

# MARTINGALE

POSTGRADUATE FOUNDATION

## 2025 MARTINGALE SCHOLARSHIP

### ELIGIBILITY GUIDANCE

You should meet **all** of the below eligibility criteria before proceeding with an application for a 2025 Martingale Scholarship. You can see some more detailed guidance around each of the criteria in the table below.

If you are uncertain about your eligibility, please email us at [recruitment@martingale.foundation](mailto:recruitment@martingale.foundation) as soon as possible before starting your application.

Eligibility Criteria	Explanation
<p>You qualify for Home Fee status at our <a href="#">partner universities</a></p>	<p>Please consult the <a href="#">detailed guidance on fee status published by the UK Council for International Student Affairs</a> to determine your expected fee status <b>before</b> you begin your Martingale application. You may additionally wish to consult eligibility guidance published by the <a href="#">Department for Education</a> (applicable to partner universities in England only).</p> <p>Generally, you should qualify for Home Fee status if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You are a British or Irish national; or you have Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) or Right of Abode; or you have pre-settled or settled status under the EU settlement scheme; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• You will have been ordinarily resident in the UK or Ireland for the full three years immediately prior to the start of your course (unless that residence was wholly or mainly for the purpose of education). For courses starting in autumn 2025, this usually means you should have been resident in the UK or Ireland since <i>at least</i> 1st September 2022.</li> </ul> <p>However, there are exceptions, and the above criteria are not exhaustive: there are a number of other routes by which you may qualify for Home Fee status depending on your citizenship, residency status and family circumstances. You may also qualify if you have refugee status or you have humanitarian protection in the UK.</p> <p>Please note that if you receive an offer of a Martingale Scholarship, this will be conditional on you having Home Fee status at the point at which you start your course.</p>
<p>You have been to school in the UK or Ireland for at least three years between the ages of 11 and 18; <b>or</b> for at least seven years between the ages of 4 and 18; <b>or</b> are a refugee, stateless person or asylum seeker</p>	<p>The years do not have to be continuous. For example, if you spent five years in school in the UK or Ireland from age 5-10, and then another two years from age 14-16, you would still qualify.</p>

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<p>You have completed your GCSEs or equivalent at a state-funded school, or if at a fee-paying school or college, you were supported by a substantial means-tested scholarship or bursary</p>	<p>If you went to school in England, Northern Ireland or Wales, this will be the school where you completed your GCSEs. In Scotland, it will be the school where you did National 5 qualifications, and in the Republic of Ireland it will be where you did your Junior Certificate.</p> <p>A ‘substantial means-tested scholarship or bursary’ means one which was awarded on the basis of your family income, and which covered 90% or more of the total cost of attending.</p>
<p>You have faced or are facing financial barriers, such as qualifying for a means-tested maintenance loan or grant that is above the minimum levels of support detailed from your regional or national funding body</p>	<p>Undergraduate student financing bodies in the UK and Ireland are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Finance England</li> <li>• Student Finance Northern Ireland</li> <li>• Student Awards Agency for Scotland</li> <li>• Student Finance Wales</li> <li>• Student Universal Support Ireland</li> </ul> <p>However, your application will still be considered even if you have not received student finance from one of the above bodies. All applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis, so if you face, or have faced, financial barriers please explain your circumstances in your application.</p>
<p>You will have achieved, or are expecting to achieve, a first or upper-second class undergraduate degree in a relevant subject</p>	<p>If you have not achieved, or are not on track to achieve, a first or upper-second class degree (or equivalent), we may still consider your application if you have extenuating circumstances. If this applies to you, please outline your circumstances in the relevant section of the application form.</p>
<p>You are eligible to commence a Masters or PhD degree at one of our partner universities from September 2025</p>	<p><u>If you are applying for a Masters Scholarship:</u> this usually means that you should have completed your undergraduate degree (or the Bachelors component of an integrated Masters degree) before September 2025. If you are currently studying your undergraduate degree, this usually means you will be in the final year of a Bachelors programme, or in the penultimate year of an integrated programme.</p> <p>Martingale Masters Scholarships are for students who intend to start an eligible Masters programme in 2025. If you already have, or are currently studying for a Masters (including if you are in the Masters year of an integrated Masters programme), you should explain in your application your reasons for applying for a second Masters and how this will help you achieve your goals.</p> <p><u>If you are applying for a PhD Scholarship:</u> this usually means that you should have completed your Masters degree (including the final year of an integrated Masters degree) before September 2025. However, please check the entry requirements for any partner universities that you are considering applying for, as eligibility can differ between institutions.</p>