

HEFCW 60+ Postgraduate Masters Bursary 2021-22

Who is eligible for the Bursary?

To be eligible for the Bursary you need to meet ALL of the following criteria:

- Be a Welsh domiciled student
- Meet the Student Finance Wales* [eligibility criteria](#) for funding for Postgraduate Masters Finance (*Students over the age of 60 will be eligible to receive this postgraduate bursary)
- Aged 60 or above on the first day of the Academic Year of the course. The Academic Year is defined below:
 - **1 September 2021** where the Academic Year begins on or after 1 August 2021 and before January 2022
 - **1 January 2022** where the Academic Year begins on or after 1 January 2022 and before 1 April 2022
- Enrol on an eligible full or part-time postgraduate taught Masters course studying and being charged for 180 credits at the University of South Wales, starting in September 2021 or January/February 2022.
- Remain enrolled for the duration of the course

Important information

Students undertaking fewer than 180 credits on a postgraduate Masters degree will not be eligible for this Bursary as you will not be eligible for Postgraduate Masters Government Student Finance. This includes students who are exempt from one or more modules due to Accredited Prior Achievement (APA) or Advanced Prior Learning (APL).

What courses are eligible for the Bursary?

This Bursary applies for eligible full or part-time postgraduate taught Masters courses. If you have enrolled on to a Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma course, you will not be eligible for the Bursary.

How much is the HEFCW 60+ Masters Bursary?

The Bursary is £4,000.

How is the Bursary paid?

The Bursary will be paid directly into your bank account. You are only eligible to receive a payment if you have continued to meet the eligibility criteria and remain enrolled at the time of payment.

One year full-time course

September starters

- The bursary will be paid in one instalment of £4,000 February 2022
- The Scholarships Team will contact you via your University email address in January 2022 to request your bank details.

January/February Starters

- The bursary will be paid in one instalment of £4,000 July 2022
- The Scholarships Team will contact you via your University email address in June 2022 to request your bank details.

Part-time course and full-time courses lasting two years

September Starters

- First instalment of £2,000 February 2022
- Second instalment of £2,000 February 2023
- The Scholarships Team will contact you via your University email address in January 2022 to request your bank details.

January/February starters

- First instalment of £2,000 July 2022
- Second instalment of £2,000 July 2023
- The Scholarships Team will contact you via your University email address in June 2022 to request your bank details.

NB: the second instalment of the Bursary will automatically be paid to the bank details you submitted for the first instalment. If your bank details change it will be necessary to contact the [Scholarships Team](#) who will advise you on how to change your details.

How do I apply for the Bursary?

There is no application process for this Bursary. Your eligibility will be confirmed via your University email account once you have enrolled and are attending an eligible course.

One year full-time course

- September starters will receive notification of their eligibility in January 2022.
- February starters will receive notification of their eligibility in June 2022.

Part-time course and full-time courses lasting two years

- September starters will receive notification of their award in January 2022.
- February starters will receive notification of their award in June 2022

I am not a Welsh domiciled student. Am I eligible for this Bursary?

No. The Masters Bursary is part of funds provided by the [Welsh Government](#), and is only available to students who are domiciled in Wales and who are eligible for Postgraduate Masters Finance from Student Finance Wales.

I am going to start an integrated Masters degree, e.g. MChiro, MEng, MSci. Am I eligible for this Bursary?

No, an integrated Masters degree is an undergraduate course.

What happens if I transfer to a different course?

As long as you transfer to another eligible course, your entitlement to the Bursary remains the same. All conditions of receiving the Masters Bursary will still apply.

If I defer my study until 2022, will I still be eligible for the Bursary?

No, you can only be eligible for scholarships or bursaries available for the year in which you will start your postgraduate study.

I am an existing postgraduate student. Am I eligible for the Bursary for my current course?

No, the Bursary applies only to students starting a new Masters course in 2021/22.

If I need to repeat my course or any postgraduate credits, what happens to my Bursary?

You will not be eligible for the Bursary on any credits being repeated.

If I interrupt or withdraw from my studies, what happens to my Bursary entitlement?

If you interrupt or withdraw from your studies prior to payment, you will not receive your Bursary.

If you have received payment of the Bursary but later interrupt or withdraw from your studies, you will not be eligible to receive to the Bursary. If you are due to receive a further instalment you may not be eligible to receive the second until you re-enrol to complete your studies

Can I appeal against any decisions regarding my eligibility?

All applicants/students have the right to appeal decisions regarding their eligibility for the Bursary. Full details of the appeal process are available [here](#).