

OFFICIALLY FINANCIALLY SPONSORED STUDENTS

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If you are an officially financially sponsored student or receive an official financial scholarship, and have a sponsor letter or information on your CAS to prove this, the sponsor money you receive from the official financial sponsor or scholarship does not need to have been held for 28 days prior to the date you submit your visa application form online. You would prepare a sponsor or scholarship letter that meets all the Student Guidance requirements as evidence of the money you will receive.

You can receive official financial sponsorship from Her Majesty's Government, your home government, the British Council or any international organisation, international company, university or a UK independent school.

1. Example of an official financial sponsor letter



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Date

To whom it may concern / UKVI

Name: Ahmed Al Ali

DOB: 11-12-1988

Passport: 1234567

We can confirm we are sponsoring Mr Ahmed El Ali to study a PhD in English Literature at the University of Glasgow. The sponsorship will run until 31st October 2025. We will cover any tuition fee expenses associated with the course and Ahmed will receive a stipend every month toward living costs of \$1,249.65.

We give our consent for Ahmed to stay in the UK as a student to complete the PhD course which they are being sponsored by us for and support his visa application.

Your sincerely,

Farrah Al-Ayed

Farrah Al-Ayed - Cultural Attache - Embassy of University of Glasgow.

Your letter needs to confirm the financial sponsorship, the following information and also needs to meet the requirements in [Appendix Finance FIN 9.1](#) and the Student Guidance:

- amount of money to be provided to you, **or** confirmation the financial sponsor will cover all course and living costs
- the date of the letter, name and contact details of the official financial sponsor
- the length of time the official financial sponsorship will cover
- official financial sponsor's permission for you to stay in the UK as a student to study your course

2. Official scholarships and evidence required

UKVI say official scholarships include:

- Marshall Scholarship
- Chevening Scholars
- Commonwealth Shared Scholarship Scheme
- Fulbright Scholarships
- International Association for Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE)

There are also other non-governmental and institution sponsored programmes, from bodies such as The British Academy, The Royal Society, and the Wellcome Trust. You would need the CAS to confirm your sponsorship details or a scholarship letter as evidence of your finances. A scholarship letter must meet the same requirements as a official financial sponsor letter.

If you receive an official financial scholarship via University of Glasgow (i.e. if the University pays your sponsorship money to you) you will not need an official financial sponsor letter. Your CAS would need to state the details of the sponsorship as well as the scholarship money and what it covers (e.g. tuition fees and or living costs) and the duration of time you will receive the funding for. A *tuition fees discount* would not be official financial scholarship or sponsorship.

Check the Sponsor Note and Evidence Used to Obtain Offer sections of the CAS. If the details of your scholarship are not there, contact your School / Graduate Office and Admissions to ask for the details to be added.

3. What to do if your sponsorship or scholarship does not completely cover the amount of money UKVI require for your maintenance.

If the amount of money you will receive for official financial sponsorship does not cover the total of your unpaid tuition fees plus your living costs you will need to provide extra financial evidence to prove you have enough additional funds to meet the maintenance requirement.

You will need to prepare financial documents (either in your name or in your parent's name/s) showing the amount not covered by your sponsorship has been held for a minimum of 28 consecutive, full days before the date your online visa application form is submitted.

See the Student Guidance for a list of financial documents accepted by the UKVI, and the requirements each document must meet. Further information about bank statements (the most common financial document prepared to show money held in your name or in a parent's name) can also be found in our "Self-funding students" guide.

When preparing additional documents in order to meet the maintenance requirements and show you have been holding the amount of money not covered by your sponsorship or scholarship separately, it is not possible to use money in a bank account that has been received from your sponsor. Additional funding in bank statements or letters for example must be from a source other than your sponsor or scholarship provider.

3. How long will my new visa be for?

If you have official financial sponsorship that ends *before* the course end date on your CAS, UKVI may issue you with a Student visa that expires +2 or +4 months after the sponsorship end date.

Otherwise, you will be granted a Student visa that expires +4 months after the course end date on your CAS.