

# WELSH POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT MASTER'S INCENTIVISATION BURSARY



Cardiff  
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## Terms and Conditions 2023/24

The Welsh Postgraduate Taught Master's Incentivisation Bursary (WPGTMIB) is a Welsh Government initiative which provides a **tuition fee remission of up to £7,000** for postgraduate students starting a STEM subject (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, or Medicine related) programme (£2,000) OR/and a [programme through the medium of Welsh](#) (£1,000) OR/and who are aged 60 years of age or over **on the first day of the first academic year of the course** (up to £4,000).

Allocations are made in accordance with [The Education \(Student Support\) \(Postgraduate Master's Degrees\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2019](#).

## 1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The tuition fee remission will be automatically applied to your fees, on a first come, first serve basis, **if you meet all** the following requirements:

- A. You must be classed as a **Home student** for fee paying purposes.
- B. You must be **ordinarily resident in Wales**, or ordinarily resident in the Republic of Ireland or Islands (Channel Islands/Isle of Man) and be resident in Wales on the first day of the first academic year of your course.

You are ordinarily resident in the relevant residence area if you have habitually, normally, and lawfully resided in that area from choice for the three years prior to the start date of your course (and have not moved there for the purpose of education). Temporary absences from the residence area would not stop you being ordinarily resident.

- C. You must have a **confirmed place** and be enrolled on a **full or part-time taught Postgraduate Master's** course, **worth a minimum of 180 credits**, at Cardiff Metropolitan University in the academic year 2023/24.

We may also send a Proof of Residency form to applicants who have consented to share the information on their Student Finance application, where we are unable to determine their eligibility for the award.

- D. You must be embarking upon a taught Master's degree programme at Cardiff Metropolitan University and be **60 years of age or over on the first day of the first academic year of your course**, and/OR the programme must be an eligible **STEMM programme** and/OR the programme must be **taught through the medium of Welsh** (40 credits minimum Welsh medium content).

Students under 60 years of age in application for support via **Student Finance Wales** in relation to a designated course must indicate on their application that they '**Consent to Share**' their information so that eligibility (domicile) can be verified. Students not applying to Student Finance Wales or who are over 60 years of age may be asked to provide additional evidence to verify their area of residence, date of birth, and nationality, if they are believed to be eligible for the WPGTMIB. We may also send a Proof of Residency form to applicants who have consented to share the information on their Student Finance application, where we are unable to determine their eligibility for the award.

## 2. ALLOCATIONS

- The bursary is available to students applying for a full-time (normally one year) or part-time (normally two year) course.
- There are limited numbers of bursaries available and allocation priority will be based on the date upon which applicants accept their offer of a place to study a Master's course at Cardiff Metropolitan University for 2023/24 AND successful enrolment at the University by 31st October 2023 (September entry) and 1st March 2024 (January entry).
- In the event of there being more eligible students than awards available, a reserve list will be held so that an award may be allocated to another eligible student if circumstances change.
- Bursaries will be awarded based on the information held by the Admissions Team and that sourced from the Student Loans Company via the Higher Education Portal.
- Cardiff Metropolitan University employees will be considered for the award, provided they meet eligibility criteria.
- The bursary will be deducted from the tuition fees of your chosen course. Students choosing to pay fees by instalments will automatically have the tuition fee amount reduced for each instalment without being informed of the fee-remission included in each instalment.
- It is possible for a student to be in receipt of all three bursaries. However, students will receive a maximum of one bursary from each scheme during their course of study.

## 3. LIMITATIONS

- You are **not eligible if**:
  - You are in breach of any obligation to repay any student loan
  - You are studying a Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Certificate of Education (PGCE), or Postgraduate Diploma
  - You are studying on an NHS funded course (MSc Dietetics)
  - You have already obtained a Masters, equivalent, or higher qualification.
  - You have selected a distance learning course and you are not in Wales on the first day of the first academic year of the course and will also not be in the UK for the duration of your course.

- You have already received the WPGTMIB bursary for a previous Master's course, regardless if you have completed the programme or not

- You are funded by a healthcare bursary; such as Social Care Wales, NHS, NHS Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW), Workforce, Education and Development Services, NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (WEDS), the Nursing and Midwifery Student Allowances (Scotland),

- You receive any allowance, bursary or award under the Research Councils (KESS 2) scheme

- Students who are in receipt of the Cardiff Met Alumni Discount who are also eligible for the Welsh Postgraduate Taught Master's Incentive Bursary will receive both fee remissions, with the Alumni Discount being applied first.
- Part-time students will need to successfully pass (complete) their course each year and progress by the required enrolment date above (31st October for September starters and 1st March for January starters) in order to receive the award and for the tuition fees to be reduced in subsequent years.
- Students awarded the bursary who defer or suspend their studies after beginning the course will not be able to defer the award
- Students that withdraw from their course will lose their eligibility to the bursary.