



Important Information – Terms and Conditions

Exeter Excellence Scholarships 2027/28 - Postgraduate Taught (Masters)

To celebrate the University's rise to 136th globally in the QS World University Rankings, comfortably within the QS Global Top 150, we are offering 150 Exeter Excellence Postgraduate Taught Scholarships worth £15,000 for entry in 2027/28. These scholarships support outstanding international students to join our globally-connected university community – benefitting from Exeter's research-inspired teaching, exceptional learning environment and internationally recognised academic excellence.

1. Award Amount/s

£15,000 first-year International Postgraduate taught tuition fees discount.

This award is for one year only and is not recurrent for subsequent years of study.

2. Applicant eligibility

Applicants who:

- have International fee status (including any EU applicants required to pay International fees in 2027/28); and
- already hold an offer (conditional or unconditional) to study an eligible Postgraduate taught (Masters) programme at the University of Exeter beginning in the 2027/28 academic year.

3. Programme eligibility

Scholarships are available for the University of Exeter's UK campus-based Postgraduate taught degreesⁱ in the following departments:

Faculty	Departments/subject areas
Environment, Science and Economy	• Computer Science • Earth and Environmental Science • Ecology and Conservation • Economics • Engineering • Finance and Accounting • Geography • Management • Mathematics and Statistics • Physics and Astronomy

Health and Life Sciences	• Biosciences • Clinical and Biomedical Sciences • Health and Care Professions • Health and Community Sciences • Psychology • Public Health and Sports Sciences
Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences	• Arab and Islamic Studies • Archaeology and History • Classics, Ancient History, Religion and Theology • Communications, Drama and Film • English and Creative Writing • Languages, Cultures and Visual Studies • Law School • School of Education • Social and Political Sciences, Philosophy and Anthropology

Ineligible PGT programmes are: One Planet MBA; MRes Economics; MRes Finance (Pathway to PhD); MSc Island Biodiversity and Conservation; Clinical Psychology programmes delivered by Clinical Education, Development and Research (CEDAR); DEdPsych Educational Child and Community Psychology; MA International Film Business; Master of Public Administration (MPA) with Applied Study; Law programmes delivered by the University of Law, MA Law (SQE1), MA Law (Conversion), LLM Legal Practice (SQE 1&2), SQE Preparation Courses); MiPDAL Dual Masters in Intellectual Property Law; Postgraduate Certificates; Postgraduate Diplomas; Degree Apprenticeships. Fully online or distance learning programmes are also not eligible.

(Information on eligible programmes for January 2028 entry will be available in due course.)

4. Selection criteria

Scholarship recipients are selected on:

- Academic merit, based on the information applicants have supplied in their Masters programme application. Scholarship applicants will be expected to demonstrate that they have achieved or are able to achieve the equivalent of a UK upper second class degree.
- The ability to demonstrate the following as part of the application process:
 - academic and career ambitions;
 - a clear plan for making the most of the study opportunity; and
 - a sense of social responsibility and willingness to engage with the Exeter community.

5. Scholarship application process

To apply, you must complete and submit an online application form, via the Funding Database entry, including a personal statement of up to 300 words that responds to the following two questions:

1. What are your personal aspirations, and how will studying at Exeter help you achieve them? Please share the experiences or motivations that have shaped your ambitions.

(Up to 150 words)

2. As an Exeter Scholar, how will you make the most of the opportunity to contribute to the University community and represent Exeter through your learning, connections, and actions on and off campus? Please share how you would like other people to describe your impact.

(Up to 150 words)

Artificial Intelligence - We understand that applicants may choose to use AI tools during the writing process. These can be helpful for developing ideas or meeting the word count. However, the University is interested in candidates' own insights and potential. Responses should be authentic, personal and the applicant's own work. Generic or heavily AI-assisted responses will be less competitive.

You may only make one application for an Exeter Excellence Scholarship per eligible programme for which you are holding an offer for 2027/28. There are four planned rounds of applications during the year. You should apply at the earliest opportunity following receipt of your programme offer. Duplicate applications will be disregarded.

Application rounds:

Round One - for September 2027 entry

Opens: Monday 28 September 2026

Closes: Thursday 28 January 2027

Decisions communicated by: Thursday 25 February 2027

Round Two - for September 2027 entry

Opens: Monday 1 February 2027

Closes: Thursday 29 April 2027

Decisions communicated: Thursday 27 May 2027

Round Three - for September 2027 entry

Opens: Tuesday 4 May 2027

Closes: Thursday 17 June 2027

Decisions communicated: Thursday 15 July 2027

Round Four – for any eligible Postgraduate taught programmes open for January 2028 entry

Opens: Tuesday 31 August 2027

Closes: Thursday 28 October 2027

Decisions communicated by: Thursday 18 November 2027

The University reserves the right to amend, suspend, withdraw, or introduce additional scholarship rounds at any time. Any additional round may operate under separate eligibility criteria, award values, timelines, and terms and conditions.

Applications will be checked initially to ensure that the eligibility criteria have been met. Then, eligible applications will be considered by a University of Exeter Panel.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by email by the relevant date shown above – the value of the award offered is non-negotiable. If you are offered an award, the notification will explain how to accept it, which may include a deadline for deposit payment that is different from the deadline in your programme offer letter. Award offers will be withdrawn if not accepted. If you apply in Round 1 or 2 and narrowly miss out, your notification may let you know instead that we will reconsider your application in Round 3. It will not be possible to revise your personal statement in these circumstances.

By applying for this scholarship, you are agreeing to your personal details being shared with the University of Exeter Panel.

6. Exclusions and Exceptions

These scholarships are intended for self-funded students.

If your tuition fees will be financed by an external body (such as an overseas government or Chevening, Commonwealth or a partner Institution) with whom the University has a shared financing agreement then this award may be invalidated or superseded with a different fee arrangement.

It is your responsibility to inform us if you are in receipt of any external funding (other than personal loans) prior to enrolment, as this may affect your scholarship eligibility; please email a copy of the award letter to admissions: pg-ad@exeter.ac.uk

You cannot normally receive more than one scholarship (tuition fee discount) from the University of Exeter. If you are offered multiple scholarships, you will be awarded whichever scholarship has the higher value. Scholarships may only be combined where this is expressly permitted in the terms and conditions of, or the agreement for, the relevant award(s), and a cap may apply.

7. Award payment

If you defer your 2027/28 offer or change fee status, then your scholarship offer will be invalidated.

If you transfer to an ineligible programme, then your scholarship offer will be invalidated.

The Exeter Excellence Scholarship will be awarded as a reduction in tuition fees; it cannot be paid as cash or attributed to other charges such as accommodation fees. It will be automatically deducted from your first year tuition fees following enrolment. If you choose to pay your tuition fees in instalments, the award will be deducted from the total annual tuition fee and the remaining balance split accordingly.

Tuition fees deduction/s due are applied to your student account and show in your online statement within the first four weeks of study. Any awardees studying part time (under the relevant visa regulations) will receive the full Scholarship deduction in their first year. Where multiple awards have been offered, in line with the relevant exclusions and exceptions, ineligible scholarships may be removed during the first term of study.

In the event that you withdraw or interrupt your studies post enrolment then the University Finance regulations at that date will apply as regards any repayment, subsequent adjustments to fees or other requirements: <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/students/finance/studentfinanceregulations/>

8. Other

Please note that if you are successful and accept this award, you may be asked to provide a photograph and written or video profile to appear in publicity material relating to scholarships and/or study at the University of Exeter.

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ⁱ A MRes is a Postgraduate Taught degree. MPhil or MbyRes are Postgraduate Research degrees and not eligible for this scheme.