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# Birmingham Masters Scholarships

Application guidance notes

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## About the Birmingham Masters Scholarship Scheme

For 2018 entry, the University has 100 new £2,000 scholarships available for Masters students in selected subject areas. The awards will be allocated on the basis of merit – simply meeting the criteria (including subject specific criteria) will not guarantee that an application is successful.

### Eligibility criteria:

The Birmingham Master Scholarships will be available to students who are:

- **Domiciled in the UK or EU**  
Students recorded as Home or EU for fee-status purposes are eligible, provided that they meet the other eligibility criteria.
- **Studying full time or part time**
- **Self-funded**  
You must be self-funding or applying for a postgraduate government loan to pay your fees and living expenses.
- **Not already registered on a postgraduate programme**  
Applicants must not currently be enrolled on a postgraduate degree course.
- **Undertaking a Masters course in an eligible subject**  
£2,000 Subject Scholarships are available for priority subject areas (see below) only.

### Priority subject areas

Applications from students studying a Masters degree in one of the following eligible subject areas are considered:

#### CAL

- **Heritage Studies**
  - [MA World Heritage Studies](#)
  - [MA International Heritage Management](#)
- **Modern Languages**
  - [MA Translation Studies](#)
- **Music**
  - [MA British Music Studies pathway](#)
  - [MA Choral Conducting pathway](#)
  - [MA Critical Musicology pathway](#)
  - [MA Early Music pathway](#)
  - [MA Electroacoustic Composition/Sonic Art pathway](#)
  - [MA Global Popular Music pathway](#)
  - [MA Instrumental/Vocal Composition pathway](#)

- [MA Mixed Composition pathway](#)
- [MA Open Pathway with Performance](#)
- [MA Open Pathway without Performance](#)
- [MA Performance pathway](#)
- [MA Performance Practice pathway](#)
- **Law**
  - [LLM General](#)
- **History of Art**
  - [MA History of Art](#)
  - [MA Art History and Curating](#)
- **Shakespeare**
  - [MA Shakespeare Studies](#)
  - [MA Shakespeare and Creativity](#)
  - [MA Shakespeare and Education](#)
  - [MA Shakespeare and Theatre](#)

## CoSS

- **Education**
  - [MEd Autism \(Adults\)](#)
  - [MEd Autism \(Children\)](#)
  - [MEd Bilingualism in Education](#)
  - [MEd Education for Health Professionals](#)
  - [MEd Education of Learners Multisensory Impairment \(Deafblindness\)](#)
  - [MEd Inclusion and Special Educational Needs](#)
  - [MA International Studies in Education](#)
  - [MEd Language, Literacies and Dyslexia](#)
  - [MA Education](#)
  - [MA in Character Education](#)
  - [MA Management of Special Education in Developing Countries](#)
  - [MA School Improvement and Educational Leadership](#)
  - [MEd Severe, Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties](#)
  - [MEd Social, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties](#)
  - [MA Teaching English as a Foreign Language \(TEFL\)](#)
- **Social Policy**
  - [MA Social Policy](#)
  - [MA Migration, Superdiversity and Policy](#)
  - [MA Social Work](#)

## LES

- **Urban and Regional Studies**
  - [MSc Urban and Regional Planning \(with RTPI accreditation\)](#)
- **Earth Sciences**
  - [MSc Hydrogeology](#)
- **Environmental Health and Atmospheric Science**
  - [MSc Applied Meteorology and Climatology](#)
  - [MSc Air Pollution Management and Control](#)
  - [MSc Environmental Health](#)
  - [MSc Science of Occupational Health, Safety and the Environment](#)
- **Geography**
  - [MSc River Environments and their Management](#)

## EPS

- **Computer Science**
  - [MSc Advanced Computer Science](#)
  - [MSc Human-Computer Interaction](#)
  - [MSc Robotics](#)
  - [MSc Cyber Security](#)
- **Mathematics**
  - [MSc MORSE](#)
  - [MSc Mathematical Modelling](#)
- **Physics**
  - [MSc Physics and Technology of Nuclear Reactors Masters](#)
  - [MSc Nuclear Decommissioning and Waste Management](#)

## MDS

- [MSc Health Research Methods](#)
- [MSc Occupational Health](#)
- [MSc Health Economics and Health Policy](#)
- [MSc Clinical Primary Community Care](#)
- [MSc Clinical Oncology PT](#)
- [MSc Bioinformatics](#)
- [MSc Clinical Neuropsychiatry](#)

## Judging criteria:

Eligibility to receive the scholarship will be determined by a University selection panel based on the following criteria:

- **Academic excellence**

Birmingham Masters Scholarships are primarily awarded on the basis of academic performance in the applicants' previous studies. Candidates are expected to attain or have attained a First-class or Upper Second-class (2:1) Honours degree (or the equivalent) for their undergraduate qualification. Successful applicants will be students with outstanding academic potential. Other indicators of high academic achievement may include:

- Weighted grade average / module marks on student transcripts;
- university prizes or awards;
- overall ranking position within in cohort;

- **Professional qualifications and achievements**

Qualifications and other notable achievements from relevant professional roles will be taken into account.

- **Student motivation / strength of the personal statement**

The personal statement is a chance to make the application stand out. It should, amongst other things: outline the student's interest in the subject, demonstrate that their background has sufficiently prepared them for the degree, mention any relevant experience and outline how the course will fit into their future plans.

- **College/University subject priorities**

## Selection Panel

Nominees will be selected by a cross-college panel at the University. The membership of the panel will include:

- PVC Education
- DPVC Education
- College Director of Education
- Head of Postgraduate Recruitment

## Application process

### Round 1 deadline: 23:59 BST, 31 January 2018

To be considered for an award, applicants must, by the 31 January deadline, have:

- Made an application to their intended Masters programme. Please apply through the relevant programme page on the Course finder section of the University of Birmingham website (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/listing.aspx>). This must include all of the relevant supporting documentation: references, transcripts if available, and English language certification if applicable.

AND

- Completed the Birmingham Masters Scholarship application form (<https://uobasops.formstack.com/forms/bms>)  
Applicants should enter the application ID number that they were given during the application to the Masters programme.

### Round 2 deadline: 23:59 BST, 5 April 2018

### Round 3 deadline: 23:59 BST, 15 June 2018

## Selection process

### Round 1

Round 1 applications will be assessed in February 2018, and all applicants will be informed by email whether they have been successful or not.

Candidates who are selected for the awards will be asked to accept/decline the award by a given deadline. If a successful candidate fails to respond by the given deadline or declines the offer, their award will be used for Round 2.

### Round 2

Round 2 applications will be assessed in April 2018. Candidates who are selected for the awards will be asked to accept/decline the award by a given deadline. If a successful candidate failed to respond by the given deadline or declined the offer, their award will be used for Round 3.

### Round 3

Candidates who are selected for the awards will be asked to accept/decline the award by a given deadline. If a successful candidate fails to respond by the given deadline or declines the offer, their award will automatically be transferred to a reserve candidate who is next in line for the award.