

## 2026 MARTINGALE SCHOLARSHIP

### ELIGIBILITY GUIDANCE

You should meet **all of the below eligibility criteria** before proceeding with an application for a 2026 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 2026, this usually means you should have been resident in the UK or Ireland since <i>at least</i> 1st September 2023.</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, including having a household income of under £45,000</p>	<p>This refers to the financial year April 2024–April 2025. If you are under 25 and financially dependent on at least one parent, household income also includes your parents’ income. Household income for this purpose includes your partner’s income, if you live with them.</p> <p>In addition to salary or income from employment, household income also includes income from savings, investments or property (for example dividends or rent).</p>
<p>You will have achieved, or are expecting to achieve, a First or Upper-Second Class (or equivalent) in your most recent taught degree in a relevant subject</p>	<p>If you are still completing your undergraduate degree (including the Bachelors component of an integrated Masters) this will apply to your expected final undergraduate outcome, as evidenced by your attainment in assessments which will contribute to your final grade.</p> <p>If you have completed your undergraduate degree (or the Bachelors component of an integrated Masters) and have not gone on to do a Masters, this will apply to your final undergraduate classification.</p> <p>If you are currently doing a Masters (including the Masters component of an integrated Masters), or if you have already completed a <u>research</u> Masters programme in which you did not receive a specific classification or percentage, this will apply to your final undergraduate classification, or to a previous taught Masters if applicable.</p> <p>If you have completed a <u>taught</u> Masters programme, this will apply to your results from that degree. Typically, this means you will have achieved a Merit or Distinction on a Pass/Merit/Distinction grading system for a standalone Masters, or a First or an Upper-Second Class for an integrated Masters. If your taught Masters used a different grading system, please outline this when you apply so your application can be assessed accurately.</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 in rare cases if you have compelling extenuating circumstances. If this applies to you, please outline your circumstances in the relevant section of the application form.</p>

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<p>You are eligible to commence a Masters or PhD degree at one of our partner universities from September 2026</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 2026. 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 2026. 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 2026. However, please check the entry requirements for any partner universities that you are considering applying for, as eligibility can differ between institutions.</p>