Birmingham Masters Scholarships

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About the Birmingham Masters Scholarship Scheme

For 2020 entry, the University has up to 200 new £2,000 scholarships available for Masters students. 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
Studying full time or part time for a maximum of two years — a standard taught Masters course lasts one year if taken on a full-time basis, or two years if taken part time. Full-time courses that last two years are eligible. Any course that lasts longer than two years is not eligible for the funding;

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
A £2,000 discount will be applied for full and part-time Postgraduate Taught masters programmes including: LLM; M.A. (Taught); M.Sc. (Pre-reg); M.Sc. (Taught); MPH; delivered at our Edgbaston Campus or by distance learning.

Judging criteria:

Eligibility to receive the scholarship will be determined by the following criteria:

- **Academic excellence and previous study**

- **Professional qualifications and achievements**
Qualifications and other notable achievements from relevant professional roles will be taken into account.

- **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.
Application process

Deadline: 23:59 BST, 31 July 2020

To be considered for an award, applicants must, by the 31 July 2020 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/bms2020). Applicants should enter the application ID number that they were given during the application to the Masters programme.

Selection process

Applications will be assessed in August 2020, and all applicants will be informed by email whether they have been successful or not.