

**Eligibility Criteria for Master’s Women in STEM Scholarships**

**Academic Year 2023-24**

To be eligible for the British Council Master’s Women in STEM Scholarships, you must:

- Be a woman.
- Be a passport holder and permanent resident of one of the eligible countries listed in the table below.

<b>BRAZIL, MEXICO &amp; THE REST OF THE AMERICAS</b>	<b>SOUTH ASIA</b>	<b>EAST ASIA</b>	<b>MENA</b>	<b>WIDER EUROPE</b>
Brazil	Bangladesh	Cambodia	Egypt	Albania
Mexico	India	Indonesia		Bosnia and Herzegovina
Colombia	Nepal	Laos		North Macedonia
Peru	Pakistan	Malaysia		Kosovo
Jamaica	Sri Lanka	Myanmar		Serbia
Argentina		Philippines		Montenegro
Venezuela		Thailand		Kazakhstan
Cuba		Vietnam		Uzbekistan
				Turkey

- Have applied to study an eligible postgraduate programme at the UK university listed in the table below, before your application to British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM can be considered.

- Have completed all components of an undergraduate degree that will enable you to gain entry onto a postgraduate programme at a UK university partner by the time you submit your application and be due to start your postgraduate programme in the UK during 2022.
- Have not previously studied at degree level or higher in the UK or lived recently in the UK.
- Meet the English language requirement of the UK university partner.
- Demonstrate case for financial support.
- Return to your country of citizenship for a minimum of two years after your scholarship award has ended.

### **Other Criteria**

You are also required to show in your application form that:

- You are active in the field with work experience or with a proven interest in the programme area you are applying for
- You are willing to demonstrate future contribution to capacity-building and socio-economic advancement through the benefits achieved after graduating from UK higher education and returning your home country
- You can demonstrate a plan and passion to engage other women and girls in STEM from your home country
- You agree that your personal data being shared with the British Council as a condition of applying for the bursary

If you are awarded a scholarship, you agree to maintain contact with the British Council and act as an ambassador for the UK and engage with activities as part of a British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM alumnus during and after your study in the UK. Any involvement in these activities during your study in the UK will take up no more than five hours per term.

### **You are not eligible for a British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM if you:**

- Hold dual British citizenship
- Are an employee, a former employee, or relative (\*) of an employee of Her Majesty's Government (including British Embassies/High Commissions; the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy; Department for International Trade; the Ministry of Defence; and the Home Office)
- Are an employee, a former employee, or relative (\*) of an employee of the British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM – eligible countries

*(\*): Relatives are defined as parents or stepparents, siblings or stepsiblings, children or stepchildren, spouse, civil partner or unmarried partner (where the couple have been in a relationship akin to marriage or civil partnership for at least two years).*

- Are currently in receipt of financial support or funding towards your study programme in the UK from any other source
- Have previously studied in the UK with funding from a UK Government-funded scholarship or a UK institutional scholarship/financial bursary.