

The Snowdon Trust Master's Scholarship

Eligibility Criteria

The Snowdon Trust Master's Scholarship has been designed to identify and accelerate exceptional Disabled Students through higher education, creating the influencers of the future. Each candidate will bring something different to the programme. Successful candidates will demonstrate that they have some or all of the following attributes:

- Exceptional leaders, with the ability to create change within and beyond their academic field.
- Individuals that have shown excellence within their chosen subjects.
- Demonstrated leadership potential with a proven drive for success.
- Ability to create change and drive Disability issues.
- Proven achievements in academia, employment, or voluntary activities.

We know that leaders and pioneers often take unique career paths – we welcome applications from students who have recently completed an undergraduate course, and from those returning to study from the workplace or following a career break.

The scholarship is open to national and international Disabled Students, who have the qualities needed to create change. The Snowdon Trust are looking for applicants who can communicate their aspiration to become an exceptional leader, a role model, or a pioneer in their area of expertise.

Ideal candidates will also demonstrate how the scholarship will create profound impact on their current circumstances, future influences, and opportunities. This includes how the scholarship will support them as a Disabled person to overcome barriers inflicted by society, including attitudinal, physical, social, emotional and many more.

If you are living with a disability and have a proven drive for success, we welcome your application. Please read our eligibility criteria for further details.

All Snowdon Trust Master's Scholars are encouraged to become part of our Disabled Leaders Network. A space for collaboration, engagement and debate, the Disabled Leaders Network will provide a platform for you to build relationships with other exceptional Disabled leaders, creating a hub of information, knowledge, and support.

The applicant – Am I eligible?

1. Our scholarship is aimed at elevating excellent Disabled Students. To be eligible, you identify as experiencing one or more of the following:
 - A learning difference (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia, or AD(H)D)
 - A visual impairment uncorrected by glasses (e.g. blindness or partial sight)
 - A hearing impairment (e.g. D/deafness or partial hearing)
 - A physical impairment or challenges with mobility (e.g. climbing stairs or uneven surfaces), or dexterity (e.g. using a keyboard or laboratory equipment)
 - A social, behavioural or communication impairment (e.g. an autistic spectrum condition or Tourette's Syndrome)
 - A long-term illness or health condition which may involve pain or cause fatigue, loss of concentration or breathing difficulties – including any effects from taking associated medication.
 - Two or more impairments or conditions

If you identify with one of these health conditions or impairments, and additionally experience a mental health condition, challenge or disorder (e.g. anxiety or depression) you are eligible to apply.

We cannot accept applications from individuals who identify as experiencing a mental health condition, challenge or disorder (e.g. anxiety or depression) unless you also identify as living with one or more of the health conditions or impairments listed above.

We understand that disability is defined differently within different contexts, countries and by individual preference. However, we cannot provide an exhaustive list or reply to all queries about specific health conditions or impairments. If you believe, based on the information you have read, that you meet the inclusion criteria then we urge you to apply.

2. You are above 16 years of age. There is no upper age limit.
3. You are eligible to study in the UK. If you are an international student, it is your responsibility to ensure that you have the appropriate student or other relevant visa in place for the duration of your studies.
4. You may be an undergraduate looking to continue your studies into postgraduate training. You may also be a mature student, already in the workplace, looking to elevate your position through further study.

Your university – Is my university of choice eligible?

5. You are applying to a university or institution in The United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland).

6. You must have applied to your UK university before applying for a Snowdon Trust Master's Scholarship.
7. You must have been offered a place at your chosen university by May 2023 to progress in the scholarship selection process.

Your course – Is my course of choice eligible?

8. Full master's courses such as MA, MSc, MRes/MPhil, LLM and MBA (180 higher education credits) are considered eligible for the Master's Scholarship. Please note that our funding remains capped at the same level regardless of the total course fees. The Scholarship offers up to a total of £30,000 divided between a contribution towards fees (up to £15,000) and an allowance /maintenance stipend (up to £15,000 divided between the terms).
9. Your course must be a full masters' course. The Snowdon Trust Master's Scholarship cannot support an undergraduate course, nor a PhD level course.
10. Your course must be taught by a UK university or institution (in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland).
11. Your course may be taught in person, online, as distance learning, or as a hybrid of these modes.
12. Your course may be full time or part time in intensity.
13. Your course must begin in the academic year 2023/2024 to qualify for the Snowdon Trust Master's Scholarship funding (i.e. your course must start after July 2023 and before September 2024).
14. We cannot offer you a scholarship if you have already started your course. We cannot offer this scholarship towards the second year of your master' studies. Your course must be a new course that you will begin after the Scholarship has been awarded.

Applications will be excluded from consideration if they do not meet the following criteria:

1. The university or institution applied to is within the UK.
2. The course applied for is a full master's course.
3. All mandatory areas of the application form must be complete.
4. The application must be written in English or recorded in British Sign Language (BSL). If you intend to submit as a BSL recording, please contact our office for details.
5. The application must be submitted by the stated deadline. There are no exceptions for extending the deadline. Please allow time for completing and submitting your application in advance of the deadline.
6. The language in the application must not be inappropriate and/or offensive.

7. The person applying must have a disability that falls within the parameters listed above.
8. You have not previously received a Snowdon Trust Master's Scholarship. Please note if you have previously received a Snowdon Trust Grant, you are still eligible to apply for the Master's Scholarship.