

David Morgan Sanctuary Scholarship

2023-24



1. Questions about the David Morgan Sanctuary Scholarship

1.1 What is David Morgan Sanctuary Scholarship?

The David Morgan Sanctuary Scholarship is available in the academic year 2023-24 for a student from Ukraine who is displaced within or outside the respective country and/or at risk of persecution, violence, and conflict¹. This scholarship is open to a student on either a Bachelors and Masters Programme in History or one of the four joint degrees, or in International Relations, War Studies or Political Economy.

1.2 What does the scholarship cover?

The scholarship will comprise a full tuition fee waiver and an annual stipend to support study expenses for the duration of the study (maximum of 3 years).

The scholarship can cover:

- a) **Home Tuition Fees²** anticipated in the region of:
 - a. Undergraduate (Bachelors), £9,250 per annum
 - b. Postgraduate Taught (Masters), £11,760 per annum
- b) **Annual stipend to support study expenses** – Additional financial support to cover costs such as travel, equipment and books. Please note that the scholarship does not include accommodation.

****PLEASE NOTE** Individual allocations will be confirmed, in writing, to each successful student upon the allocation of the award.**

Please note a maximum scholarship of £15,000 per annum is available to cover tuition fees and study expenses for the duration of the programme (maximum of 3 years) starting September 2023, and you will need to make other arrangements for any additional year(s) of your programme if your degree includes a Year Abroad or Placement/Industry year, or if you interrupt your studies.

1.3 Who can apply to the scholarship?

The scholarship is open to those who have applied for an offer of admission for entry in September 2023. This includes applicants who are holding conditional or unconditional offers for degrees that begin in September 2023, as well as those who are still awaiting a decision from admissions. The scholarship process is separate to the degree application process. **You must apply for admission to a degree programme first. You can then apply for a scholarship.**

Your application will be considered by the scholarships panel if you have a conditional offer or

¹ This action is taken a proportionate means of overcoming the disadvantage connected with the nationality and to enable or encourage participation in higher education.

² Tuition fees vary across programmes, a King's 'average' fee is used here for illustrative purposes. Individual allocations will be confirmed, in writing, to each successful student upon allocation of the award.

unconditional offer to study for a degree programme in History or one of the four joint degrees or in International Relations, War Studies or Political Economy degree at King's College London.

If you hold an offer for a programme that is not listed above, please note you are not eligible for this scheme. We recommend you see [Refugee Education UK](#) for further guidance.

As part of the scholarship process, King's will undertake checks on your eligibility for the scheme (e.g. fee status, immigration, and offer conditions for admission).

1.4 Will I automatically get a scholarship if I apply?

Applying for a scholarship does not guarantee that you will be successful. This is a competitive process, and not all applications will be successful. All decisions by the university selection panel are taken in good faith, based on the statements made on the application form and having considered the supporting evidence.

1.5 How is the scholarship awarded?

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of the application form, a personal statement and supplementary evidence. Please only submit a reference or a transcript. If you cannot supply a reference or a transcript, you may elect to have an interview. Interviews will be held online during the first week of July.

2. Questions about scholarship eligibility

2.1 Which courses are eligible for David Morgan Sanctuary Scholarship?

All undergraduate (Bachelors) and postgraduate taught (Masters) in History or one of the four joint degrees, International Relations, War Studies or Political Economy courses are eligible. We are not currently able to support pre-university Foundation programmes, Summer Schools, Study Abroad or Exchange programmes.

2.2 Am I eligible to apply?

Applicants must be a person who has been residing in Ukraine on or immediately before 1 January 2022 (including those who have now left Ukraine) and eligible for UK Home fees. They must have been normally domiciled in Ukraine and displaced within or outside the respective country and/or at risk of persecution, violence, or conflict. The David Morgan Sanctuary Scholarship is open to these groups to remedy the disadvantage faced by these particular groups of students in accessing higher education following the war in Ukraine.

2.3 Is there an age limit for applicants?

There is no age limit for the scholarship.

2.4 Can I apply if I do not know what my current immigration or fee status is?

Most Higher Education Providers in England charge two different levels of tuition fees for on-campus degree courses. The Home tuition fee is lower than the International tuition fee.

This is due to the way higher education is funded in England. Your fee status may also affect your eligibility for certain funding or scholarships, and sometimes for a particular course (usually were linked to National Health Service funding/places).

For further guidance, see our [Fee Status guidelines](#). Our fee status assessments are based on the eligibility categories provided by UKCISA (the UK Council for International Student Affairs), which can

be viewed on their [website](#).

If you are unsure about your current immigration status, please speak to [KCL Visa & International Student Advice team](#). This service is available to applicants as well as current students.

2.5 Will I have to prove my current immigration status?

If you are shortlisted, we may 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 current immigration status is unclear or who do not currently hold an immigration status which allows study.

Shortlisted applicants will be contacted to obtain their immigration history from UKVI via the UKVI consent form.

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 shortlisted applicants 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.

2.6 Can I still apply for a scholarship if I am eligible for Student Finance?

Yes – applications for the David Morgan Sanctuary Scholarship will be considered even if you are eligible for governmental loans through Student Finance. In the event of oversubscription, priority will be given to those students who cannot access governmental loans.

2.7 Can I still apply for a scholarship if I have not yet applied to a university?

No – applicants should apply for a university place first. You should then apply for the scholarship. If you have applied for a university course but are still awaiting an offer, please make that clear on the application form.

2.8 Can I apply if I have an asylum seeker or refugee immigration status?

Yes – if you are an asylum seeker, you may also consider applying to our existing [Sanctuary Scholarships \(Pathway 1\)](#), which are open to the following immigration statuses: *“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. Please note if you have refugee status, you are able to access Home Fees and loans from Student Finance England. Please see the UKCISA website for further information on tuition fees and student finance.”*

2.9 Can I still apply if I have applied for other scholarships as well?

We actively encourage applicants to apply to as many sources of funding as possible. Securing alternative funding does not exclude you from applying and will not negatively impact your application. Please note down on the application form if you have applied, or been successful in gaining another scholarship.

3. Questions about the application form/process.

3.1 How do I apply for the David Morgan Sanctuary Scholarship?

Eligible applicants should apply using the online application form. Please be advised that we will only

accept applications via this online application form.

3.2 When is the application deadline?

The application deadline will be clearly stated on the application form. We are unable to accept applications after this deadline.

3.3 Will I be able to save the online application form part way through and come back to it later?

Once you begin, you will not be able to save the online application form and return to complete it later. Therefore, please allow at least 1 hour to complete the form. Please have your personal statement and supporting information ready before you submit this form. Please be advised that we will only accept applications via this online application form.

3.4 Can I apply on behalf of a student?

Yes, you can apply on behalf of a student. However, you will need to know some specific information about the student in order to complete the online form and get their permission. Please be advised that we will only accept applications via the online application form.

3.5 Is there an advantage to submitting my application as quickly as possible?

There is no advantage for individuals who submit their applications first, so please take your time and fill in the form carefully. We do not consider incomplete applications.

3.6 Can somebody help me fill out the application form

In certain cases, help can be given to fill out the application form. First, please read these FAQs for further details about the types of questions and relevant information required in the form. If further help is needed, please contact priority-groups@kcl.ac.uk.

3.7 I do not have access to a computer/the internet. How can I still apply?

Our preference is that you apply using the online application form. You may be able to use a computer/the internet at your local library, college, or community centre. In exceptional circumstances, we can post a hard copy of the application form for you to fill out and return. However, the deadline for returned hard copies is the same as the online application deadline.

3.8 What happens to all the personal data I have included on the application form?

Your data will be processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act (2018). For more information, read the university's privacy policy: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/terms/privacy>. All information will be stored securely, and access limited to university employees essential to administering the scholarship. All your responses will be deleted from our records in line with the University's published records and information retention schedule.

4. Questions about the process.

4.1 What happens after I submit my application form?

After the deadline, applications are considered and shortlisted by the university. If you are not able to upload transcripts or a reference, you will be invited to attend an interview to verify the information you have provided in your application. Applicants may then be requested to evidence their current immigration status with documentation such as a Biometric Residence Permit, Home Office letters, or a solicitor's letter.

4.2 If I cannot provide a reference or transcript, when and where will the interviews take place?

Interviews will be held online (via an online platform like Zoom or Microsoft Teams) in early July.

4.3 Who will interview me?

You will be interviewed by the university academic panel members and/or one representative from a Widening Participation team.

4.4 How do I prepare for the interview?

Some things to think about for an online interview: - make sure you have a good internet connection, and a quiet space.

Be ready for questions:

We want to get to know you better, and we use the interview to do this. You will not be asked any questions that are designed to 'trick' you. Instead, we may want to know what you are good at, what you like, and what your plans are. Think about why you want to study your course and what you enjoy most about your current studies. Some questions may be about what you have written on your application form. Other questions may be about your history, interests, and passions. You will also have an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

Practice:

It is a good idea to have a practice interview with a teacher, support worker, or family member.
I am feeling anxious about the interview; what can I do?

It is completely understandable if you feel anxious about being interviewed, especially if it is your first interview experience. The interviewers will know that you may be nervous and will take this into account when making their decision.

4.5 How long after my application and interview will I hear back?

We aim to contact all candidates **during the week commencing 10th July** with a decision.

5. Miscellaneous questions

5.1 What should I do if my immigration status - or any of my details - change during the course of the application process?

You must notify the by emailing priority-groups@kcl.ac.uk immediately if any of your circumstances change during the application process, in particular in respect to your immigration status. It is also important that you update us if you change your telephone contact number or email address during the application process.

5.2 Can I defer my scholarship?

Unfortunately, it is not normally possible to defer your scholarship. If you cannot take up your place you will be invited to re-apply to the next round of scholarships. Exceptions will be considered in line with our standard policies at <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/how-to-apply/policies-and-guidance>