

University of Hull Sanctuary Scholarship Policy 2025/26

First year entrants in 2025/26

Background principles

The *University of Hull Sanctuary Scholarship* aims to provide financial support to up to three entrants seeking sanctuary in the UK.

This policy document aims to clarify the eligibility criteria and conditions of the Sanctuary Scholarship award available to new entrants at the University of Hull (the University) in the 2025/26 academic year.

For versions of this document applying to previous years of entry please contact hefunding@hull.ac.uk.

1. Eligibility for an Award

To receive a *University of Hull Sanctuary Scholarship* applicants must:

- Apply for a place to study at the University, commencing in September 2025
- Live within commuting distance* at the point of application (anyone who needs to relocate cannot be considered)
- Not require assistance with accommodation costs or living expenses
- Be seeking asylum in the UK, or be the dependent or spouse of someone seeking asylum
OR
- Have been granted Discretionary/Limited Leave to Remain following an application for asylum, or be the dependent or spouse of someone who meets the aforementioned criteria

* We will generally regard those living within 40 miles of the University of Hull campus as living within commuting distance. Applications from those outside of this area will only be considered where the candidate can demonstrate they have a clear and realistic plan for commuting to the University and will be able to engage fully with their course.

The following groups of students are not eligible to be considered for a *University of Hull Sanctuary Scholarship*:

- Applicants who are eligible for UK Government student financial support
- Continuing students at the University of Hull
- Students of the Hull York Medical School
- Students undertaking a Hull Online course

2. Applications

University of Hull Sanctuary Scholarships are awarded through a competitive process, and applicants must apply to the University through the advertised route. Incomplete applications



will not be considered. The University reserves the right to contact applicants and their referees to confirm details or obtain more information.

3. Continuation of Award

The Sanctuary Scholarship is payable to students with the immigration statuses outlined in Section 1. If a Sanctuary Scholarship holder's immigration status changes, causing them to become eligible for UK government student financial support, the student must inform the University immediately. Students are expected to apply for financial support from the UK Government for the rest of their studies, and the tuition fee waiver and study grant elements of the award will normally cease from the start of the next academic year.

The Sanctuary Scholarship is awarded for the ordinary duration of the recipient's studies. Failure to satisfactorily progress on to the next year of study, or withdrawal from the course, ends the award with immediate effect.

It is expected that all students engage with their studies. The study grant element of the Sanctuary Scholarship is made available to support students with costs associated with accessing their studies and attendance on campus. Where students do not engage with their studies the Sanctuary Scholarship may be suspended or withdrawn.

If an awardee suspends their studies they will remain eligible for the remainder of the award upon return to their studies, providing they continue to satisfy eligibility and progression criteria.

4. Appeals

Please note that this is a competitive process and not all eligible applications will be successful. There is no right of appeal and the University's decision is final. You may make a complaint if you believe that you have not been considered for an award because of a procedural error. Complaints may be made via email to hefunding@hull.ac.uk.

Complaints must be raised by the applicant themselves. Complaints received from third parties will not be investigated.

5. Number of awards

Up to three.

6. Payment of Awards

The *University of Hull Sanctuary Scholarship* consists of a full tuition fee waiver, an annual £2,000 study grant, and tailored personal support for the full duration of a programme of study, while the applicant remains eligible.

No tuition fees will be charged to the recipient while they remain eligible for the award. In addition:

- As a general principle no award will be paid prior to registration.
- Students must engage with support where offered by the University. Not engaging with support offered may lead to the suspension of study grant payments.



- The study grant is paid in ten instalments of £200 each throughout the academic year directly into the awardee's UK bank account.
- Bank details must have been supplied to the University so that the study grant can be paid into the awardee's bank account.
- Where a student has outstanding debts to the university any Scholarship payment will be released only when these debts have been paid. Scholarship payments can be used to reduce any debt to the University at the awardee's request.

Personal support will be co-ordinated by staff in Academic Services, who will meet with awardees to discuss their needs and offer appropriate support.

Please note the study grant element of the award may be considered as income received for the purposes of any application to the University of Hull's Hardship Support Fund.

7. Publicity

The University will ensure that the Sanctuary Scholarship scheme outlined above is publicised as widely as possible to potential applicants to the University. This will include the University of Hull website (www.hull.ac.uk) and printed promotional materials. Publicity will normally include full conditions/eligibility criteria relating to the Sanctuary Scholarship, or links to these.

8. Responsibilities

The University's Chief Operating Officer has overall responsibility within the University for the implementation of this policy.

Management of the various elements of the awarded Sanctuary Scholarships, including the payment of any cash, resides with appropriate departments across the University.

9. Monitoring and Review of this Policy

This document refers explicitly to arrangements for Sanctuary Scholarships awarded to those entering the University in 2025/26. The policy will be formally reviewed to meet the needs of 2025/27.