

# HOW TO FINANCE A MASTER'S/PHD ← AT CARDIFF → UNIVERSITY

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## Disclaimer

This booklet is a curation of some of the existing information on the student intranet and relevant external websites. It does not aim to offer expert advice on any of the following processes of funding and should be used purely as a signposting guide.

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# USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

For expert information on all student funding or advice queries, please contact:


## **Student Funding and Advice Team**

 [StudentFundingandAdvice@Cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:StudentFundingandAdvice@Cardiff.ac.uk)

 +44 (0)29 2251 8888  
Press option 4 when calling.

## **For student finance queries:**


 [AdviceandMoney@Cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:AdviceandMoney@Cardiff.ac.uk)

 +44 (0)29 2251 8888  
Press option 5 when calling.

For help with scholarships, bursaries or personal budgeting, please contact:

## **Bursaries, Scholarships and Money Team**


 [BursariesandScholarships@Cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:BursariesandScholarships@Cardiff.ac.uk)

 +44 (0)29 2251 8888  
Press option 5 when calling.

For detailed help with US federal loans, please contact:


## **US Federal Loans**


 [USFederalLoans@Cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:USFederalLoans@Cardiff.ac.uk)

 +44 (0)29 2087 4432

For expert information on International student funding or advice queries, please contact:

## **International Office**

 [International@Cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:International@Cardiff.ac.uk)

 +44 (0)29 2087 4432

 [cardiff.ac.uk/study/international/contact-us](http://cardiff.ac.uk/study/international/contact-us)



# FUNDING FOR TAUGHT POSTGRADUATE STUDY

There are many ways to fund your postgraduate studies, depending on the type of postgraduate course or programme you will be pursuing.

## Scholarships

### Master's Excellence Scholarships

This scholarship is open to students with a home fee status who intend on studying one of our Taught Master's Degrees. It is worth £3000 and it's usually awarded in the form of a tuition fee discount. Therefore, you need to submit an application to study at Cardiff University and be made an offer before your fee status can be confirmed. Your fee status is determined in accordance with the Fees Regulations. Please consult the UKCISA website regarding fee status in Wales.

Only complete full-time and part-time postgraduate taught programmes that lead to a Master's degree are eligible. The programmes eligible are: a full-time programme leading to a taught Master's degree, a part-time programme leading to a taught Master's degree, MRes Biosciences, and MRes Stem Cell Neurobiology.

If you are thinking of studying part-time, you will receive 50% of this scholarship in your first year and 50% in your second year. If you are thinking of studying a full-time programme which lasts longer than one year you will not receive funding for additional years from this scholarship scheme or its successor.

### Bar Training Course Scholarship

Our 2021 Cardiff University Bar Training Course Scholarship is available to any

student who has been awarded a first-class degree.

### Jameel Scholarships

The Islam-UK Centre based in the School of History, Archaeology and Religion is pleased to invite applications for the Jameel Scholarship scheme.

### Funded Compound Semiconductor Physics (MSc)

Cardiff University School of Physics and Astronomy are pleased to invite applications for the Rockley Photonics Scholarship for a funded MSc in compound semiconductor physics.

## Loans and grants

UK Government master's funding  
If you are starting your master's degree in September 2021 or later, you may be eligible to apply for the UK Government postgraduate funding to support your study at Cardiff University.

## Bursaries

### Alumni Discount Scheme

The alumni discount is available for all master's programmes in Cardiff Business School, as well as conversion courses in subjects including journalism, geography and planning, and creative writing, and master's programmes in clinical optometry, neuroimaging, education, global cultures, history, philosophy and translation.

### Bursaries for Welsh master's students

If you're a Welsh student starting a Master's, you may be eligible for a Welsh Government bursary.



# FUNDING FOR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

There are many ways of funding postgraduate research programmes, from scholarships and studentships, to postgraduate loans and Research Council funding.

## **Scholarships and studentships**

### **PhD studentships and projects**

See the range of PhD studentships and projects that are currently available.

### **Jameel Scholarships**

The Islam-UK Centre based in the School of History, Archaeology and Religion is pleased to invite applications for the Jameel Scholarship scheme.

## **Loans and grants**

### **Doctoral Training Initiatives**

Cardiff University funding for doctoral education from a wide range of sources.

### **UK Government doctoral loans**

If you're a prospective UK/EU research student, you may be able to apply for a UK Government doctoral loan.

### **Research Councils**

The UK's seven Research Councils provide government funding for postgraduate study for UK and EU students to research organisations.





# FUNDING FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

## **Vice-Chancellor's International Scholarship**

The University offers over £2M in funding to undergraduate and postgraduate international students through our range of scholarship schemes.

## **Vice-Chancellor's EU Scholarship**

There are offer awards of £5,000 to EU, EEA and Swiss students through this new scholarship scheme.

## **Vice-Chancellor's China Scholarship Scheme**

Awards of £2,000 - £5,000 are available to all Chinese students at undergraduate and postgraduate level.

## **Vice-Chancellor's International Scholarship for Research Excellence**

A full tuition fee funding and an annual stipend to support self-funding full-time PhD international students for up to three years.

## **Cardiff India scholarships**

In recognition of the outstanding talent of our Indian students, a range of highly prestigious postgraduate scholarships are available.

## **Alumni Discount Pilot Scheme**

An alumni discount scheme for all master's programmes offered by Cardiff Business School and conversion courses in subjects including journalism, geography and planning, and creative writing.

## **Cardiff University Marshall Scholarship**

Marshall Scholarships finance US nationals of high ability to study postgraduate programmes at UK universities.

## **Chevening and Global Wales Scholarships**

Cardiff University is a popular destination for Chevening Scholars and do boast of a vibrant chevening network of students.

## **Commonwealth Master's Scholarship Programme**

Scholarships are available for students from developing Commonwealth countries who would not otherwise be able to study in the UK.

## **CONACYT Scholarship**

CONACYT (Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología) offers scholarships to Mexican students enrolling on postgraduate courses.



### **Fulbright-Cardiff University scholarship**

If you are an US citizen, you can apply for this annual scholarship.

### **Law Transfer Scholarship**

The Cardiff University Law Transfer Scholarship is available to eligible students transferring into either year two or year three of our LLB programmes.

### **PhD Research Scholarships**

If you are looking to take up a Doctoral programme, funding is available from both the University and external organisations.

### **The Beacon Scholarship**

This lucrative scheme is open to applicants to all undergraduate courses (excluding medicine) from Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

### **Visiting scholars funding schemes**

Cardiff University offers two visiting scholar funding schemes - Fulbright and the China Scholarship Council.

### **Global Wales Postgraduate Scholarship**

This prestigious new scholarship programme, offered in collaboration with Study in Wales, is open to postgraduate students from the USA, India, Vietnam and the European Union.

### **Psychology Transfer Scholarship for HELP University (Malaysia)**

The Cardiff University Psychology Transfer Scholarship for HELP University is available for students transferring from HELP University into Year Two of our BSc Psychology programme.





# OTHER MEANS OF FUNDING

## The Alternative Guide

Find details on how to find and apply for alternative sources of funding - especially charities - which have awards available to current and prospective postgraduate students.

## JobShop

Jobshop is the student employment service owned and run by Cardiff University Students' Union and Cardiff University.

## CU Target Connect

A detailed resource with range of part-time jobs, work events, global opportunities and temporary placements, run and managed by Cardiff University careers and employability team and open

to all Cardiff University student

Other Job search websites that provide part time job opportunities across different subject areas are:

-  [www.gumtree.com](http://www.gumtree.com)
-  [www.studentjob.co.uk](http://www.studentjob.co.uk)
-  [www.jobsite.co.uk](http://www.jobsite.co.uk)
-  [www.totaljobs.com](http://www.totaljobs.com)
-  [www.glassdoor.co.uk](http://www.glassdoor.co.uk)
-  [www.simplyhired.co.uk](http://www.simplyhired.co.uk)
-  [uk.indeed.com](http://uk.indeed.com)
-  [uk.linkedin.com/jobs](http://uk.linkedin.com/jobs)
-  [www.reed.co.uk](http://www.reed.co.uk)

# OPEN SOURCE WEBSITES

## FindAPhD

-  [www.findaphd.com](http://www.findaphd.com)


FindAPhd offers detailed guides to all the different types of postgraduate funding that could be available for your PhD

## Jobs.ac.uk

-  [www.jobs.ac.uk/](http://www.jobs.ac.uk/)

Jobs.ac.uk provides a range of job, Master's and PhD opportunities and funding in different subject areas across the world.

## Prospects

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

Prospects provides students with graduate job opportunities, postgraduate study opportunities, internship opportunities and advice about work experience.

## FindAMasters

-  [www.findamasters.com/](http://www.findamasters.com/)

FindAMasters provides funding options for prospective postgraduate students, including online and distance learning courses.