

Scholar eligibility criteria

Applicants must:

1. Be a woman, or identify as a woman.
2. Be a passport holder and permanent resident of one of the eligible countries listed on the British Council Scholarship for Women in STEM [website](#).
3. Have submitted an application to study an eligible postgraduate programme in one of the programme areas and at one of the following UK university partners assigned for each region, as listed in the Scholarship [website](#). This application must be done prior to submitting an application for a British Council Scholarship for Women in STEM.
4. Have completed all components of an undergraduate degree that will enable them to gain entry onto a postgraduate programme at a UK university partner by the time they submit their application and be due to start their postgraduate programme in the UK during 2021.
5. Have not previously studied at degree level or higher in the UK or lived recently in the UK.
6. Meet the English language requirement of the UK university partner (or is expected to meet the requirement after an English Language pre-sessional course).
7. Demonstrate case for financial support need via a means-test conducted by the UK university partner.
8. Return to their country of citizenship for a minimum of two years after their scholarship award has ended.

Scholars are also required to show in their application form that:

- They are active in the field with work experience or with a proven interest in the programme area they are applying for.
- They are willing to demonstrate future contribution to capacity-building and socio-economic advancement through the benefits achieved after graduating from UK higher education and returning to their home country.
- They can demonstrate a plan and passion to engage other women and girls in STEM from their home country.
- They agree that their personal data can be shared with the British Council as a condition of applying for the bursary.

If they are awarded a scholarship, they agree to maintain contact with the British Council and act as an ambassador for the UK and engage with activities as part of a British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM alumnus during and after their study in the UK. Any involvement in these activities during their study in the UK will take up to no more than five hours per term.

Scholars are not eligible for a British Council Scholarship for Women in STEM if they:

- Hold dual British citizenship.
- Are an employee, a former employee, or relative (*) of an employee of Her Majesty's Government (including British Embassies/High Commissions- the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy- Department for International Trade- the Ministry of Defence- and the Home Office).
- Are an employee, a former employee, or relative (*) of an employee of the British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM – eligible countries.

(*): Relatives are defined as parents or step-parents, siblings or step-siblings, children or step-children, spouse, civil partner or unmarried partner (where the couple have been in a relationship akin to marriage or civil partnership for at least two years).

- Are currently in receipt of financial support or funding towards your study programme in the UK from any other source.
- Have previously studied in the UK with funding from a UK Government-funded scholarship or a UK institutional scholarship/financial bursary.