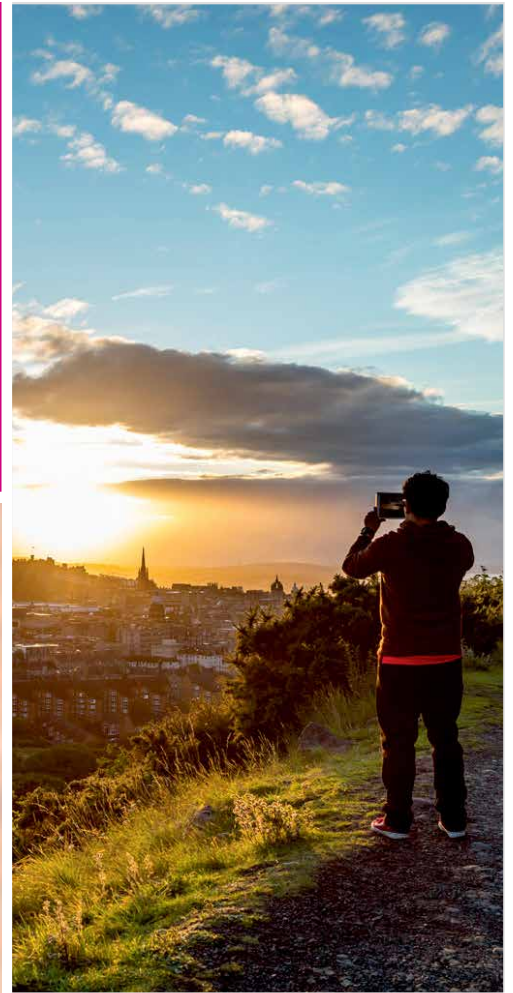


# SCHOLARSHIPS GUIDE



**India, Bangladesh, Nepal,  
Pakistan and Sri Lanka**



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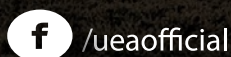
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# FOREWORD

## Greetings from the British Council.

I am delighted to present the Study UK Scholarship Guide 2020 for students from South Asia who are exploring funding options, bursaries and grants for their study plans in the UK.

The United Kingdom offers you a world-leading education system, with UK qualifications that can make a real difference to your career. A strong reputation for research and education, UK universities and colleges attract the world's leading academics and industry professionals. Studying in the UK will also give you the opportunity to experience a new culture, network with students and professionals from all over the world, and gain skills to help further your career development.

While pursuing your plan to study in the UK, many of you will be exploring various financial support options which are available to help fund your studies in the UK. This includes scholarships, grants, bursaries, fellowships, financial awards and loans. These can help you achieve your ambitions and set you on the path to your dream career.

The UK Government has also recently announced the Graduate Route which will enable international students to remain in the UK for two years (three years for PhD graduates) after they have completed their degrees. Students applying now to graduate in the summer of 2021 or after will be eligible for this.

This guide provides a listing of some general scholarships available for South Asian students across various subjects and levels, as well as some useful advice around applying to and studying in the UK, information on student visas, IELTS, and some exciting alumni stories that will give you first-hand accounts of pursuing and successfully winning scholarships to study in the UK. We have also featured a few UK universities and colleges in the guide with details of their scholarships for students in the region. However, do remember that almost all UK universities and colleges provide hundreds of scholarships worth millions of pounds to international students and you can find out



about specific institutions and agencies offering funding [here](#).

There were almost 40,000 students from South Asia studying in the UK in 2018-19 and the UK appreciates the outstanding contribution that students from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal make to the international student community in the UK. I hope that this guide can help you with your education plans and I wish you success in making the most of your opportunity to study in the UK. Please always reach out to your local British Council office for any queries or support. Good Luck!

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Director Education and English  
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With 15,000 students from 130 countries worldwide, The **University of Chester** provides a vibrant, diverse and safe home for international students.

### £3,000 Scholarships

The University of Chester offers generous international and merit-based scholarships for both undergraduate and postgraduate study, providing a reduction of up to **£3,000** off the headline tuition fees.

### Loved by International Students

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### Modern and Vibrant City Life

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#### Subject Areas

- Business and Management
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Food and Nutritional Science
- Law
- Medical and Life Sciences
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Social Sciences
- Sport



# WHY STUDY IN THE UK?

**The UK is a unique and perfect choice for any international student. Only the UK can offer:**

- a welcoming and inclusive way of life
- a rich and historical culture
- exceptional academic standards
- two of the world's top three universities
- a further 26 of our universities and colleges are among the world's 200 best institutions for learning
- one of the most trusted and popular study destinations in the entire world
- in 2018–19, over 485,000 undergraduates and postgraduates chose to study in the UK over other countries.

## **A UK education opens doors, wherever you go in the world.**

From our world-recognised universities to our innovative teaching approach and the leading minds who deliver it the UK has been the preferred choice for some of the most important minds in history. One in four world leaders have studied in the UK, so if you're dreaming of achieving big things, you can be sure the UK is the right place to achieve them.

The UK's academic reputation is world-renowned. Built on a heritage that is now centuries old, our approach to education applies the very latest learning theory through universities that routinely top international tables. Our innovative teaching methods produce successful, versatile graduates who are sought-after by employers around the world.

## **World-ranked universities**

UK universities have featured remarkably in world rankings ever since they began. In 2018 the [Times Higher Education World Rankings](#) honoured us with three of the world's top ten universities, including the top two – the [University of Oxford](#) and the [University of Cambridge](#). This high quality can be found right across the country, with seven in the top 50 and 32 in the top 200 universities.

## **Quality that's government-guaranteed**

The UK's 162 higher education institutions are all

held to strict standards by the government, so you know you are getting the best teaching, support and resources available.

The [Register of Regulated Qualifications](#) contains details of Recognised Awarding Organisations and Regulated Qualifications in England (Ofqual), Wales (Welsh Government) and Northern Ireland (Ofqual for vocational qualifications and CCEA Accreditation for all other qualifications). For Scottish qualifications, please visit the [Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework](#) website.

## **Innovative teaching methods**

Our universities combine traditional lectures with a variety of innovative teaching techniques, designed to encourage independent thinking, problem-solving skills and self-motivation. You will be working in small groups solving real-life problems relevant to your future career.

You will have access to leading technology, from state-of-the-art laboratories to interactive screens and online-learning.

You will have an opportunity to learn from the very best in your field: many teachers in UK universities are industry leaders in their field, and you will have one-to-one access to them where you will be able to learn from their vast experience. Our institutions also cultivate industry relationships, allowing you to get practical experience in your field within world-leading

organisations, and make connections to give your career an edge.

### Short, flexible courses

In the UK, flexibility is built into the majority of our courses. Many universities allow you to choose from different subject 'modules', so you can build a course programme that fits you best, specialising as you go for a perfectly tailored experience.

Postgraduate courses in the UK are shorter than both the US and Australia, with many MBA's taking just one year. So you get better value for money and can begin applying your knowledge in the real world a lot sooner.

### A new way of learning

Our educational system doesn't just immerse you in your chosen subject – it's designed to help you to think differently. Throughout your studies you'll be encouraged to ask questions, debate your teachers and fellow students, and come up with your own ideas through a blend of practical learning, lectures and seminars and innovative, high-tech teaching.

Behind our courses and degrees are brilliant thinkers, some of the best minds in their fields who you can connect with.

The impact that their supportive inspiring teaching has is evident in the feedback we receive from our postgraduates. 93 per cent of international postgraduates rate the quality of UK teaching highly.

### World-leading research

We're ranked second in the world for science and research and 54 per cent of our output is world-leading. Our field-weighted citation impact is higher than the US, Canada, Germany, Japan and Brazil, so when you study here you can be sure you'll be working alongside some of the best minds – and using some of the best technology- in the world.

### Health and safety

The UK is a very safe country with low levels of crime and violence. Your university/institution will brief you about keeping safe and staff are always on hand to help ensure your safety. Community police officers and campus-based security staff will give you practical advice about personal safety.

The UK's National Health Service (NHS) is one of the most advanced healthcare systems in the world. The NHS provides first-class treatment and support and you can access the NHS at a subsidised rate which is why international students do not need private medical insurance.

As part of your visa application, you will pay an Immigration Health Surcharge that allows you to use the NHS for most physical and mental illnesses, including emergency services and care for Covid.

# THE BEST POSSIBLE



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[www.cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students](http://www.cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students)

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To find out more about scholarships, click [here](#).



# STUDYING IN THE UK IN 2021



## Here in the UK, a warm welcome is awaiting you.

Our open and inclusive way of life will inspire you, our rich cultural history will fire your imagination and - as our universities are the among the most trusted and respected in the entire world - you'll be able to develop your best and brightest ideas by studying here.

All UK universities are working hard to follow government guidance and ensure that students' safety remains a top priority. Many universities are blending face-to-face and online teaching and this will be regularly reviewed in line with current and local guidance to ensure teaching is delivered in a safe environment. In the UK, your wellbeing comes first.

## As an international student, please stay in touch with the institution you are interested in studying at for the latest information and support.

We want you to feel welcome and at ease when you arrive in the UK and would like to reassure all current and prospective students that UK universities are looking forward to welcoming you.

UK universities are committed to supporting all students, including international students already in the UK, as well as those considering studying in the UK from January 2021 and beyond. If you have any concerns about the support you are receiving or are due to receive - your university will be happy to help you.

## For the latest guidance on Covid-19 please visit:

**England:** <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

**Scotland:** <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19>

**Wales:** <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

**Northern Ireland:** <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19>

## Blended learning

Large audience teaching (lectures) will be delivered online, in cases supported by online discussions and face-to-face study in small groups will be made safer through 'bubbles'. Courses with practical teaching sessions will be delivered in a safe way with physical distancing and personal protective equipment.

Many UK institutions are developing exciting and innovative examples of high-quality online learning. Tier 4 sponsors can sponsor international students for blended learning for the 2020-21 academic year.

## Health and well-being:

The health and wellbeing of international students is our number one priority and UK universities are working to ensure that they are safe and supported.

A programme ensuring mental health support for students during Covid-19 has been created by Student Minds, the UK's mental health charity for students. Universities are putting measures in place to make sure campuses are clean and completely compliant with government guidelines. The UK government provided Covid-19 guidance for cleaning of non-healthcare settings, covering student accommodation and other spaces within the community. The timing of teaching is being carefully considered with flexible timetabling to avoid too many students on campus.

For full information, check your university or institution's website as plans may change, depending on the current public health advice.

## Letter to prospective International students:

**Here's** what the Education and Universities Ministers of the four countries of the United Kingdom (UK), England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have to say to the prospective International students.



# STUDY OPTIONS

## The academic year

In the UK, the standard academic year starts in September or October and runs until June or July. Postgraduate courses often run from September to September, and there are other courses that are more flexible and offer a range of start dates.

## Subjects and modules

Most higher education courses have a 'modular' structure. This means that you can build a personalised course by choosing modules or units of study from different subject areas. For example, if you are studying English literature, for your first year you could choose one module on Science fiction, one module on Children's literature, and one module on Short stories.

If you are interested in more than one subject, you may be able to study a combination as part of your course, e.g. English literature and psychology. You can often decide for yourself how much time you would like to spend on each subject. 'Joint' means the two subjects are studied equally, 'major/minor' means the time spent is usually 75 per cent/25 per cent.

## Study modes

Most full-time undergraduate courses take three years to complete (typically four years in Scotland). Full-time postgraduate courses can be from one year upwards.

Some degrees are available to study as accelerated courses taken over two years instead of three, so that you can gain your qualification even faster. Accelerated degrees have the same number of modules as their three year options, allowing you to get even better value for money by getting the same course with a year less of living cost.

Part-time courses are normally taken over a longer period, so that you can work alongside your studies or learn at a more relaxed pace. If you need a visa to study in the UK, please check that your immigration status allows you to do a part-time course.

## Undergraduate

- UK universities have one of the most diverse subject offerings in the world.
- You will be given the support and space you'll

- Over 400 universities and higher education institutions to choose from.
- Locations from busy cities, to pastoral countryside settings, to beautiful coastal towns.
- Choose from our universities, higher education colleges and specialist institutions (such as world-famous art schools and award-winning conservatoires).

need to be imaginative, ambitious and to think differently.

- You will receive a prestigious education that is built on the most solid of historical foundations.

## UK undergraduate course types include:

- bachelor's or undergraduate degrees (full-time)
- bachelor's or undergraduate degrees (part-time)
- shorter courses such as a foundation degree, Diploma of Higher Education, Higher National Diploma, and Certificate of Higher Education.

## Postgraduate

- Postgraduate courses maintain the UK's exceptional academic standards.
- Often shorter than those in the US and Australia.
- Many take just one year to complete.
- Excellent value for money.
- You can begin applying your education to the real world sooner.

## UK postgraduate course types include:

- master's degrees
- MBA courses
- PhDs or doctorates
- postgraduate diplomas and qualifications (these are usually shorter than a master's and do not involve a thesis or dissertation)
- professional and vocational qualifications.

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDING

Scholarships are provided for the financial assistance for international students who wish to study in the UK. Scholarships are generally limited in number and are offered to a specific segment or for a specific field of study. As such they are always highly competitive and are aimed largely at postgraduate level students. For undergraduate studies, scholarships, bursaries and partial fee waivers are much rarer. It is important to note the following: The application process, amount of scholarship and criteria will differ for each scholarship.



## SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE UK ARE FUNDED BY:

- UK government
- External agencies
- Universities/higher education institutions

### British Council managed Scholarships:

- **GREAT Scholarships:** In collaboration with the UK's GREAT Britain campaign, the British Council has launched Great Scholarships - 2020 over a broad range of subjects. This is a great opportunity for Indian students wishing to access a UK university education. To find out more, click [here](#).
- **Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship:** The Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan provides opportunities to students of Commonwealth countries who can make a significant contribution to their home country after the completion of a higher education programme in the UK. This is a source of funding made available to all Commonwealth countries by the Commonwealth Scholarships Commission. To find out more, click [here](#).
- **Charles Wallace India Trust Scholarships (CWIT):** CWIT enables Indians in the early to mid stages of their careers to spend time in the UK, helping them to achieve artistic, academic and professional ambitions and to broaden their international contacts. To find out more, click [here](#).

- **A.S Hornby Trust Scholarships:** The scholarships are intended to support English language teachers. To find out more, click [here](#).

**There are a number of other scholarship schemes run by governments, charities and organisations.**

**Here are a few you may want to have a look at:**

- **Chevening Scholarship:** Chevening is the UK government's international awards scheme aimed at developing global leaders. Funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) and partner organisations, Chevening offers two types of award – Chevening Scholarships and Chevening Fellowships. – the recipients of which are rigorously selected by British Embassies and High Commissions throughout the world. To find out more, click [here](#).
- **Scotland's Saltire Scholarships:** Scotland's Saltire Scholarships is a programme of scholarships offered by the Scottish Government in collaboration with Scottish universities in the areas of science, technology, creative industries, healthcare and medical sciences, and renewable and clean energy. To find out more, click [here](#).
- **Felix Scholarship:** The Felix Scholarship was founded to offer gifted underprivileged students from India and certain other developing countries the opportunity of furthering their postgraduate education by attending a university in the UK. Felix scholarships are offered at three universities - the University of Oxford, the University of Reading and the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), part of the University of London. The Scholarships are awarded on the basis of outstanding academic merit and financial need. To find out more, click [here](#).
- **Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation:** The Foundation focuses on providing scholarships, grants and awards in various fields to outstanding young Indians to enable them to develop their professional, scientific, artistic and cultural abilities, both abroad and in India. It prides itself on being open to a wide range of subjects, many of which are not covered by other fund-giving bodies. Opportunities in India are offered through the Inlaks India Foundation. To find out more, click [here](#).

- **Rhodes Scholarship:** The Rhodes Scholarship programme is the oldest (established 1903) international scholarship programme in the world, and one of the most prestigious. Administered by the Rhodes Trust in Oxford, the programme offers 100 fully-funded Scholarships each year for postgraduate study at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom - one of the world's leading universities. Rhodes Scholarships are for young leaders of outstanding intellect and character who are motivated to engage with global challenges, committed to the service of others and show promise of becoming value-driven, principled leaders for the world's future. To find out more, click [here](#).
- **The Royal Society:** This scheme offers a recognized first step into an independent research career for outstanding scientists and engineers at an early stage of their research career. This scheme offers an opportunity to focus on own research, freeing from administrative and teaching duties. To find out more, click [here](#).
- **Ford Foundation:** International Fellowships Program - The Ford Foundation Global Fellowship program seeks a diverse array of committed individuals who have demonstrated meaningful impact, but whose full potential has yet to be unleashed because of a lack of resources or access to a global network. The fellows will focus on analyzing and addressing the root causes of inequality. To find out more, click [here](#).



## Here are some tips that can help you apply for a scholarship



### Beyond just grades, build an all-round application

Contrary to what many may think, it's not always the top scorers who win scholarships. While academic merit is undoubtedly of importance, most universities are looking for well-rounded, emotionally intelligent and unique individuals, who accord as much importance to honing their extra curriculums (be it sports, creative activities, volunteering, internships) as they do their academic records. UK Universities are looking for empathetic individuals with 21st century skills, individuals who are curious and look beyond classroom learning to make a difference in their world.

### Why you?

Chances are you will be among hundreds of scholarship applicants, as they are highly coveted and prestigious. It is important for you to outline what your special skills are and why they should choose you and especially, what you hope to achieve with this opportunity should it be given to you.

### Eligibility criteria

UK higher education institutions and agencies offer hundreds of scholarships and bursaries to students from across the world. Many of these are very specific to certain nationalities, subjects, level of study, may even have age-limits and course duration specifications. Always do your research and check you are fulfilling all criteria before applying. And remember, check university websites, British Council websites and search extensively to ensure you are not missing any scholarships you could be eligible for. And if you're not sure, just ask the university you are applying to, which scholarships you can apply for and they will always help you out.

### Work hard on your application

No pressure, but you do need to get this one right! Work hard on your scholarship essay and application. Create many drafts, ask your teachers, friends, family to read them and give you honest feedback, and make sure you are answering the question "Why me?". Be original, never copy from other applications (plagiarism is a strict no-no in the UK), and articulate your aspirations for this scholarship.

### Learn from others

If you're unsure about your essay or worried you've missed some scholarships, underconfident about scholarship interviews (some prestigious ones have interviews), find an alumni or current awardee in the UK, a senior from school or college, a professor or teacher or ask the university you want to apply to, to connect you to past scholarship winners, so they can give you helpful tips and mentor you.

### Deadlines matter

Scholarship deadlines are almost always sacrosanct and applying on time shows you are serious about your application. Make a list of the various deadlines and stick to them, and always apply early if possible.

### Apply!

One of the most common questions from students who want to apply for scholarships is, "will I get it?" You won't know till you apply, so always, always apply. Remember, scholarships are not reserved for geniuses with a high IQ, they are for students with clarity of thought, academic aspirations with a clear value proposition. And that can most definitely be you.



# CAREER AND EMPLOYABILITY

During your studies, there will be an opportunity for you to develop critical thinking skills, creativity and confidence that employers look for.

There may also be the chance for you to get involved in internships, work-placements, volunteering and dissertation placements.

The QS global survey of graduate employers consistently shows that UK degrees are highly valued worldwide, with UK universities topping the QS employer reputation ranking.

## Internships and work experience

Having a form of work placement experience gives you an advantage in an increasingly competitive graduate job market.

Some courses include a year of working in the industry or internships in the industry you're interested in. Work placements provide you with hands-on experience in a profession that you can't simulate in lectures or the classroom.

[In this short film](#), watch international students from Coventry University share their experience of working at Brompton Bicycles.

## Plan for your career

All UK universities and colleges employ professional career advisers to give advice on how to plan your career, build your CV and prepare for interviews.

Careers advisors can help you focus on developing the skills needed to succeed in particular industries. By honing in on specific attributes which will make you more employable, you will stand out amongst others.

There are lots of UK based organisations that offer excellent careers planning and support. See the links below for organisations that can help you discover where your UK qualification could lead.

With many multinational companies headquartered in the UK, for example, GlaxoSmithKline, Vodafone, Unilever, BP, Shell, Tesco and Aviva, our universities and institutions maintain strong links with these and many other industries.

Our teaching methodology incorporates industry-led learning approaches and students benefit from practical work and courses that understand current practices and demands. With many UK courses, this means you can undertake an internship or a work placement while you study.

## Post Study work opportunities

There are lots of options available to international students who want to stay and work in the UK after their studies.

If you're considering staying in the UK after your studies, you may need to apply for a separate visa to your student visa. You can check whether you need a visa at [UK Visas & Immigration](#).

## Working part time while you study:

If you are over 16 and have the right visa, it is easy to find a part-time job while you are studying in the UK.

Typically, you will be able to work for up to 20 hours during term time. Check your visa and residence permit paperwork for details on what part-time work you can do. Check with your university, in case there are any part-time work restrictions relating to your course.

## The Graduate Route

From summer 2021, international students who have successfully completed an undergraduate or master's degree will be able to benefit from two years' work experience in the UK upon graduation, through the new Graduate Route. Students who complete their PhD will be able to stay for three years.

Read more on this and other visa related information [here](#).

# GRADUATE ROUTE AND STUDENT ROUTE

You may have a lot of questions about the benefits and eligibility for the Graduate Route and Student Route, read to know more.

**Harry Booty, UKVI International Communications Lead, UK Visas and Immigration answers most common questions about Graduate Route and Student Route.**



**Harry Booty**  
UKVI International Communications Lead  
Home Office, UK Visas and Immigration  
British High Commission

## **What is the Graduate route and who are eligible for it? (and who are not, eg distance learning students, those who arrive after 6 april etc)**

The Graduate Route is the UK's new post-study work visa that will be available for graduates from eligible universities in the UK. It will be two years long (or three years for PHD students) and gives eligible students the right to work, or look for work, whilst in the UK. The university you study at has to be registered with the Home Office with a track record of compliance (you can check this on Gov.UK) and you have to be studying at undergraduate level or above. You won't be able to apply for this visa from anywhere outside the UK, and dependants (e.g. spouses or children) can only apply for the Graduate Route if they are inside the UK with a valid Student Dependant visa also. Furthermore, you can only avail the Graduate Route once per individual – it won't be possible to repeatedly switch from student visas to the Graduate Route, for example. The Covid concession allows for students who have commenced a course of study via distance learning, due to Covid-19, to be able to access the Graduate route provided they enter the UK prior to 06 April 2021 and complete their course within the UK. Further information on the type of course which will confer eligibility for the route will be published in due course.

## **From when does it come into effect and what about students affected by Covid 19 restrictions?**

It will be introduced in Summer 2021, and anyone who has a valid student visa (either the old Tier 4 visa or new Student Route visa) will be able to apply, if they are in the UK with a valid visa at the time of introduction and successfully complete an eligible degree course at undergraduate level or above. We do not currently have an exact date for implementation but students who started their course in Autumn 2020 – as well as other students for example undergraduate students who started their courses in 2018 or 2019 – may be able to benefit.

Relating to Covid-19, the UK Government has confirmed that students can study online for the duration of the 2020-21 academic year. As part of that, students will still be eligible for the Graduate Route as long as they are in the UK by 6 April 2021 and then complete their course inside the country.



### What benefits do I get from the graduate route?

The new Graduate Route represents a fantastic improvement for international students, who will now get more time to work, or look for work, after their studies in the UK. You do not need to be sponsored (e.g. you do not need a job offer) and can work at any skill level for any salary. This gives you more flexibility to begin your career in the UK, start earning money and explore different avenues for employment in the UK, rather than being tied to a single employer.

An important thing to note however is that it is a one-time two year (or three year for PHD) visa only, and it doesn't count towards settlement. To stay in the UK longer, or count time towards applying to permanently settle in the UK, you will be able to consider other routes – such as the Skilled Worker, Start Up, Innovator or other visa routes.

### What is the student route and how does it affect students from south Asian countries

The new Student Route opened on 5 October 2020 and replaced the old Tier 4 student route. All students applying for courses within the UK, who are aged 16 or over will apply for the new Student Route. This has similarities with the old route, for example around language and finance. However, it becomes simpler in several notable ways. Most importantly, students will be able to apply up to six months before their course starts if they are applying from outside the UK – meaning they can sort their visa in good time before they need to travel. Furthermore, it will be easier for students to extend their Student Route visa inside the UK, if they wish to continue their studies (e.g. opting to do a masters after completing an undergraduate course).

### What are some tips to ensure I get my visa approved? (plug in genuine student lines?)

Our main advice is to apply as early as possible. It takes about three weeks to get a response on your visa application (though it may be possible to pay for Priority or Super Priority visa service to get a response quicker, depending on where you are).

Our second main point of advice is to check your visa application and supporting documents thoroughly before submitting. Sometimes people get rejected for not meeting our basic requirements – for example not having money for 28 days before applying or not supplying evidence of English language proficiency. Visiting GOV.UK or speaking to your university about the information needed and ensuring to meet this is a simple way to maximise your chances of success.

Finally, we'd say, don't worry too much! The vast majority of applicants are successful, and genuine students have nothing to worry about from our visa process. It may be that we ask for further information or even an interview – however, if you are able to come along, talk to us fluently in English and explain your plans and intentions for studying in UK, you shouldn't be troubled by the experience.

### Where can I apply for my visa and find out more? (links)

For more information on Student visas, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa>

For more information on the Graduate Route, please visit: <https://homeofficemedia.blog.gov.uk/2019/10/14/fact-sheet-graduate-immigration-route/>

For more information on the UK Government's actions to support visa applicants during the Pandemic, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-for-uk-visa-applicants-and-temporary-uk-residents>

For more information on your closest Visa Application Centre, please visit: <https://www.vfsglobal.co.uk/>

### Do I need to get an IELTS test for my UK student visa?

All students must be able to speak English to a high standard to be granted a Student visa. In official language, this is to B2 standard under the Common European Framework of Reference to study at degree level or above or B1 level to study below degree level, or CEFR. In practice, this means high proficiency or near-fluency.

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# ALUMNI STORIES

## INDIA

### Madhurya Manjunath Mamulpet



**Madhurya Manjunath Mamulpet** received the British Council 70th Anniversary Scholarship to study MSc in Data Science and Computational Intelligence at Coventry University in 2018.

She was handpicked to work on a project with Aston Martin and graduated with a job as Data Scientist in the health service sector in UK. It all started in the final year of her bachelor's degree where she aspired to pursue a career in the field of artificial intelligence. When she first arrived in the UK, there was a drastic change in her environment and surroundings. However, universities and student organisations make it easier by organising a lot of welcome events and get-togethers which provides a splendid opportunity to socialise and make new friends.

She was well-aware of the economic requirements that one needed to pursue a master's degree in the UK which led her to learn about the British Council's Scholarship programme for women in STEM. This journey has been great from the very first day. It was hard to believe that all this was happening until she sat at her first lecture in the university this is when she realised how grateful she was to the British council.

### Sivaranjani



**Sivaranjani**, Sivaranjani, 26, describes her experience of living and studying in the UK as 'eye opening'. Graduated in computer science from the National Institute of Technology, soaked up every opportunity to learn and experience a diverse and multicultural

life in King's College, London. But what struck her the most was the sense of social consciousness that she observed everywhere in the UK. In addition to her core classes, Sivaranjani also embraced the King's College cultural experience, joining a ten-week long module on theatre, dance, music, and museums, learning to do critical analysis of art. She even joined a class to learn Spanish and took on new hobbies like playing dungeons and dragons.

Despite her hectic schedule, Sivaranjani joined the 'women who code' network – a global network, having city chapters across the world, including India. Sivaranjani now works as a software engineer, at a tech consultancy firm called Thought Works, in London. Says she "there is an extraordinary emphasis on work-life balance. I constantly get feedback from peers and superiors. So, you look at this as something you can learn from and it reduces competitiveness. Women in STEM often experience the 'imposter syndrome', a feeling that you don't deserve to be here. But the feedback helps to dispel this."

*Madhurya Manjunath Mamulpet and Sivaranjani testimonials are part of the British Council's 'Tracer Research Study' done in 2020.*

## SRI LANKA

### Adilah Ismail



**Adilah Ismail** is a freelance writer and communications consultant based in Colombo.

She writes about food, arts and culture, books, Colombo and Sri Lanka. She is a contributor to the

Sunday Times, Sri Lanka and her writing has appeared in Scroll.in, Vogue India, Architectural Digest India, Echelon and Gourmet Circle Magazine.

She holds a BA (Hons) in English literature from Lady Shri College for Women, University of Delhi and an MA (Hons) in Critical Media and Cultural Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. She also has a Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations from the Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies and a Professional Certificate in Marketing (CIM UK).

She was a 2017/2018 Chevening scholar from Sri Lanka to the UK and was also awarded an Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) scholarship in 2010 to pursue her undergraduate studies.

In 2015, she was awarded a Merit Award as Upali Wijewardene Feature Writer of the Year (English) at the Sri Lanka Journalism Awards for Excellence.

## PAKISTAN

### Sarah Qureshi



**Dr. Sarah Qureshi** is working on contrail-free aero engines as the CEO & founding director of Aero Engine Craft (Pvt) Ltd. She is also a visiting fellow at the School

of Aerospace at Cranfield University. Sarah has a PhD degree in Aerospace Engineering from Cranfield University, UK, her area of specialization is Propulsion whereby she worked on the development of a contrail-free aero-engine that has been derived from a novel patented technology.

Dr. Sarah completed her master's degree in Aerospace Dynamics from Cranfield University, UK. Her research involved the design of a trajectory following controller inclusive of stability augmentation, attitude control system & outer loop autopilot for unmanned aircraft (UAVs) flying in close formation for the purpose of air to air refuelling.

Dr Sarah gained extensive experience of working in the local automotive & engineering industry. Her prime technical interests are focused upon engine technology & aircraft design. Sarah holds a Private Pilot License (PPL) with 70 hours of Flying Experience. She has also learned acrobatic flying & several flight manoeuvres while at Cranfield.



I met Banari while I was doing my Master's in Development Economics at UEA. It turned out that we were from neighbouring villages in Balochistan and that our families knew each other. It was the beginning of a life-long friendship; we never lost touch after that.

Fast forward to the dramatic outbreak of COVID-19, which shocked the entire world to its core. Pakistan was no exception with the epicentre of the crisis being Balochistan.

Banari and I got to discussing how we could help those less fortunate and in need and took it upon ourselves, without realising how big it could get.

What started as messages between us quickly became a reality. People who knew us or heard what we were doing started supporting us. In less than two weeks we raised almost £5,000 and our 20 volunteers have already served more than 200 households with monthly ration bags. These bags provide a family of four with a month's supply of food. We aim to support 5,000 families.

Many areas in our native Balochistan are some of the most inaccessible areas of Pakistan due to challenging

terrain and the insufficient infrastructure. But the fact that we two and all our friends and volunteers are natives of this land means that we've managed to reach these areas.

Along with organising ration drives, we aim to provide more than 500 healthcare workers with protective gear and face shields.

Keeping everyone involved safe is important and our team and volunteers follow strict protocols. Wearing gloves and masks is mandatory and we do not hand over ration bags to anyone but keep them at a distance for them to pick it up.

The COVID-19 pandemic is a truly global crisis, but volunteers can make a huge difference to local communities. The poorest in society are often those who are hit hardest by self-isolating, and I would encourage all those who can to reach out to their neighbours and local citizens. The pandemic may be an awful event, but it can also be a fantastic showcase of the very best of humanity and togetherness.

The UEA community is a family. We can all inspire each other with how we are responding to this crisis.

# UNIVERSITY PROFILES





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The University is located on a beautiful 272 acre campus with excellent transport links, including our very own

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The university has specialised schools to conduct cutting-edge research, and a Centre for Entrepreneurship, which allows students and staff to nurture their ideas and take part in various competitions or fellowship programmes.

Located in eastern Scotland, the city of Dundee offers a vibrant, multicultural life to international students. Graduate employment records of the university are consistently high, and 96.4 per cent of its students go into employment or further study within six months of graduation (Destination of Leavers from Higher Education UK, 2016/17).

## Teaching Quality

The university was awarded a gold ranking in the 2017 Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) and 76 per cent of Dundee's research was rated as 'world leading' or 'internationally renowned' in the most recent Research Excellence Framework (2014).

Students can access world-class facilities to add to the excellent teaching on offer. Facilities include a state-of-the-art library, extensive IT facilities and campus Wi-Fi.

Students can take advantage of relatively small class sizes with tutors who are available to answer any questions that they may have. As a result, students will have the perfect opportunity to get the most out of their tuition which will be tailored to what they need.

## Department Structure

The University of Dundee is split into ten schools, each one with a focus on a different set of academic disciplines. All schools have associated research centres or units. The schools are:

- **Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art & Design:** offers courses in ten different art and design disciplines including animation, fine art and textile design.
- **School of Business:** this school teaches courses in a range of subject areas including accounting, business and economics.
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- **School of Education and Social Work:** this school has two research centres: the Centre for Peer Learning and The Centre for Transformative Change: Educational and Life Transitions (TCELT)
- **School of Humanities:** subjects taught within the School include English, history and philosophy
- **School of Life Sciences:** one of the world leaders in biomedical and health sciences
- **School of Medicine:** students have access to a range of facilities includes a Clinical Research Imaging Facility (CRIF)
- **School of Nursing and Health Sciences:** providing courses in adult, child and mental health nursing.
- **School of Science and Engineering:** courses in anatomy and human identification, computing, engineering, mathematics and physics.
- **School of Social Sciences:** offering a range of subjects including architecture, law and politics

## Entry Requirements

Students can find entry requirements for all courses on the relevant course pages.

All courses at the University of Dundee are taught in English, so international students will need to meet English language requirements for their chosen course. If a student's first language is not English, they will have to provide IELTS results, with a minimum score usually of 6.5 or equivalent.

## Graduate Outcomes

In the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey, published in June 2017, 96.4 per cent of graduates from the university were either in professional employment or further study within six months of graduation.

Several courses include chances to participate in volunteer work, networking or placements. There are regular careers lectures and seminars that provide students with an insight into their career of choice.

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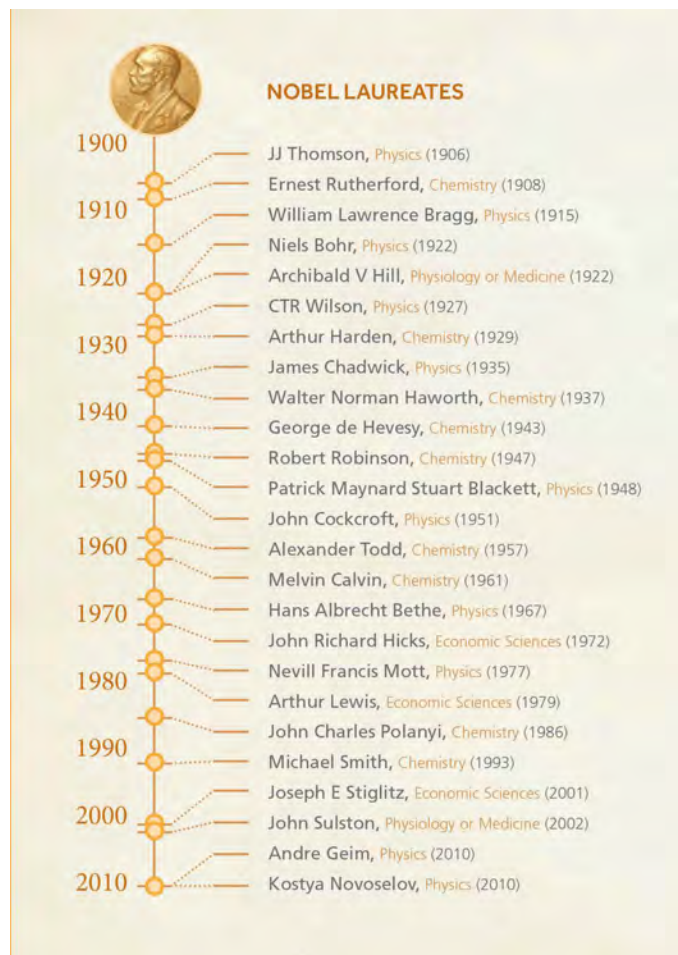
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Aapurv Jain studied MA Gender and Sexuality at SOAS in 2016 and now works in Uganda focusing on youth-led development. Aapurv was also awarded the Felix Scholarship, which funds Masters degrees at SOAS. In 2021 we will also be offering 15 International Postgraduate Scholarships worth £3,000 for Indian students. Click [here](#) for more information on scholarships.

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Founded in 1583, the University of Edinburgh is one of six ancient universities in the UK and an international centre of excellence in research, teaching and innovation. Set in the heart of Scotland's historic capital city and a member of the Russell Group - the University is consistently ranked as one of the world's top universities, rated 20 in the world by the QS World University Rankings 2021.

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Newcastle University is a world-class university dating back to 1834, with an international reputation for academic excellence. Newcastle University is a member of the elite Russell Group, a group of 24 highly research-intensive institutions in the UK. Newcastle's high-quality teaching, strong research profile, and first-class student support make it one of the most popular universities in the UK.

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With just a little over 5000 students on campus each year, making our student-teacher ratio equal to 18:1, we ensure that every student is different and enjoys individual attention and support from the faculty.

Our campus is in the London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames - a safe and green area of the Capital - but travelling into Central London only takes half an hour via tube!

Set in the greenest London borough, St Mary's combines the London study experience with the full campus experience - accommodation, facilities, classes are all within our beautiful campus in one of London's safest and most exclusive neighbourhoods. (Met Police Data 2019)

Along with a tie-up with the Chelsea Football Club, we provide state-of-the-art sports facilities to our students and house Sir Mo Farah's Athletic Track, named after Sir Mo Farah - the World's most successful distance runner, who is also our alumni.

24 sports clubs at St Mary's compete across a range of competitions, including in the British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) leagues events and London University Sports Leagues (LUSL).

Alongside our popular sports clubs, our Students' Union supports a wide range of societies, including cultural, religious, artistic and career-focused options.

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# SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

In this section you will find information on scholarships by 15 featured universities. To know about other UK universities and colleges and their scholarships please visit their websites [here](#).

University of East Anglia				
Scholarship	Amount	Level	Intake	Deadline
UEA India/ South Asia	£4,000-5,000	PGT	February Intake	February 2021
<a href="#">GREAT Scholarships 2021</a>	£10,000	PGT	September 2021 intake	31 May 2021
University of Birmingham				
Scholarship	Amount	Level	Intake	Deadline
Dubai Scholarships	Up to 50% off tuition fee	Foundation, UG and PG	2021	31 July 2021
MBA Scholarships	Unspecified	PGT	2021	Details: mbaadmissions@contacts.bham.ac.uk
Engineering and Physical Science Scholarships	Up to £3,000 per annum off tuition fee	UG	2021	Automatic scholarship based on merit, no application required
School of Law Bachelor Scholarships	Up to £3,000 per annum off tuition fee	UG	2021	
College of Arts and Law Masters Scholarships	Variable	PGT	2021	
Business School Masters Scholarships	Contact school for award value	PGT	2021	3 May 2021
University of Bristol				
Scholarship	Amount	Level	Intake	Deadline
Think Big Undergraduate Scholarship	£5,000 per annum	UG	September 2021	29 March 2021
	£10,000 per annum			
Think Big Postgraduate Scholarship	£5,000	PG	September 2021	Round 1 – 29 March 2021 Round 2 – 14 June 2021
	£10,000			
	£20,000			

### University of Chester

Scholarship	Amount	Level	Intake	Deadline
International Scholarship	£1,000 - £2,000 per annum	Bachelor's and Master's	All	NA, automatically considered for scholarship at time of application
International Merit Scholarship	£1,000 per annum	Bachelor's and Master's	All	NA, automatically considered for scholarship at time of application

### University of Cumbria

Scholarship	Amount	Level	Intake	Deadline
Early Payment Discount	£1,000 per annum	All UG and PGT full-time courses	September, January, April/ May	Fees must be paid in full on or before registration

### University of Dundee

Scholarship	Amount	Level	Intake	Deadline
Global Excellence Undergraduate Scholarship	Up to £25,000			
The Jainti Dass Saggarr Memorial Scholarship for Excellence	£10,000	Under-graduate		
Global Excellence Postgraduate Taught Scholarship	£5000	Post-graduate		

### University of Edinburgh

Scholarship	Amount	Level	Intake	Deadline
GREAT	£10,000	PGT	2021	26 April 2021

### Goldsmiths University of London

Scholarship	Amount	Level	Intake	Deadline
Goldsmiths International Scholarships	£2,000, £4,000 or £5,000. (35 available)	Undergraduate, Postgraduate-taught, Foundation and Graduate Diploma	September 2021	1st Round: 31 March 2nd Round: 17 May
Goldsmiths India GREAT Scholarships 2021	£10,000 (1 available)	Postgraduate-Taught	September 2021	14 March 2021

## Newcastle University

Scholarship	Amount	Level	Intake	Deadline
Vice-Chancellor's International Scholarship*	Partial	UG and PG	September 2021	No Deadline
Vice-Chancellor's Excellence Scholarship*	50% or 100% of tuition fees	UG and PG	September 2021	28 March 2021 & 27 May 2021
Newcastle University - GREAT Scholarship*	£10,000	PG	September 2021	29 April 2021
Vice-Chancellor's Global Scholarship**	£4,000	UG and PG	September 2021	28 January 2021 & 29 April 2021

\* Scholarship available in India

\*\* Scholarship available in Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka

## University of Plymouth - International Scholarships

Scholarship	Amount	Level	Intake	Deadline
International Student Scholarship	£2000 off the tuition fee* (achievement scholarship)	UG and PGT	September	NA
International academic Excellence Scholarship	50% off the tuition fees* (achievement scholarship)	UG and PGT	September	30 June 2021
Alumni Discount	£2000 off the tuition fee	PGT	September	NA
School of Psychology – International Gold Scholarship	£4000 off the tuition fee	UG	September	NA
School of Psychology – International Platinum Scholarship	£4000 off the tuition fee	PGT	September	NA
Faculty of Science and Engineering Partner Scholarship	Please enquire with the Faculty to see if you are eligible	All levels	September	NA

\*Students may also be eligible for our continual academic. To recognise continued academic achievement, you may also receive:

- 10% off the successive years tuition fee if an overall grade of 60% or above is maintained
- 20% off the successive year's tuition fee if an overall grade of 70% or above is maintained.

### University of Kent

Scholarship	Amount	Level	Intake	Deadline
British Council GREAT Scholarship	£10,000	PG	September 2021	31 May 2021
Kent Scholarship for Academic Excellence	£2,000	UG	September 2021	Available to entrants to undergraduate programmes starting in September 2021 who meet the required criteria
Chevening	Full Scholarship	PG	September 2021	
Kent Sports Scholarship	Up to £2,000	UG and PG	September 2021	
Music Performance Scholarship	Up to £2,000	UG and PG	September 2021	

### SOAS University of London

Scholarship	Amount	Level	Intake	Deadline
International Postgraduate Scholarship (India)	£3,000 (15 awards available)	Postgraduate Taught Masters	September 2021	31 May 2021
International Postgraduate Scholarship (Pakistan)	£3,000 (12 awards available)	Postgraduate Taught Masters	September 2021	31 May 2021

### St Mary's University, Twickenham, London

Scholarship	Amount	Level	Intake	Deadline
International Student Scholarships	£3,000	Undergraduate Level	January and September 2021	N/A
Sports Scholarship	£4,000	Undergraduate and Postgraduate	September 2021	
Sports Challenge Scholarship	Up to £3000	Undergraduate and Postgraduate	January and September 2021	13 December 2020

### Swansea University

Scholarship	Amount	Level	Intake	Deadline
International Excellence Scholarship	Up to £6,000	Undergraduate	January and September 2021	18 December 2020 and August 2021
International Excellence Scholarship	£4,000	Postgraduate	January and September 2021	21 December 2020
MBA	£5,000	Postgraduate	January 2021	21 December 2020
MBA Full Scholarship	£20,000	Postgraduate	January 2021	29 November 2020
Developing Futures Scholarship	£3,000	Undergraduate and Postgraduate	January 2021	21 December 2020

## The University of Manchester

Scholarship	Amount	Level	Intake	Deadline
The University of Manchester India Scholarship – Alliance Manchester Business School	£7500	Master's	September 2021	30 April 2021
The University of Manchester India Scholarship – School of Social Sciences	£5,000	Master's	September 2021	30 April 2021
The University of Manchester India Scholarship – School of Health Sciences	£5,000	Master's	September 2021	30 April 2021
The University of Manchester India Scholarship – School of Biological Sciences	£5,000	Master's	September 2021	30 April 2021
The University of Manchester India Scholarship – School of Engineering	£7,500-£10,000	Master's	September 2021	30 April 2021
The University of Manchester India Scholarship – School of Natural Sciences	£7,500-£10,000	Master's	September 2021	30 April 2021
The University of Manchester British Council Great Scholarship for India- School of Social Sciences	£14,625	Master's	September 2021	30 April 2021
Manchester Science and Engineering International Excellence Awards	£3,000	Undergraduate	September 2021	NA
Chemical Engineering and Analytical Science - The Morton Award for International Excellence	£3,000	Undergraduate	September 2021	NA

We are also offering GREAT scholarships (All with a value of £10,000) for South Asia.

- The University of Manchester British Council Great Scholarship for India- Global Development Institute, Geography, Planning and Environmental Management, Institute of Education, Natural Sciences
- The University of Manchester British Council Great Scholarship for Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal - Global Development Institute

# USEFUL WEBSITES

## British Council

The British Council is the United Kingdom's leading cultural relation organisation. Visit our website to know more about us.

India

Nepal

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## Studying in the UK

An online guide for students interested in studying in UK featuring articles on UK courses, qualifications, scholarships, and visas, as well as information on student life in the UK.

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## Visa Application Centre (VAC) information

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## Scholarships

A comprehensive information source for scholarships and fellowships available for study in the UK.

Find out more, click [here](#).

## Further Education

[www.aoc.co.uk](http://www.aoc.co.uk)

[www.findfe.com](http://www.findfe.com)

## UK Council for International Student Affairs

Provide information, advice and support to international students.

Find out more, click [here](#).

## Research Assessment Exercise (RAE)

A list of comparative research ratings by discipline of research by UK Institutions Teaching Quality Assessment.

Find out more, click [here](#).

## Review, Comparisons by Subject

Access to up-to-date information about the quality of higher education in UK institutions Ranking by.

Find out more, click [here](#).

## Universities and college Admissions Services (UCAS)

Information about UCAS and the application process for undergraduate and HND courses.

Find out more, click [here](#).

## Postgraduate studies

Access to over 20,000 courses in the UK at postgraduate and research level Independent Schools in the UK.

[www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)

[www.postgrad.com/](http://www.postgrad.com/)

[www.ucas.com/ucas/postgraduate](http://www.ucas.com/ucas/postgraduate)

## International Centre for distance Learning (ICDL)

Provides access to the database of UK courses and programmes taught by distance learning.

[www.open.ac.uk/courses](http://www.open.ac.uk/courses)

[www.hobsons.com](http://www.hobsons.com)

## Hot courses

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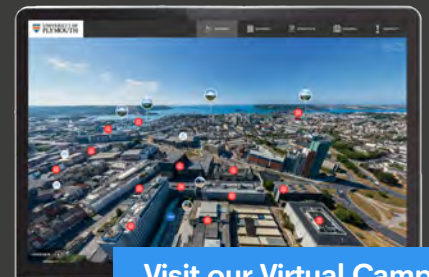
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- Top UK University for Marine and Ocean Engineering (ShanghaiRanking Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2019).
- A three-time winner of the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education, most recently in 2019 for marine microplastics pollution research.
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