Section 6)

4. Application

You must apply using the British Council Women in STEM Scholarship [application form](#) available on our website. If you have any issues or need any assistance, please contact the International Student Recruitment Team at pgtfunding@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 or mode of study, then your Scholarship may be withdrawn. If you make any changes to your original programme of study, you must notify the International Student Recruitment Team about this as it may affect your continued eligibility.

Monitoring of attendance

You must successfully enrol 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 will 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 or 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 2026 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 International Student Recruitment Team immediately. 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.

Disciplinary action and fraudulent applications

The University reserves the right to terminate your scholarship award and demand repayment of sums that have already been set off against your tuition fees in the case of any disciplinary action being taken against you. Cases will be considered on an individual basis by the Head of International Student Recruitment.

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/or information provided in your scholarship application form and to seek repayment of any sums that have already been paid. 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.

Additional Terms and Conditions

- If a scholarship is awarded to a conditional offer holder, then any scholarship will also be conditional on the student achieving the conditions of entry.
- Please also ensure that you keep your email address up to date in your Bath Application Tracker as you may also receive email alerts about our scholarships provision. It is a requirement that the 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.
- If you already have a partial scholarship from another organisation (including another University of Bath scholarship) for part of your tuition fees, you cannot use this in combination with a British Council Women in STEM Scholarship.
- 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 2026/27 academic entry year only.
- The University reserves the right to vary the amount of the award and number of awards available from time to time.
- No additional information can be received or amended to the original application.

5. Selection

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

A selection panel will meet to decide upon allocation of scholarships. This panel will comprise of representatives from the International Student Recruitment Team and Academic Leads from the Faculty of Engineering and Design and Faculty of Science. Successful scholars will be required to take part in an interview as part of the selection process. Scholarship decisions will be made at the scholarship panel's discretion, and their decision is final.

You cannot be considered for an award if you have not submitted a scholarship application along with any relevant supporting evidence 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 the scholarship award will be made over 12 months by the University's Finance and Procurement Department, by bank transfer directly into a nominated UK bank or building society account. Payments will only start once a maintenance / stipend agreement with bank details has been completed and submitted to the Finance & Procurement Studentships team. The tuition fee waiver will automatically be applied. Payment of the maintenance stipend will be made in four instalments each year on or around:

- **8th October 2026**
- **1st January 2027**
- **1st April 2027**
- **1st July 2027**

Payment for return economy-class travel will be made by the University on the scholar's behalf through the University's travel management company.

Once travel arrangements have been booked through the University's travel management company, it is not possible to make any changes to the booking. Approval to amend travel bookings may be made at the University's discretion, however any additional costs incurred with amending travel bookings may be charged back to the scholar.

Please note, in order to meet the English language conditions of their offer, awardees may be required to pay for their IELTS exam fee. Payment for the IELTS exam fee will be reimbursed by the University of Bath upon receiving a valid receipt, provided the maintenance / stipend agreement with bank details has been received.

Payment of the UK government student VISA [application fee](#) and the [Immigration Health Surcharge](#) (IHS) fee must be paid by the student upon application for their VISA. This will then be reimbursed by the University of Bath upon receiving a valid receipt, provided the maintenance / stipend agreement with bank details has been received. Please be aware the University will not reimburse any additional fees incurred via currency conversion.

An additional payment amount of up to £200 for other travel-related costs will be made along with the October maintenance / stipend payment.

An additional payment amount of up to £250 for thesis related costs will be made along with the April maintenance / stipend payment.

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

7. Definitions

The following definitions apply.

Overseas student means

those students who are classed as overseas as assessed for fees purposes.

Home student means

those students who are classed as Home (UK) (England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland), as assessed for fees purposes.

8. 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 International Student Recruitment Team by emailing pgtfunding@bath.ac.uk.

9. Use of Data

The University may use the 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 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 British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM which are funded by a corporate or private donor, personal data that you provide may also be passed to the British Council to provide monitoring data and to assist with administering the awards.

Any queries relating to these terms and conditions should be addressed to the Head of International Student Recruitment, International Student Recruitment Office, The University of Bath, BA2 7AY or by emailing pgtfunding@bath.ac.uk.

By accepting one of the British Council Women in STEM Scholarships you agree to these terms and conditions and also agree to the British Council Women in STEM terms and conditions. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event of a conflict between these terms and the British Council Women in STEM terms and conditions, the British Council Women in STEM terms and conditions shall prevail.