

Sanctuary Scholarship 2019-20

Important: please read these eligibility and guidance notes very carefully before completing the form.

If you still require clarification before submitting your application form, please contact funding@kcl.ac.uk

What is the Sanctuary Scholarship?

Kings College London is proud to announce that we will be awarding up to eight scholarships for forced migrants in 2019. These will comprise of a full tuition fee waiver and a living costs scholarship of £11,672 per year of study.

King's College London is committed to supporting talented undergraduate students who have sought sanctuary in the UK.

Successful applicants will receive either a Sanctuary Scholarships or a Jesus the Light Sanctuary Scholarship. Both types of scholarship will provide the same financial support, and applicants will not need to submit a separate application or choose which type of award they wish to apply for.

Who is eligible?

Eligible students must be:

- *Offer holders who have been granted a temporary form of leave as the result of an asylum application or human rights application (e.g. limited leave to remain, discretionary leave to remain, humanitarian protection); **OR***
- *Asylum seekers, children of asylum seekers or unaccompanied asylum-seeking children who are seeking asylum in the UK and are holding an offer for an undergraduate place at King's College London.*
- *You must also, by virtue of your immigration status, be unable to access the Tuition Fee Loan or Maintenance Loan from Student Finance England/Wales/NI/SAAS. In order to qualify, you must be able to prove your status under one of the above categories.*
- *Applicants can be holding an offer on any **eligible** undergraduate course; however, some courses will require eligibility to work in the UK to complete integral work placements. Unfortunately, we will be unable to accept applicants onto these courses if they do not have the necessary immigration permissions to work.*

How much is the scholarship?

- Tuition fees will be paid in full for all eligible years of the undergraduate programme (up to 4 years if undertaking a foundation programme, integrated Masters or Study Abroad).
- £11,672 per year will be paid to you as a living costs scholarship, paid in 3 termly instalments.

Scholarship	Details
Sanctuary Scholarships	Sanctuary Scholarships are provided by King's College London as part of its commitment to support talented students who are forced migrants to the UK.
Jesus the Light Scholarships	<p>The supporter of the Jesus the Light Sanctuary Scholarships is delighted to create a series of scholarships to help students seeking sanctuary in the UK.</p> <p>The name 'Jesus the Light' is a celebration of the supporter's own personal, compelling him to help others because of his faith. It not only reflects King's historic Church of England foundation but also our diverse community of all beliefs and backgrounds today. 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.</p> <p>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.</p>

How to apply

Once you are holding an offer for King's you should complete this Sanctuary Scholarship application form for financial support. You will need to provide evidence of your immigration status and a supportive statement from a referee*, please see policy document for more information.

*This is would be a professional person who can provide details of your academic, personal and immigration status Short listed applicants will be invited for an interview before a final decision is made.

The deadline for applications is 29 March 2019.

Please be aware that some courses will require eligibility to work in the UK to complete integral work placements. Unfortunately, we will be unable to accept applicants onto these courses if they do not have the necessary immigration permissions to work.

Before making an application for the Sanctuary Award please ensure that you meet our eligibility criteria as follows:

- you have sought asylum in the UK; be the child of an asylum seekers or be an unaccompanied asylum-seeking child who has sought sanctuary in the UK; or
- you have had an application for asylum refused but have been granted limited leave the form of 'discretionary leave to remain' or some other form of temporary leave.

AND

- by virtue of your current immigration status are unable to access statutory student support;
- you have 'firmly' accepted an offer of a place at King's on an eligible programme*;
- you are currently attending a school, college, community or voluntary group which can provide a reference in support of your application;
- you will be undertaking your first full-time undergraduate degree from September 2019;
- you must currently reside in the UK.

Applicants must meet these strict eligibility criteria and be in a position to verify their circumstances in order to apply. Applicants who do not meet the criteria will not be considered for an award.

If you have any questions about whether or not you meet the criteria and are unsure about your application, you can seek help and guidance from the Student Advice Service advice@kcl.ac.uk

***Which courses are eligible?**

- All undergraduate 3 and 4 year programmes;
- Dentistry (A205) and Medicine (A100)
- Foundation programmes where there is a clear link/pathway to a standard 3 year degree programme;
- Courses which include a Year Abroad will only be considered if the student's immigration status will not be put at risk by studying overseas.

What additional support is available?

In addition to the fee waiver a living costs bursary of the residual balance will be payable annually, in 3 termly instalments. This is to help with the cost of study and general living costs such as rent, bills and travel. The Student Advice Team will meet with successful applicants to offer budgeting and housing advice, as required. The Student Advice Service can also offer advice and assistance to all applicants on potential funding options, now and in the future.

Further support via Wellbeing Coaches, Disability Advisors, Mental Health Advisors, Chaplaincy and Study Skills Support can also be offered and bespoke arrangements made based on the needs of the applicant.

How to apply

- Read the guidance notes fully before completing the application form, check that you meet all the eligibility criteria
- Identify a Referee and ask them to complete a supporting statement well in advance of the closing date.

Completing the application form**Note 1: Personal details**

1. Please complete the personal information section of the form – we need this information to contact you about your application. Please print your details clearly.
2. Please ensure that you put your name as you would want to see it on, for example, a certificate, with your first name in one box and your second name in the other. You don't need to include your middle names.
3. Please tell us which college, school or community or voluntary organisation you currently attend and which course or courses you are studying (if appropriate). If you are not currently studying, please give details of any qualifications that you hold.

Note 2: Applicant's Personal Statement

Your application for the Sanctuary Award is completely confidential and the selection panel will only be able to take into account information that you give below. Whilst the selection panel do need some details of personal circumstances, we do not need to know about the circumstances that led to you seeking asylum in UK if you don't wish to provide this information. Your supporting Referee will be asked to give a supporting statement about you but if there is any information that you feel should be taken into account when your application is considered you must include it here.

1. ***What are your personal and family circumstances and what barriers have you overcome in order to continue with your education?***
2. ***Please include information on when you arrived in the UK, what is your country of origin and what is the current status of your application for asylum. You do not need to give details of the events that led to your seeking asylum unless you wish to do so.***
3. ***Why have you chosen KCL, your particular course of study, what are your ambitions for the future and how would the Sanctuary Scholarship help you to achieve these ambitions?***

Note 3: Referee

You can ask your Referee to complete the form or provide you with a letter to include with your application. Please do not send separate correspondence as it may not be matched up with your application.

Applications will only be accepted for consideration if they are accompanied by the referee's supporting statement and signature.

Note 4: Declaration & Document Checklist

- Please confirm, by ticking the appropriate box, that you meet the eligibility criteria.
- Please confirm that should your application be successful, you will inform The Funding Office immediately if your circumstances change.
- Please check the items in the document checklist to indicate that you have provided all necessary documents.

Note 5: Selection process

This is a competitive process and not all applications will be successful; a panel of senior members of staff will select the strongest applications.

- Following initial assessment, the university will contact you to let you know whether or not your application will progress to the next stage of the selection process.
- If your application is taken forward, you will be invited to an interview to verify the information you have provided in your application.
- We will normally let you know the outcome of your application within two weeks.

Please note that:

The College will contact the Home Office to verify your immigration status in the UK. If at any point during the application process or after you start your studies, we are informed by the Home Office that you should not be studying at the University; you will no longer be eligible for the award. We will deem you withdrawn and you will be expected to leave your studies and University accommodation immediately.

The university reserves the right to withdraw funding at the point where an applicant becomes eligible for statutory support because their immigration status has changed.

For further information on any aspect of completing your application please email funding@kcl.ac.uk
More information about support services at King's can be found here: www.kcl.ac.uk/student-services

The closing date for applications is 5pm on 29 March 2019.

Informing you of the outcome of your application

Provided your application form has been accurately completed and the appropriate documentary evidence supplied, you will be notified of the decision in August 2019.

Contact details

The Student Advice Service can provide immigration and funding advice to any students who have sought sanctuary in the UK and are unsure of their entitlement to statutory funding. They can also advise on housing options and any other welfare issue. Applicants are encouraged to speak to the Student Advice Service in advance of applying to the fund but can seek their assistance at any time. Please visit:

www.kcl.ac.uk/campuslife/services/student-advice-support/contact.aspx, call 020 7848 7019 or email advice@kcl.ac.uk

If you have queries about the application process email the Student Funding Office funding@kcl.ac.uk

Checklist of supporting documents –

- Personal Statement
- Reference
- Passport and visa or biometric identity document

Part 1: Personal Details

King's Student Number	<input type="text"/>
Surname	<input type="text"/>
Forename(s) (in full)	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
UCAS Personal ID	<input type="text"/>
E-mail Address	<input type="text"/>

Part 2: King's Intended Course(s) Details for 2019-20

Full Course Title	<input type="text"/>
Qualification (e.g. BA, MBBS, BSc)	<input type="text"/>
Length of Course	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5
Expected Course Completion Date	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
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Part 3: Leave to Remain

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

- I am an asylum seeker and I am awaiting a decision on my application for refugee status
- I am the child of an asylum seeker and we are awaiting a decision
- I have been awarded Refugee status with indefinite leave to remain (ILR)

- My application for asylum has been refused and I have been awarded either:
- Discretionary leave to remain (DLR)
- Humanitarian Protection (HP)
- Other limited leave please state
- I am appealing an asylum decision (please provide full details in your personal statement)

When does your current/most recent visa expire? /

If you are waiting on a decision when did you apply? /

And did you apply before your previous visa expired: Yes/No/Not sure

Please note we will need to see evidence of your immigration status – please see the guidance notes for more details

Part 4: Eligibility for funding

Please tick to confirm that you have checked your entitlement for statutory student support. The eligibility criteria is detailed here: <http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/International-Students/Fees--finance/Government-Student-Support/Applying-in-England/Who-is-entitled/>

If you require advice and assistance please contact King's Student Advice Service, see full contact details on the last page www.kcl.ac.uk/advice

- I am eligible for statutory student support
*[Please note that if you **are** eligible for statutory support, we are unable to consider your application]*
- I am not eligible for statutory student support
- I do not know if I am entitled to statutory student support

Part 5: Other details

Please confirm if you also meet any of the following criteria

- I am a care leaver (a care leaver is a young person, under the age of 25 who is currently or has been in public care for a minimum of three months. This would include foster care, semi-independent living, residential care homes)
- I am a carer (*a carer is someone who, without payment, provides help and support to a friend, neighbour or relative who could not manage otherwise because of frailty, illness or disability*)
- I am estranged from my family or came to the UK as an unaccompanied minor
- I am a mature student
- I am responsible for a child(ren) under 18

Part 6: Referee

You will need to provide a **supporting statement from a professional referee** to complete your application

Referee's details

Name:	
Role in organisation:	
Organisation name and address:	
Referee's phone:	
Referee's email:	

Referee guidance

The supporting statement should be no longer than 750 words and should answer the following questions:

1. What are the applicant's personal and financial circumstances and what barriers have they overcome to continue their education?
2. How well suited is the applicant to the higher education course that they plan to take and how realistic are the student's ambitions?
3. What further support do you think the applicant may require in order to succeed?
4. Is there any other information that you believe is relevant to the student's application?
5. How would the scholarship benefit this student?

Please ask your referee to email your reference to funding@kcl.ac.uk, using the naming format "Surname, Forename –Sanctuary Scholarship reference"

Part 7: Personal Statement

Please submit a written supporting statement answering the following questions in no more than 500 words (total).

Please note: We cannot consider your application unless we receive your personal statement and reference.

1. What are your personal and family circumstances and what barriers have you overcome in order to continue with your education?
2. Please include information on when you arrived in the UK, what is your country of origin and what is the current status of your application for asylum. You do not need to give details of the events that led to your seeking asylum unless you wish to do so.
3. Why have you chosen King's, your particular course of study, what are your ambitions for the future and how would the Sanctuary Scholarship help you to achieve these ambitions?

Please email your personal statement to funding@kcl.ac.uk, using the naming format

Part 8: Support

King's College London can provide you with the practical support and information you need to navigate through your 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.

Please outline what support you may need to succeed at university.

Would you require any English language support? Yes/No

Please note: We encourage applicants to disclose the support they might need and this information will not negatively affect your application and we only use this to help and support you.

What additional support will you need to succeed at university? (Max 200 words)

Please email your additional support request to funding@kcl.ac.uk, using the naming format "Surname, Forename –Sanctuary Scholarship additional support"

Part 9: Declaration and signature

UKVI Consent Form

Thank you for your application for the Sanctuary Scholarship.

In order for us to consider your application there is some additional information we will need from you.

As a Tier 4 visa sponsor, 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.

As such, please can confirm that you give us permission discuss your immigration history and status with UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI).

After the deadline for applications, we will contact the UKVI who should respond to us with information within 7 days.

Once we have received confirmation from UKVI of your immigration status and rights to study we will be able to confirm this with you and advise whether we can progress your application for the Sanctuary Scholarship to the shortlisting stage. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these checks please contact advice@kcl.ac.uk

For us to obtain your immigration history from the UKVI, please complete the information below, where applicable:

- Your full name
- Your date of birth
- Your passport number (if known)
- Your UKVI application reference number (if known)
- Your country of origin/nationality

By ticking this box, you give us permission discuss your immigration history and status with UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI).

Please note that a copy of the UKVI Consent Form will be sent to the UKVI to obtain your immigration history.

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By ticking this box, you give us permission discuss your immigration history and status with UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI).

By ticking this box, you are declaring that the information you have given on this form is complete and accurate to the best of your knowledge and belief. You have read the eligibility criteria and are eligible to apply for this scholarship. You understand that you are required to submit a supporting reference and evidence of your asylum status to complete your application. You will also inform King's College London immediately if your circumstances change.

Signature

Date

/ /

Please note that King's College London reserves the right to withdraw funding from any successful applicant who may later qualify for statutory student support by virtue of an immigration decision.