

# Sanctuary Scholarship Application: Guidance Notes

## Introduction

These guidance notes are to help you complete the application form for the University of Hull's Sanctuary Scholarship.

Please read the guidance notes fully before completing the application form and before contacting the University with any further questions about the application form, as you may find your answer in these notes.

Before making an application for the Sanctuary Scholarship please ensure that you fully understand and meet the eligibility criteria for the scholarship. Eligibility criteria can be found at [www.hull.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-taught/fees-and-funding/scholarships-and-awards/sanctuary-scholarship](http://www.hull.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-taught/fees-and-funding/scholarships-and-awards/sanctuary-scholarship).

Applicants will be required to submit a supporting reference and evidence of their immigration status. Applicants will only be able to be considered for this opportunity once they have met all conditions stipulated in their offer document, including evidencing any language requirements in the required format. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend an interview at the University of Hull. This interview forms part of the selection process.

If you have any questions regarding the Sanctuary Scholarship, please contact us through one of the recommended communication channels available on our website (Enquiry Form, Web Chat or WhatsApp).

## Completing the Application Form

There are seven sections to complete in the application form. Please complete each section, as incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please note that the information you provide in the form will be held and processed in accordance with our Data Protection Policy, accessible here: <https://www.hull.ac.uk/choose-hull/university-and-region/key-documents/data-protection.aspx>

The application form has been designed to assess your eligibility and suitability for the Sanctuary Scholarship, however you are not required to provide personal information about your reasons for coming to the UK/seeking asylum.

## Section 1: Personal Details

Please complete this section carefully and accurately, we need this information to be able to contact you about your application and link your scholarship application to your application to the University for a place to study.



## Section 2: Educational Details

Please give details of any previous Higher Education study, either in the UK or abroad, including the name of the institution and course you studied, the dates you started and finished the course, and whether you completed and were awarded any qualification.

## Section 3: Eligibility for the Sanctuary Scholarship

This section is about your immigration status and whether you meet the eligibility criteria for the scholarship. The information we ask for in this section will only be used to determine whether you are eligible for the scholarship. We do not need you to provide details on the circumstances that led you to the UK.

You will need to evidence your current immigration status with documentation such as a Biometric Residence Permit, Home Office letters, or a solicitor's letter. If you are unsure about your current immigration status please speak to your solicitor, or to your family member if you are listed as a dependent on a family member's immigration application.

## Section 4: Support

This section asks for information about your living arrangements, whether you require support with evidencing language requirements to meet conditions of your offer to study, and any additional support you may need with regards to your personal circumstances. This may include support needs around a disability or mental health.

Information about your living arrangements and circumstances will help us assess whether the scholarship we offer meets your needs.

## Section 5: Personal Statement for the Sanctuary Scholarship

This section assesses your suitability for the Sanctuary Scholarship and is divided into four questions. Please provide a detailed response to each question and ensure that in your answers you have included:

- Your reason for wanting to study your chosen course, including your future ambitions and aspirations, and how your course will help you achieve these.
- A description of any community involvement or volunteering you have undertaken in the UK.
- The barriers you have faced in continuing your education and how you have tried to overcome these.
- Details of your financial circumstances and any previous applications you have made for funding.

The selection panel will only be able to take into account information that you have provided in your application form.

## Section 6: Referee Details

The reference letter is an important part of the selection process. It is your responsibility to contact your referee and ask them to write a reference letter for you.



The reference should cover the following (you may wish to share this guidance with your referee):

- What are the applicant's personal and financial circumstances and what barriers have they overcome to continue their education?
- How well suited is the applicant to the higher education course they plan to undertake, and how realistic are the applicant's ambitions?
- What contribution, to your knowledge, has the applicant made to their community, or to school/college life (if applicable)?
- Is there any other information that you believe is relevant to this application?
- How do you think the applicant would benefit from the support offered by the Sanctuary Scholarship?

Applications will only be considered if they are accompanied by a reference that is signed, dated, and on letterheaded paper.

## Section 7: Declaration

Please read the statements and tick the boxes to confirm you have read and understand them.

## Application Outcome

Please note that this is a competitive process and not all applications will be successful.

After the closing date you will be contacted by the University to advise you of the outcome or progress of your application. At this stage you will either learn that your application has been unsuccessful or be invited to an interview at the University of Hull. Not all applicants who are interviewed will be successful.