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Subject: British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM scholarship programme

The undersigned is conveying that British Council has launched a scholarship programme titled "British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM." Interested female applicants are requested to submit their applications directly and details of the application process with timeline in different universities are available in the enclosed guidelines and brochures. Applicants can communicate (if necessary) through this email WomenInStem.Scholarships@britishcouncil.org for further necessary information.

02. Hence, you are kindly requested to take a proper arrangement for an extensive publicity in the central, institutional and departmental notice boards and also to upload on the central website of your university.

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Scholarships for Women in STEM

Eligibility criteria

The following guidelines have been approved by the British Council and all participating universities in the 2024-5 Scholarships for Women in STEM.

Scholars must:

- Be or identify as a woman.
- Be a passport holder and permanent resident of one of the eligible countries listed in the table below.
- Meet the entry requirement of the UK Higher Education Institution for the course they apply for, including academic equivalents and English language.
- The candidate must have completed all components of an undergraduate degree at the time of submitting the application for the scholarship; British Council can consider final awards pending on a case-by-case basis.
- Demonstrate case for financial support / socio-economic need.*

** To assess socio-economic need at the point of scholar's application, the British Council will provide guidelines and a standard evaluation framework that institutions will be expected to incorporate into their application process.*

- Not be in receipt of financial support or funding towards their study programme in the UK from any other source and not be able to privately fund their UK studies.
- Preference should be given to candidates who have not had any international exposure prior to this scheme.
- Have not previously studied at degree level or higher in the UK or lived recently in the UK. Distance learning at a UK university or study at a UK branch campus in another country will also be considered as studying in the UK.
- Indicate their preference for course and institution in the case of applying to multiple institutions.
- Meet the English language requirement of the UK Higher Education Institution.
- Be motivated and academically able to follow and benefit from a UK postgraduate taught course.

- Be active in the field with work experience or with a proven interest in the proposed subject area.
- Be willing to demonstrate future contribution to capacity-building and socio-economic advancement of their home country through the benefits achieved after graduating from UK higher education.
- Agree to maintain contact with the British Council and act as an ambassador for the UK and engage with activities as part of a Scholarships for Women in STEM alumnus during and after their studies in the UK.
- Demonstrate a plan and a passion to engage other women and girls in STEM from their home country.
- Agree to their personal data being shared with the British Council for purposes of assessment and promotional activity, as a condition of applying for the scholarship.
- Agree to return to their country of citizenship for a minimum of two years after their scholarship award has ended.

A candidate will not be eligible for a British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM if they:

- Hold dual British citizenship.
- Are an employee, a former employee, or relative (*) of an employee of Her Majesty's Government (including but not limited to: British Embassies/High Commissions; Department for Business and Trade (DBT), the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) and the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT); Department for International Trade; the Ministry of Defence; and the Home Office)
- Are an employee, a former employee, or relative (*) of an employee of the British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM – eligible countries.
()*: Relatives are defined as parents or stepparents, siblings or stepsiblings, children or stepchildren, 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).
- Are currently in receipt of financial support or funding towards your study programme in the UK from any other source.
- Have previously studied in the UK with funding from a UK Government-funded scholarship or a UK institutional scholarship/financial bursary, as well as those who privately funded their UK studies.

Eligible countries

Americas	South Asia	East Asia	Wider Europe
Brazil Mexico	Bangladesh India	Cambodia Indonesia	Albania Armenia

Nepal
Pakistan
Sri Lanka

Laos
Malaysia
Myanmar
Philippines
Thailand
Vietnam
Hong Kong

Azerbaijan
Bosnia and
Herzegovina
Georgia
North Macedonia
Kosovo
Serbia
Montenegro
Kazakhstan
Uzbekistan
Turkey



British Council scholarships for women in STEM



Are you a woman with a bachelor's degree in a STEM subject and passionate about your study? You could receive a scholarship to study for a master's degree in a science, technology, engineering or mathematics programme at a leading UK university.

For the fourth year running the British Council is launching our global Women in STEM scholarship programme in partnership with UK universities. This is the fourth year that the scholarship has been launched for **women from selected countries of South Asia**. We are looking for women with a STEM background who can demonstrate their need for financial support and who wish to inspire future generations of women to pursue careers in STEM.

Why a scholarship programme?

According to data from the UN Scientific Education and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), less than 30 per cent of the world's researchers are women and only 30 percent of female students select STEM-related fields in higher education.

Globally, female students' enrolment is particularly low in Information and Communications Technology (three per cent), natural science, mathematics and statistics (five per cent), and engineering, manufacturing and construction (eight per cent).

Educating, training, and hiring more women in STEM can lead to better scientific and financial outcomes, increasing diversity in the workforce, bringing variety in perspectives and ideas and giving organisations a competitive edge.

Eligibility criteria

** Full eligibility criteria are given in the attachment.*

We are looking for women who:

- can take up a course of study in the UK for the academic year from September/October 2024–2025.
- can demonstrate a need for financial support.
- have an undergraduate degree that will enable them to gain access onto one of the pre-selected postgraduate courses at a UK university (for master's level).
- can attain the level of English required for postgraduate study at a UK university.
- are active in the field with work experience or a proven interest in their subject area.
- are passionate about their course of study and are willing to engage as committed British Council scholarship alumni.

You are not eligible for a British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM if you:

- Hold dual British citizenship.
- Are an employee, a former employee, or relative (*) of an employee of His Majesty's Government (including British Embassies/High Commissions; the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy; Department for International Trade; the Ministry of Defence; and the Home Office).
- Are an employee, a former employee, or relative (*) of an employee of the British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM – eligible countries.

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- Are currently in receipt of financial support or funding towards your study programme in the UK from any other source.
- Have previously studied in the UK with funding from a UK government-funded scholarship or a UK institutional scholarship/financial bursary.

What does the scholarship include?

In addition to the prestige of studying at a renowned UK university, the scholarship covers:

- Full tuition fees
- Living stipend
- Travel costs
- Visa and health coverage fees
- Refund of an IELTS English language test, if needed.

How to apply

- Applications should be made directly to the participating universities.
- Please click on the links below for your chosen institution.
- Please check the application requirements on each university website where you may also start your application.
- You can make more than one application, but you will need to apply through each institution separately.

Deadlines for applications for master's scholarships: *These vary depending on the institution. Please check the deadlines with your chosen institution carefully to avoid any disappointment.*

Please ensure you check and meet all the eligibility requirements before applying.

After applying, you will next hear directly from the university about the status of your application.

Available scholarships

Queen Mary University of London

MSc's: **Wolfson Institute for Population Health**

1. Creative Arts and Mental Health Global Public Health and Policy.
2. Public Mental Health

Barts Cancer Institute

3. Cancer and Clinical Oncology
4. Cancer and Molecular and Cellular Biology
5. Cancer and Molecular Pathology and Genomics
6. Cancer and Therapeutics
7. Cancer Genomics and Data Science
8. Clinical Drug Development.

William Harvey Research Institute

9. Genomic Medicine
10. Healthcare Research Methods

Blizard Institute

11. Biomedical Science (Medical Microbiology)
12. Neuroscience and Translational Medicine

Apply here - <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/scholarships/items/-british-council-women-in-stem-scholarships-1.html>

Anglia Ruskin University

- 1.MSc Electronic and Electrical Engineering
- 2.MSc Mechanical Engineering; Engineering Management
- 3.MSc Construction Project Management
- 4.MSc Construction and Civil Engineering Management

Apply here - <https://www.aru.ac.uk/student-life/preparing-for-university/help-with-finances/scholarships>

University of Greenwich

- 1.MSc Data Science and its Applications
- 2.MSc Big Data and Business Intelligence
- 3.MSc Computer and Information Systems
- 4.MSc Computer Science
- 5.MSc Data Science