

HEFCW Postgraduate STEM Bursary 2021-22

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine)

Who is eligible for this postgraduate STEM Bursary?

To be eligible for this postgraduate STEM Bursary you need to meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a Welsh domiciled student
- Meet the [eligibility criteria](#) for funding for Postgraduate Master's Finance from Student Finance Wales* (*Students over the age of 60 will be eligible to receive this postgraduate bursary)
- Enrol on an eligible full or part-time taught postgraduate Masters STEM (**Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine**) course studying and being charged for 180 credits at the University of South Wales, starting in September 2021 or February 2022.
- Remain enrolled for the duration of the course.

What courses are eligible for this postgraduate STEM Bursary?

HEFCW (Higher Education Funding Council for Wales) have determined that the STEM Bursary applies to full or part-time STEM subject Master's courses only. As required, the University has used HEFCW's academic subject categories (ASCs 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6) to determine course eligibility: 1 Medicine and Dentistry; 2 subjects and professions allied to medicine; 3 Science; 4 Engineering and Technology; and 6 Mathematical Sciences, IT and Computing.

A full list of eligible course list can be found [here](#).

Those who are undertaking NHS-funded, PGCE, Postgraduate Diploma, Postgraduate Certificate or Distance Learning courses are ineligible for this award.

Important information

Students undertaking fewer than 180 credits on a postgraduate Masters degree will not be eligible for this Bursary as they 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).

How much is the postgraduate STEM bursary?

The postgraduate STEM bursary is £2,000* for a full Masters course.

*If your course is not 100% STEM you will receive a percentage of the bursary e.g. if your course is considered 10% STEM you will only receive £200.

How do I apply for the postgraduate STEM bursary?

If you are in receipt of Welsh Government Postgraduate Master's Student Finance there is no application process for the postgraduate STEM bursary, the University will automatically assess

your eligibility. If you choose to not take Welsh Government Postgraduate Master's Student Finance but you believe you are eligible for it, you will need to contact the [Student Money Advice Team](#) for a form to be sent to you so that your eligibility for the Bursary can be assessed. This form will be made available from September 2021.

How is the postgraduate STEM bursary paid?

The postgraduate STEM bursary can either be paid direct to your **tuition fees** or **paid to your bank account by BACS**. Eligible students will be sent a form to complete to confirm their preference from late October 2021 (for Sept 21 starters) or March 2022 (for Jan/Feb 2022 starters). **Please note that if the form is not returned by the provided deadline, the bursary will automatically be paid towards your tuition fees.** The Bursary will be paid as follows:

Courses starting in September 2021

One year full time masters: The bursary will be paid in one instalment of £2000 in February 2022.

Full-time masters courses lasting two years and part-time courses lasting two years: The bursary will be paid in two instalments £1000 will be paid in February 2022 and £1000 in February 2023 as long as you remain eligible.

Part time masters courses lasting three years: The bursary will be paid in three instalments, £666 will be paid in February 2022, £666 will be paid in February 2023 and £668 will be paid in February 2024

Course starting in January / February 2022

One year full time masters: The bursary will be paid in one instalment of £2000 in June 2022.

Full-time masters courses lasting two years and part-time courses lasting two years: The bursary will be paid in two instalments £1000 will be paid in June 2022 and £1000 in June 2023 as long as you remain eligible.

Part time masters courses lasting three years: The bursary will be paid in three instalments, £666 will be paid in June 2022, £666 will be paid in June 2023 and £668 will be paid in June 2024

My bank details have changed. How can I update these?

If you have changed your bank details, please inform the Scholarships Team by email: scholarships@southwales.ac.uk

The Scholarships Team will respond to your email with further instructions on how to amend your bank details securely. Please do not send your bank details by e-mail, as this is not secure

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

No. The postgraduate bursary is part of funds provided by the [Welsh Government](#), and is only available to students who are eligible for Postgraduate Master's Finance from Student Finance Wales.

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

No, an integrated Masters degree is eligible for funding as 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 Postgraduate STEM Bursary remains the same. All conditions relating to the Bursary will still apply.

If I defer my study until 2022 entry, will I still be eligible for the postgraduate STEM 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 postgraduate STEM bursary for my current course?

No, this Bursary applies only to students starting a new, eligible, postgraduate STEM Master's course in 2021/22.

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

You will not be eligible for the STEM Bursary for any credits which are being repeated.

For part time students and students on a two year full time course, it will be necessary that you complete and proceed to your next year of study to receive the next instalment of your Bursary.

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

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

If you interrupt or withdraw from your studies after you have received payment of the bursary you are entitled to keep the payment. If you are due to receive a further instalment you may not be eligible to receive the second/third payment 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 postgraduate bursary. Full details of the appeal process are available [here](#).