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# Postgraduate Scholarship for Students Displaced from Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine 2024/25

- The Postgraduate Scholarship for Students Displaced from Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine is available for academic year 2024/25, for students from Ukraine, Russia and Belarus who are displaced and/or at risk of persecution, violence and conflict.
- The scholarship is open to students studying a masters degree starting in October or November 2024, with priority being given to STEM subjects, in particular maths and physics.
- One scholarship place is available in 2024/25. The scholarship award of up to £30,000 will comprise a full tuition fee waiver and a living costs bursary, for a maximum of 3 years.
- The Open University is working in partnership with King's College London. King's College London is the lead coordinating partner and grant holder for this fund.
- Before making an application, please ensure you have read the Frequently Asked Questions document available at <https://giving.open.ac.uk/displaced-students-scholarship>.
- Please note: There is a maximum of 1 award available for 2024/25. Fulfilling the eligibility criteria does not guarantee you success. Eligible applications will be reviewed by a panel who will make an assessment based upon the impact of the displacement and the barriers to education faced as a result of this.
- Applications for the 2024/25 academic year will close at 11:59pm on **1 April 2024 – Applications received after this deadline will not be accepted**. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application on or before **7 June 2024**.

## Completing the application

To be included in the selection process for the Postgraduate Scholarship for Students Displaced from Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine, you must complete this application form correctly and in full, providing supporting evidence where required.

## Section 1: Your details

### 1.1 Enter your details.

Open University Personal Identifier (if you have one)

Date of birth

Title

Forename(s)

Surname

Address

Postcode

Nationality

Email address

Telephone number

## Section 2: Your eligibility for a scholarship

### Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply for a scholarship, you must meet all the following the criteria:

- be a person normally domiciled in Belarus, Russia or Ukraine who is displaced and/or at risk of persecution, violence or conflict
- be unable to access or complete higher education in your home country for your chosen masters degree
- be ordinarily resident in the UK on 1 September 2024
- be enrolled or intending to enrol on an Open University masters qualification starting in the 2024/25 academic year, starting study in October or November 2024
- meet the entry requirements of your chosen masters degree
- be studying a minimum of 60 credits per academic year
- complete the qualification in no more than 3 years

**Please note:** Fulfilling the eligibility criteria does not guarantee you success. If you still plan to study with The Open University even if unsuccessful in applying for a scholarship, you will need to make sure you have an alternative payment method in place. Further information is available on our Fees and Funding page: <http://www.open.ac.uk/courses/fees-and-funding>.

## Section 3: Your immigration status

**3.1** Please confirm the date you first entered the UK:

Belarus

Russia

Ukraine

Other

**3.3** Please confirm in which UK nation you will be resident on 1 September 2024:

England

Wales

Scotland

Northern Ireland

### 3.4 Supporting evidence

- You will need to provide evidence to confirm your current immigration status. Please provide a scanned image of the front and back of your current valid Biometric Residency Permit and/or Home Office outcome letter.



Do you have a current valid residency status?

Yes

No

Application with the Home Office awaiting a decision

**NOTE: We will not be able to accept your application if you have not provided sufficient evidence to confirm your immigration status in the UK.**

## Section 4: Your personal statement

You are only eligible to apply for a scholarship if you have been unable to access or complete higher education in your home country for your chosen masters degree.

- 4.1** Please tell us about your educational journey up to now, carefully describing any disruption to your studies because of the war on Ukraine:

**4.2** Please tell us about your educational achievements and link them to your chosen degree. You may also include any extracurricular activities you do related to your chosen degree:

**4.3** Please tell us about your future plans and how this degree will support you to achieve these plans:

#### 4.4 Supporting evidence

You must provide one piece of evidence to support your personal statement. This should be **one** of the following options:



a) A statement from a professional referee

- The referee should explain how they believe the scholarship would benefit you, providing any supporting information which demonstrates you are a suitable scholarship candidate.
- The statement should be no longer than 500 words.
- The referee should be someone who works as a teacher, lecturer, social worker, counsellor, support worker or personal tax advisor. They should have known you for over 12 months.

b) An academic transcript of your previously completed studies

Please tick to confirm which piece of supporting evidence you have attached:

Reference

Transcript

## Section 5: Your Open University masters

**5.1 Please give the qualification name or code of the masters degree you are intending to study in 2024/25.**

Masters title

**5.2 Please confirm the month in which your chosen masters degree commences.**

October 2024

November 2024

## Section 6: Declaration

**6.1 Read the declaration below carefully before signing it.**

- The information given on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I have read the Frequently Asked Questions document and I understand the conditions of applying for a Postgraduate Scholarship for Students Displaced from Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine.
- I understand that representatives from King's College London and university partners will be reviewing my application and any submitted documentation as part of the selection process.
- As well as anonymous, aggregated data being shared with the sponsor of the scheme, I understand and agree that details of my study progress may also be shared.
- I will inform The Open University immediately of any change in my circumstances that might affect my entitlement to a Postgraduate Scholarship for Students Displaced from Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine.

**Signature** (If completing electronically, typed signatures are accepted) **Date**

## Section 7: Checklist

**7.1 Use the checklist to make sure that your application is complete. Remember to send copies of the evidence you supply, we cannot return originals to you.**

### **Have you:**

Read the Frequently Asked Questions document at  
<https://giving.open.ac.uk/displaced-students-scholarship?>

Completed all required sections of the form?

Provided evidence of your immigration status?

Provided either a statement from your referee, or a copy of your academic transcript?

Signed and dated the declaration in Section 6?

## Data Protection Legislation

**The following statement describes who will use the information provided on this form and what they will use it for.**

We will use the information you give on this form to process your Open University Postgraduate Scholarship for Students Displaced from Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine application.

**The Open University** needs the information you give on this form to work out whether you are eligible for a scholarship and is the data controller for that information. The Open University will keep personal information about you so that we can audit the assessment of the Postgraduate Scholarship for Students Displaced from Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine funding.

All information will be stored securely and access limited to The Open University, King's College London employees, and partnership university selection process panel members who are essential in administering the scholarship.

The data provided on this form will be retained by The Open University for a period of time based on the duration of your qualification.

As a data subject, you have a number of rights.

If you wish to see the information the University holds about you, or if you wish for any information to be corrected, deleted or blocked ("restricted"), please contact us using the details below.

If you wish to raise a complaint on how we have handled your personal data, you can contact our Data Protection Officer who will investigate the matter. Our Data Protection Officer can be contacted on the details below.

If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are processing your personal data in a way that is not in accordance with the law, you can complain to the UK Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). See [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

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