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WELSH POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT MASTERS INCENTIVE BURSARY

Terms and Conditions 2023/24

WPGTMIB is Welsh Government initiative which covers up to £7,000 on tuition fees for those postgraduate students starting a STEM subject programme (£2,000) OR/and a programme taught in the medium of Welsh (£1,000) OR/and if they are 60 years of age or greater (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 **if you meet all** the following requirements:

- A. **You must be a Welsh or EU domiciled student (please note that EU eligibility may change with new changes in UK residency for EU citizens)**. Please refer to the eligibility criteria on [Student Finance Wales, Welsh Postgraduate Master's course information](#), under the section Nationality and Residency, which states the following:

“Applicants must be either:

Ordinarily resident in Wales (and haven't moved there for the purpose of education) and have been resident in the U.K. for three years preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course. Ordinarily resident is defined as 'habitually, normally and lawfully resident in that area from choice'. Temporary absences will be excluded;

OR

You must be ordinarily resident in Wales, or ordinarily resident in the Republic of Ireland or Islands (Channel Islands/Isle of Man) and be living in Wales on day one the first academic year of your course.

You are normally resident in the relevant residential area if you have normally lived in that area, for the three years before the start date of your course (and you have not moved there for educational purposes). Temporary absences from the residential area would not prevent you from residing normally.

- B. You must have a **confirmed place** and be enrolled on a full or part-time taught **Postgraduate Master's** course at Cardiff Metropolitan University on 2023/24.
- C. You must be embarking upon a taught Master's degree programme at Cardiff Metropolitan University and be **60 years of age or greater**, OR the programme must be in a **STEMM subject** OR the programme must be **taught in the medium of Welsh** (40 Credits minimum Welsh medium content).
- D. Students under 60 years of age in application for support via **Student Finance Wales** in relation to a designated course must indicate on the application that they **consent to share** their information so that eligibility (domicile) can be verified. Students not applying to Student Finance Wales or are over 60 years

of age will be asked to provide additional evidence to verify their area of residence, date of birth and nationality.

2. ALLOCATIONS

- The bursary is available to students applying for a full-time (normally one year) or part-time (normally two year) course. Three year courses are eligible if no full-time course exists.
- 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. Confirmation/allocation of award will be dependent on successful enrolment at the university by 31st October 2023.
- In the event of there being more eligible students than awards available, a reserve list will be held such that an award may be allocated to another eligible student if circumstances alter.
- Bursaries will be awarded based on the information held by the admissions department and that sourced from the student loan company via the higher education portal.
- If full-time applicants are being awarded **recognition of prior learning (RPL)** for their course then the award will be proportional to the full time equivalent amount. For example, if receiving 60 credits RPL (representing one-third of the total credits for the course) then two thirds of the award will be discounted from the tuition fee corresponding to the two-thirds of the course being undertaken. For part-time students entering with RPL, the tuition fee discount will be applied on the basis of credits undertaken.
- Cardiff Metropolitan University employees will be considered for the award, provided they meet eligibility criteria.
- The bursary will be deducted from tuition fees for 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.

3. LIMITATIONS

- You are **not eligible if**:
 - You are studying: PGCE, Postgraduate Diploma, Postgraduate Certificate or an NHS funded course.
 - You are holding a Master's equivalent or higher degree.
 - You have selected a distance learning course.

- You are funded by a healthcare bursary; such as Social Care Wales, NHS, HEIW, the Nursing and Midwifery Student Allowances (Scotland), or KESS 2 Research Council.
- Students who are in receipt of either 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 their course each year and progress 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.