

Eligibility Criteria Early Academic Fellowship Women in STEM Scholarships

Academic Year 2023-24

To be eligible for the British Council Early Academic Fellowship Women in STEM Scholarships, you must:

- Be a woman
- Be a passport holder and permanent resident of one of the eligible countries listed below:

SOUTH ASIA	EAST ASIA
Bangladesh	Cambodia
India	Indonesia
Nepal	Laos
Pakistan	Malaysia
Sri Lanka	Myanmar
	Philippines
	Thailand
	Vietnam

- Have recently completed a research or terminal academic qualification (PhD or equivalent) and not be in an established academic post with a research-related role or function.
- Have not previously studied at degree level or higher in the UK or lived recently in the UK.
- Meet the English language requirement of the UK university partner.
- Demonstrate case for financial support.

Other Criteria

You are also required to show in your application form that:

- You have a plan for the research activities to be undertaken during your placement, and their relationship to your PhD or previous work, to show how this will contribute to your career development.
- You are willing to demonstrate future contribution to capacity-building and socio-economic advancement through the benefits achieved after graduating from UK higher education and returning your home country.
- You can demonstrate a plan and passion to engage other women and girls in STEM from your home country.
- You agree that your personal data being shared with the British Council as a condition of applying for the bursary.

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 alumnus during and after your study in the UK. Any involvement in these activities during your study in the UK will take up no more than five hours per term.

You are not eligible for a British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM if you:

- Hold dual British citizenship
- Are an employee, a former employee, or relative (*) of an employee of Her Majesty's Government (including British Embassies/High Commissions; the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy; 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

(): 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.