

2025 MARTINGALE SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION FAQs

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ELIGIBILITY

Can I apply if I do not qualify for UK Home Fee status?

We are only able to consider applications from candidates who qualify for 'Home Fee' status at our partner universities. In addition, applicants must also have been to school in the UK or Ireland for at least three years between the ages of 11 and 18; or if not, for at least seven years between the ages of 4 and 18 in order to qualify. Those with refugee status are exempt from the school criteria but must still qualify for 'Home Fee' status.

Unfortunately, if you do not meet the above eligibility criteria, we will not be able to consider your application.

If you have any questions about your specific situation, please contact us on recruitment@martingale.foundation

I have already completed/I am currently completing a Masters degree, can I still apply for a Martingale Masters Scholarship?

We do consider applications to the Masters Scholarship from those who already have (or are currently studying for) a Masters, where there is a good reason for pursuing a second Masters degree. You will see that the application form offers the opportunity to explain why you wish to apply for a second Masters and how it will help you achieve your goals.

If you think a second Masters degree could benefit you, we strongly encourage you to apply.

My academic background does not match the courses I hope to apply for if I am successful in securing a Scholarship-in-Principle. Is this okay?

We strongly recommend that you look at the information about our partner universities and the courses that Martingale Scholars are able to take up at our [partner universities](#). The courses are all STEM postgraduate degrees and the majority require a background in the subject or a related discipline.

Each course and university is different so please do not hesitate to visit our partner university websites or contact our partner universities to discuss entry requirements and to check if the course(s) you are interested in may be suitable for you.

I have not achieved/I am not on track to achieve a 1st or 2:1 at undergraduate level.

We usually require candidates to have achieved, or be on track to achieve, at least a 2:1 at undergraduate level. However, we may still consider your application if you have extenuating circumstances which have affected your attainment. If this applies to you, please outline your circumstances in the relevant section of the application form.

Does funding cover courses beyond those listed on the website?

We are only able to fund Martingale Scholars for the courses listed on our website.

We have a wide range of courses available at Masters and PhD level so we encourage you to take the time to look through these as there may be courses that are suitable for you.

I am in the third year of a four-year integrated Masters programme at a Martingale partner university. The fourth year of my integrated Masters is equivalent to a Martingale-funded Masters course. Am I eligible to apply?

Yes, you are eligible to apply provided that you meet our other eligibility requirements. However, even if you receive a Martingale Scholarship-in-Principle, we cannot guarantee that the course you are offered funding for will be the fourth year of your integrated Masters.

I have previously applied for a Martingale Scholarship, can I apply again this year?

If you have applied before and were not successful or chose to withdraw your application, you are welcome to apply again. Please ensure you still meet the eligibility criteria and that you have read through all the application guidance. The application process and courses have been updated from previous years.

I have already independently applied for a course that Martingale funds. If I am offered a place on the course, can I still be considered for Martingale funding for this course?

Yes, this is not a problem. Please let us know as soon as possible, particularly if you have a deadline to accept or decline shortly. If it is a Martingale-eligible course, we will consider it as if you applied after becoming a Martingale Scholar-in-Principle (for Masters Scholarship applicants), or becoming accepted onto the Martingale PhD Navigator Programme (for PhD Scholarship applicants).

If you are not in this situation, we strongly recommend that you wait until securing a place as a Martingale Masters Scholar-in-Principle, or securing a place onto the Martingale PhD Navigator Programme, before applying to courses. This is because Martingale provides tailored application support to help make your university application(s) stronger.

There is no advantage in applying to courses early, as funding offers from Martingale are not confirmed until after all applications to partner universities are submitted and offers have been decided by universities, in March 2025.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

Can I use my or my parents'/guardians' bank statements or payslips as financial evidence?

Please do not upload bank statements or payslips to your application as we do not use these to determine financial need. Instead, please refer to our Application Guidance to see what we recommend you submit in this section of the application. For most candidates, this will be your most recent undergraduate student finance letter of entitlement and/or any other scholarships or grants you are or were in receipt of.

How can I ensure I submit the best application possible?

First ensure that you meet all of our eligibility requirements. Beyond this, we recommend that you think carefully about why you want to pursue a postgraduate degree in STEM/your chosen discipline and the topics or areas that interest you. Please keep referring to the application guidance whilst putting your application together.

Do my referees need to submit references before the application deadline?

No, referees will be contacted separately and will be provided with a different deadline. We strongly recommend that you keep in touch with your referees about your reference. We may contact you if we are struggling to get in touch with your referee(s).

When will you shortlist candidates to attend an Assessment Centre?

For both Masters and PhD Scholarships, we will shortlist after the final application deadline on 27 October, and applications will not be assessed on a rolling basis. Therefore, there is no advantage to submitting early. We do, however, recommend that you start preparing your application as soon as possible and that you submit it when you are ready.

MISCELLANEOUS

I am interested in applying in future years, is there anything I can do at this stage?

You must be in at least the final year of undergraduate study to apply for the Martingale Masters or PhD Scholarship. If you have not yet reached this stage but are interested in applying in the future, you are welcome to look at the 2025 application guidance, eligibility requirements and courses offered to get an idea of what you may be expected to answer and provide. You may want to think carefully about why you want to pursue a postgraduate degree in STEM and start researching/engaging in topics or areas that interest you.

Please ensure you thoroughly check through all the application guidance in the year you are applying because the application process may have changed, and/or we may ask different questions.

We recommend signing up to our newsletter [here](#) to stay up to date with Martingale and any changes to our programmes.

How many applicants do you normally receive, and how many receive Scholarship offers?

We are unable to share information about applicant numbers, or the proportion of applicants who receive Scholarship offers.