



# Master's Excellence Scholarships 2018 Eligibility Criteria

1. You must be confirmed as a Home or EU Student for fee paying purposes (this information is contained in your offer letter).\*
2. Please note that only full 180 credit full-time and part-time postgraduate taught programmes that lead to a master's degree are included within the Cardiff University Master's Excellence Scholarships scheme. The following are not included:
  - a. Only the master's stage of a programme
  - b. Any distance learning programme leading to a master's
  - c. All Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma courses.
3. To be considered for a Scholarship, applicants must complete all sections of the application form with the supporting statement as directed. Incomplete forms will not be considered.
4. There are two deadlines where applications are considered: 07 March 2018 and 04 July 2018.
5. You must submit the completed scholarship application form by 13.00 (GMT) on the deadline. You also need to have submitted an application to study for an eligible programme by the same deadline. \*\*
6. Applications received after the first deadline will not be considered until after the second deadline. Applications received after the second deadline will not be considered.
7. Please note that the number of Scholarships remaining for the second deadline is dependent on the quality and quantity of applications received at the first deadline. Some or all Colleges may award all of their available scholarships following the first deadline.
8. Scholarships will only be awarded to those having received and firmly accepted an unconditional offer by 17.00 (GMT) on 6<sup>th</sup> August. Applications where the status is **not** unconditional after this time will **not** be considered. Please notify us in advance if there are extenuating circumstances to your application that would not enable you to receive an unconditional offer before this deadline.
9. Scholarships need to be accepted within a week of formal notification by means of signing the Scholarship Terms and Conditions. Scholarships not accepted will be reallocated.
10. Scholarships are only valid for entry in academic year 2018/9 and cannot be deferred to 2019/20 entry or beyond. If you are awarded a scholarship and wish to defer your entry to the University, you will lose your scholarship and will need to apply again in the following year. It can also not be used by those already on a postgraduate programme.
11. These scholarships are only available to self-funded students. If you are in receipt of **full** funding against your tuition fees (consisting of either tuition fees or tuition fees and living costs) from a sponsorship body (such as your home country's Government, charity or a private organisation) you are not eligible. A loan is not considered funding in this sense and if you are in receipt of a student loan from the government, you will still be eligible. Similarly, if you only receive partial funding, you will still be eligible for the scholarship.

\* If you are assessed as eligible to pay Overseas fees as the result of a fee query, your fee status will be amended to Overseas and you will not be eligible for the Master's Excellence Scholarship.

\*\* Please ensure that you have left sufficient time for your application to be processed and to contact the Admissions Office should you incur any problems with submission. It may take up to 48 hours between submitting a programme application and gaining access to the SIMS Online Applicant Portal. Tel: +44 (0)29 2087 9999. Office hours for Cardiff University's Admissions Office are Monday-Friday 09.00 - 17.00 (GMT).

12. If you withdraw/are required to withdraw from studies before completing your degree or do not complete your degree from Cardiff University, you will be responsible for repaying all or part of the monies received from the Master's Excellence Scholarship award on a pro-rata basis.
13. For full-time programmes, the Scholarships are only available for the first year of study. If you are studying a full-time programme which lasts longer than one year you will not receive funding for additional years from this Scholarship scheme or its successor.
14. If you are not sure about your eligibility for these scholarships or have any queries, please email the Postgraduate Recruitment Office for advice at [pgscholarships@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:pgscholarships@cardiff.ac.uk)