Women in STEM scholarships

Scholarship Application Form for 2025-26 Academic Year

To evaluate scholars and select candidates, the British Council strongly recommends each institution to request the following information from all applicants. Each institution can embed this questionnaire as they find most suitable to fit their application process.

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### Personal information

1. First Name
2. Last name (family name)
3. Where were you born? Country of Origin?

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| City | Territory/State | Country |
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1. Where is your permanent residence (city, territory/state, country)?

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| City | Territory/State | Country |
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1. What is your current place of residence? (write NA if same as above)

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| City | Territory/State | Country |
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1. If you hold dual citizenship, is one of them British? Yes / No

### Education and Professional Background

1. What is your bachelor’s degree?
2. Name of institution from which you received your bachelor’s degree:
3. When did you receive your bachelor’s degree – please give the month and year you graduated (mm/yyyy)?
4. Which of the following statements best describes your current professional status:

* recent graduate
* full-time employee
* self-employed or freelance
* currently career inactive.
* part-time employee

1. If you are a full- or part-time employee, please tell us:

* Name of your organisation/company:
* Address of your organisation/company:
* Your job title:
* Are you active in the STEM field at your work?

If yes, please briefly describe how (no more than three sentences)

1. What career level would you be at this moment?   
   Recent graduate  
   Mid-career professional  
   Senior professional
2. Have you previously studied a master’s degree or higher level?

If yes, please provide information regarding course, university, and country.

1. Have you previously studied in the UK or any other country through any bursary, sponsorship and/or UK government scholarship scheme and/or any other government scholarship scheme, and/or through self-funding?

If yes, please provide information regarding the course, length of study, university, country and name of sponsor (if applicable).

### Socioeconomic information

1. Please provide details of your education, whether you went to (a) private and / or public institution(s), for each educational level (elementary school, secondary school, high school and university).
2. If you received financial support to study at any educational level, please provide details. Do this for each educational level.
3. Were you required to work while studying for your bachelor’s degree to cover your studies or personal expenses?
4. Are you currently in receipt of financial support or funding for the course you are applying for?? If so, please specify/give details of the funding.
5. Can you share a brief personal statement outlining your motivation to study a Masters course in the UK and why you should be considered for this scholarship? (200 – 500 words maximum)
6. If you are not granted this scholarship, how do you intend to fund your studies?

### Information about motivation to apply to the British Council Scholarship for Women in STEM

1. Each candidate can apply to up to three programmes and host institutions participating in the British Council Scholarship for Women in STEM scheme.

If you are applying to more than one institution, please share your preferences:

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|  | Course name | Institution |
| First choice |  |  |
| Second choice |  |  |
| Third choice |  |  |

1. What are your reasons for choosing to study the specific STEM subject area in the UK and at the designated UK university?
2. What experience and skills do you have that will make you a suitable candidate for the British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM scheme?
3. How do you think studying in the UK as a British Council scholar in your chosen STEM field will help in your future career advancement and/or your contribution to capacity-building and socio-economic advancement of your country?
4. How will you engage other women and girls from your country in STEM?

### Other information

How did you first learn about British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM programme? Please select one answer only.

* The website of the university I am applying for
* The social media of the university I am applying for
* British Council website
* British Council social media and British Council country social media channels
* Email newsletter from the British Council
* From a friend or colleague
* Don’t remember

advertisement on social media

* Other

### Gender and Disability information

Please note that these two questions are sensitive, and this is how the British Council collects sex/gender data and disability data according to our Equality Diversity Inclusion monitoring tools. If your university collects this data differently to the British Council, please amend/adjust accordingly.

1. Sex and gender identity

How would you describe your sex/gender identity?

o Female

o Male

o Another way

o Prefer not to say

1. Do you have a disability as defined below? (UN Convention on the Rights of Disabled People states persons with disabilities include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.)

o Yes

o No

o Prefer not to say

Do you require any access adjustments or have any additional support or learning needs you would like to inform us of?

o Yes

o No

o Prefer not to say

If yes, please provide further information on any support, access arrangements, or accommodations that be required:

*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 alumna during and after your study in the UK; and may be asked by the British Council to support the future promotion of Women in STEM scholarships and / or study in the UK as part of British Council marketing campaigns. Any involvement in these activities during your study in the UK will take up no more than five hours per term.* **Privacy notice**

The British Council and the UK Higher Education institution where you would like to undertake your study for the Master of Arts degree are joint Controller of the information that you provide for the purpose of processing your application to **the Women in STEM Programme**. This means that the British Council and this UK Higher Education institution are responsible for determining how your information is collected and used.

Collection of information about **your sex and gender identity, special medical needs, disabilities or accessibility requirements** is **optional**, and the British Council does it to ensure the programme is adjusted to your needs, in line with the British Council’s global Policy and Standards on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.

The legal basis for processing your personal data for these purposes is your consent and for participants satisfaction surveys British Council’s legitimate interest. You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time by contacting [uk.scholarships@britishcouncil.org](mailto:uk.scholarships@britishcouncil.org) .

**Please tick this box to give us your consent for your personal data processing:**

For these purposes, your personal information will be shared between the British Council and the UK Higher Education institution, acting as joint Controllers, and with Microsoft, acting as Processor, for use of the British Council corporate accounts for Microsoft Office 365 Products, <https://privacy.microsoft.com/en-us/privacystatement> .

In order to achieve the necessary purposes outlined above, your personal information will be securely transferred and stored in the following locations: UK, EU (Microsoft Azure Data Centre).

The British Council will keep your personal information related to participation in this programme for 7 years and satisfaction surveys for 4 years after the end of the activity.

The British Council complies with data protection law in the UK and laws in other countries that meet internationally accepted standards. You have the right to ask for a copy of the information we hold on you, and the right to ask us to correct any inaccuracies in that information. If you have concerns about how we have used your personal information, you also have the right to complain to a privacy regulator.

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