



## Swansea University

### Sanctuary Scholarship Guidance Notes for Applicants

#### How do I apply?

You can apply for the Sanctuary Scholarship by submitting a completed application form and supporting evidence to [Sanctuary@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:Sanctuary@swansea.ac.uk) before the application deadline - 4pm on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025.

You will first need to hold an unconditional or conditional offer to study at Swansea University on a relevant course. [Future Learn](#) provide a free online course to help asylum seekers through the application process of applying to a UK university.

#### Am I eligible to apply for the Sanctuary Scholarship?

You are eligible to apply for the Sanctuary Scholarship if you are one of the following:

- You are a [Person Seeking Asylum](#) in the UK
- You have been granted discretionary leave to remain or Humanitarian Protection
- You are the partner/dependent included on the application of an asylum seeker in the UK\*

\*Please note: Spouses/civil partners must have been the spouse/civil partner on the date on which the asylum application was made. Children/step-children must have been aged under 18 on the date on which the asylum application was made.

#### AND

- You have an unconditional or conditional offer from Swansea University for entry in September 2025 onto a Postgraduate Taught Masters' degree course.
- You meet the minimum IELTS requirement attached to your offer of a place on the course, and all other conditions of your offer, and you agree to undertake a SWELTS test to determine your IELTS status as part of the application process if necessary.
- You have been assessed by the University's Admissions Team as a person seeking asylum and therefore classified as an international student.
- You have been assessed by the University's Compliance and International Team as a person seeking asylum with the right to study in the UK.
- You are currently attending a school, college, community or voluntary group, which can provide a reference in support of your application.
- You are able to meet your living, travel and study expenses via the allotted stipend or are able to supplement the stipend to meet your living costs.
- You are able to secure appropriate accommodation within suitable travelling distance of the University or commute from your current location before teaching begins.

**Please note: access to Swansea University accommodation provision DOES NOT form part of the scholarship award and it is the responsibility of the applicant/student to secure accommodation if required and to meet the cost of accommodation and other living/study expenses, including travel/commuter costs from the stipend provided.**

- You held the status under which you meet the eligibility criteria status under which you are applying prior to applying for your course/submitting the application for the scholarship.

Priority will be given to those applicants who do not currently hold an equivalent level qualification.

Applicants who do not meet all of the criteria will not be considered eligible for the scholarship. Applicants who are unsure of their eligibility to apply are encouraged to contact: [Sanctuary@Swansea.ac.uk](mailto:Sanctuary@Swansea.ac.uk) for further guidance.

### **Do I need to complete all sections of the application form?**

Yes. Please complete all sections of the application form in full, including the Personal Details, Education, Supporting Information, Personal Statement, Equal Opportunities, Referee Statement and Declaration.

Please note that it is essential for you to complete all sections of the application form, providing accurate information. You must sign\* and date the declaration before submitting your application form, and you must ensure that all of the supporting evidence is submitted along with your completed application form.

\*Digital signatures are acceptable.

Please note that failure to provide full and complete information and supporting evidence may result in your application form being rejected.

### **When do I apply?**

Applications open on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and remain open until the deadline of 4pm on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025. Supporting evidence must be included with the application form by the deadline date.

### **What evidence do I need to provide in support of my application?**

In addition to the completed application form, applicants must also submit:

- A personal statement
- A copy of your Swansea University offer letter
- A letter of reference from a person of good standing who is aware of your circumstances and can verify your suitability to study a Postgraduate Taught Masters' degree (for example a teacher or former teacher, a member of a community group or organisation that has been supporting you, etc).
- Evidence of their current immigration status/pending status\*.

\*Eligibility to apply for the scholarship is contingent upon successful confirmation of the student's immigration status at the time of application, and the successful scholarship recipient will be required to reconfirm their immigration status prior to enrolment on their Postgraduate Taught Masters' degree.

You will need to send in all the above evidence, along with your completed application form, before the application deadline.

### **My application was unsuccessful – can I make an appeal?**

Yes. You will have 3 working days from receiving the decision regarding the outcome of your Sanctuary Scholarship application to make an appeal.

Appeals must be submitted in writing to: [Sanctuary@Swansea.ac.uk](mailto:Sanctuary@Swansea.ac.uk) and must include supporting evidence where applicable. For example, if your application has been unsuccessful due to a failure to provide the relevant supporting documentation such as a referee statement then you will have 3 working days to submit this supporting documentation.

Please note that decisions made by the University's Compliance and International Team regarding students' immigration status and right to study in the UK are final, unless you are able to provide new evidence for your current legal right to remain and study in the UK.