

# Sanctuary Scholarship (Pathway 1) Application Overview 2024-25

This document is an overview of the application form for Sanctuary Scholarships (Pathway 1) at King's College London. It includes information on:

- What is the Sanctuary Scholarship?
- Documents required
- Eligibility
- Draft application form

The online application form can only be completed in one go so this document will allow you to view the questions and prepare your responses to questions until you are ready to submit your application form online. Your application **MUST** be submitted online by the deadline.

**The deadline for applications is Monday 1 April 2024 at 11.59pm.** If you would like any support throughout the application process, please contact [priority-groups@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:priority-groups@kcl.ac.uk)

## What is the Sanctuary Scholarship (Pathway 1)?

King's College London is pleased to announce that we will be awarding undergraduate scholarships for forced migrants in 2024. These will comprise a full tuition fee waiver and a living cost scholarship of up to £13,348 per year of study.\*

*\*Please note that a living cost bursary can jeopardise asylum support and eligibility to access Legal Aid-funded legal representation (subject to income and capital assessment). Upon receipt of funds, there is a risk that the individual will be deemed not destitute and asylum support can be withdrawn. This could include the withdrawal of subsistence support and accommodation provided under Section 4 or 95 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 from the National Asylum Support Service (NASS).*

Successful applicants will receive a Jesus the Light Sanctuary Scholarship.

The supporter of the Jesus the Light Scholarships is delighted to create a series of scholarships to help students seeking sanctuary in the UK. The name 'Jesus the Light' is a celebration of the supporter's own personal faith, compelling him to help others. It not only reflects King's historic Church of England foundation but also our diverse community of all beliefs and backgrounds. Both the Bible and the Qur'an refer to Jesus as 'light', and this description is not intended to impinge upon the religious beliefs of

others. The scholarships are open to all regardless of faith, political creed or nationality and have been created to help students who wish to undertake their education at King's College London.

## **Documents Required**

You will be asked to upload several documents as part of your application. Please ensure you have these ready before starting your application. These documents are:

### **1. Scanned copies of your immigration documents.**

This could be a passport, visa, biometric identity document or UKVI correspondence with reference number. We understand that some candidates will not have all of the documents listed.

### **2. Supporting statement from a professional referee**

The statement should be no longer than 500 words and answer the following questions:

- How would the scholarship benefit this student?
- What further support do you think the applicant may require in order to succeed?
- Is there any other information that you believe is relevant to the student's application?

Referees should work as a teacher, lecturer, social worker, counsellor/therapist, support worker or personal advisor. They should have known you for over 12 months. Ideally the reference should be written on company headed paper.

### **3. Completed copy of a UKVI Consent form**

[A copy of this form is available here.](#) This form is required to enable us to discuss your immigration history and status with UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI)

## **Eligibility**

Before you apply, please ensure you are eligible.

An overview of eligibility is here:

To be eligible, you must have one of the immigration statuses below:

- granted a temporary form of leave (limited leave to remain, discretionary leave to remain) as the result of an asylum application or human rights application;

or

- an asylum seeker, child of an asylum seeker or an unaccompanied asylum-seeking child

You must also:

- have applied to King's College London for 2024 entry, and if you have received a response from King's, been given a conditional or unconditional offer\*
- by virtue of your immigration status, be unable to access Tuition Fee Loans or Maintenance Loans from Student Finance England/Wales/NI/SAAS
- not hold an undergraduate and/or postgraduate degree, awarded in the UK and/or abroad
- currently reside in the UK

\* We accept applications from current students if they meet all the eligibility criteria but were unaware they were not eligible for student finance at the point of application, or if they became an asylum seeker whilst on course.

If you have any questions about your eligibility, please email the Widening Participation Department at [priority-groups@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:priority-groups@kcl.ac.uk).

#### **Course eligibility**

- All undergraduate 3 year programmes.
- Dentistry (A205) and Medicine (A100) undergraduate programmes, and the Enhanced Support Dentistry Programme and Extended Medical Degree programme are **not eligible** for Sanctuary Scholarships

#### **Extra considerations**

Please be aware that some courses will require eligibility to work in the UK to complete integral work placements. Therefore, if your course incorporates a compulsory work placement and your current immigration status does not permit work, we will be unable to award the scholarship.

Before completing your application, [please use this eligibility checker](#). Only continue your application if the checker encourages you to apply. If you have any questions about the checker, please contact us on [priority-groups@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:priority-groups@kcl.ac.uk).

### **Application form**

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3b Surname

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3c Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

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3d UCAS Personal ID

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3e King's ID

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3f Email Address

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4a This section is related to your eligibility for the scholarship. Please answer questions as fully and accurately as possible.

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4b Do you currently reside in the UK?

Yes

No

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4c Do you hold an undergraduate and/or postgraduate degree, awarded in the UK and/or abroad?

Yes

No

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4d Please tick the box which best describes your current status in the UK

- Asylum seeker
- Child of an Asylum Seeker
- Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Child
- I am appealing an asylum decision
- Discretionary Leave to Remain
- Limited Leave to Remain
- Don't know

4e Have you been awarded this status as a result of either a human rights application or a failed asylum application

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

4f To the best of your knowledge, please explain your immigration status and why you believe you are eligible for the scholarship

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4g What is your first date of residence in the UK (dd/mm/yyyy). If you are unsure, approximate the date as closely as possible. You may be asked to provide evidence of this.

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4h Please upload scanned copies of your immigration documents. This could be a passport, visa, biometric identity document or UKVI correspondence with reference number. Some of these documents will be contained within your passport. We understand that some candidates will not have all of the documents listed.

If you don't have access to your immigration documents, or you are unsure of your status, we recommend you contact [Just For Kids Law advice line](#). They can support you in requesting replacement documents and finding out your current immigration status.

5a As part of the application, a personal statement is required. This will be split in to three sections, with a maximum of 2000 characters for each section.

5b Please discuss your educational journey up to this current point, describing any barriers that you have faced and how you have overcome them.

*(This can be related to personal circumstances, language learning, qualifications or financial constraints)*

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5c Discuss your educational achievements and link them to your chosen course.

*(This can include A-levels, Access to HE or international qualifications)*

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5d Discuss any extracurricular activities you do related to your chosen course.

*(This can include activities undertaken during paid or unpaid work placements, internships, voluntary work, or any hobbies that you have)*

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6a King's College London provides their students with practical support and information to help them navigate through their studies and any personal issues that may arise. Student services provides Counselling, Specialist Advice Services, Wellbeing Coaches and Disability Advisory Services. This can include academic support, financial assistance, housing advice, and personal and mental health support.

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6b So we can ensure you are signposted to the relevant support if you join us, please outline any support you may need to succeed at university.

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6c Would you require any English language support?

Yes

No

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*We encourage applicants to disclose the support they might need. This will help us support you if you enrol at the university. This information will not negatively affect your application.*

7a You will need to provide a supporting statement from a professional referee to complete your application. The statement should be no longer than 500 words and answer the following questions:

- How would the scholarship benefit this student?
- What further support do you think the applicant may require in order to succeed?
- Is there any other information that you believe is relevant to the student's application?

Referees should be someone who work as a teacher, lecturer, social worker, counsellor/therapist, support worker or personal advisor. They should have known you for over 12 months. Candidates can contact [priority-groups@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:priority-groups@kcl.ac.uk) to see who is considered an acceptable referee if you are unsure.

Your referee will be contacted via phone or email.

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7b Referee Name

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7c Organisation Name

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7d Organisation Address

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7e Referee Role

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7f Referee Phone Number

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7g Referee Email address

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7h Please upload a copy of the supporting statement. Ideally this should be on company headed paper.

**8a UKVI Consent Form**

In order to process your application, we need to discuss your immigration history and status with UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI). As a Higher Education Provider, we have a legal responsibility to ensure that everyone registered to study with us has the correct immigration permissions to do so. Unfortunately, we are unable to consider applications from students where their current immigration status is unclear or who do not currently hold an immigration status which allows study. This information is also used to assess whether you are eligible for the Sanctuary Scholarship.

After the deadline for applications, we will contact UKVI who should respond to us with your immigration history and status within 7 days. We will send you a copy of these checks so you can

respond to us if you think there are errors. You will be set a deadline to notify us of any errors. If you miss this deadline, we will assess your application based on the information received in the immigration check.

For us to obtain your immigration history from UKVI, please complete the [UKVI consent form](#).

9a We may work with Just for Kids Law, a charity which provide legal representation and advice, direct advocacy and support for young people in the UK. This helps us to assess applicants' eligibility for the scholarship. To do this, we share your UKVI immigration checks with them. Please read the below and ensure you understand fully before signing to give your consent. If you have any questions, please contact [priority-groups@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:priority-groups@kcl.ac.uk).

#### 9b Authorisation/Release Form

- I give my authority for Just for Kids Law to liaise with Kings College London regarding matters pertaining to my immigration status and to discuss my case and provide their professional opinion as to whether I qualify for a scholarship with Kings College London.
- I understand that Just for Kids Law will not use my personal, sensitive data for any other purpose and will store my data in line with GDPR guidelines.
- I give my authority for Just for Kids Law to access my records which are held by UK Visas and Immigration, which I understand they may request pursuant to the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Freedom of Information Act 1995.
- I understand that I am authorising Just for Kids Law to advise Kings College London in relation to whether I am eligible for Kings College London's scholarship programme.
- I understand that Just for Kids Law does not have a continuing obligation to advise me in any other capacity.
- I understand that if I wish to access the services of Just for Kids Law in the future, I will be subject to a Conflict of Interest check and that Just for Kids Law will not be able to represent me where there is a conflict of interest, due to any ongoing contract with Kings College London or otherwise.
- I have been advised that this authorisation may be photocopied and I have agreed that copies may be used to obtain the required information.

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9c Signed

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9d Print

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9e Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

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9f Today's date (dd/mm/yyyy)

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10a In order to be considered for the scholarship, we need your consent to share information from this application form to individuals that are responsible for administering the scholarship. This is to determine who is awarded the scholarships.

10b Do you consent to the above? Without this permission, we will not be able to consider your application.

Yes

No

10c Recording your application as a forced migrant can provide additional context when making admissions decisions and means you are eligible for additional consideration in your application. It also ensures we provide the right financial, academic and personal support.

If you respond yes to this, the university has obtained your consent for the collection, storage, and processing of your forced migrant status. The information will be stored electronically. You will be allowing your forced migrant status to be shared with a number of university departments including, but not limited to, Widening Participation, Student Advice, Admissions, Student Success, your Faculty Senior Personal Tutor, and Careers.

Data may be shared with external bodies including, Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA). This is to comply with our legal obligations. More information about this can be read in our Core Private Notice: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/terms/privacy>

The university will keep any personal data held about you secure and will make those details available to you on request. This data is retained permanently as part of your student record. This is as stated on

the university's records and data retention schedule:

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/aboutkings/orgstructure/ps/audit/records/retention>

You have the right to see the information held about you and should request this by contacting the Legal Compliance Manager at King's College London on [info-compliance@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:info-compliance@kcl.ac.uk)

10d Do you agree to King's College London recording your application as a forced migrant?

Yes

No

10e If at any point you decide to withdraw your consent, please email [priority-groups@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:priority-groups@kcl.ac.uk). We will then ensure that any data collected as part of your Sanctuary Scholarship application will be deleted. This may mean that your application for the scholarship is also withdrawn.