

# Women in STEM Scholarships

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## Eligibility criteria

## Scholars must:

- be or identify as a woman
- be a passport holder and permanent resident of Mexico or Brazil
- meet the entry requirements of the UK university for the course they apply for, including academic equivalents and English language requirements
- have completed all components of an undergraduate degree at the time of submitting the application for the scholarship – British Council can consider final awards pending on a case-by-case basis
- demonstrate a case for financial support/socio-economic need
- not be in receipt of financial support or funding towards their study programme in the UK from any other source and not be able to privately fund their UK studies
- preference should be given to candidates who:
  - have not had any international exposure prior to this scheme
  - have not previously studied at degree level or higher in the UK or lived recently in the UK - distance learning at a UK university or study at a UK branch campus in another country will also be considered as studying in the UK
- indicate their preference for course and institution in the case of applying to multiple institutions
- be motivated and academically able to follow and benefit from a UK postgraduate taught course
- be active in the field with work experience or with a proven interest in the proposed subject area
- be willing to demonstrate future contribution to capacity-building and socio-economic advancement in their home country through the benefits achieved after graduating from UK university
- demonstrate a plan and a passion to engage other women and girls in STEM within their home country
- agree to maintain contact with the British Council and act as an ambassador for the UK, and engage with activities as a Women in STEM alumnus during and after their studies in the UK
- agree to their personal data being shared with the British Council for purposes of assessment and promotional activity, as a condition of applying for the scholarship
- agree to return to their country of citizenship for a minimum of two years after their scholarship award has ended

## A candidate will not be eligible for British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM if they:

- hold dual British citizenship
- are an employee, a former employee, or relative (\*) of an employee of His Majesty's Government (including but not limited to British Embassies/High Commissions; Department for Business and Trade (DBT), the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) and the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT); 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

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*(\*) 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, as well as those who privately funded their UK studies