

The DeepMind Scholarship 2020-21 (Masters)

School of Electronic Engineering and Computer Science

Information for applicants

What is The DeepMind Scholarship?

Leading British artificial intelligence (AI) company DeepMind has made a generous gift to Queen Mary University of London in support of and to encourage under-represented groups to pursue postgraduate education in the field of Artificial Intelligence.

For 2020-21, the School of Electronic Engineering and Computer Science will offer five fully funded scholarships; each scholarship will cover home tuition fees of £10,900, a living allowance of £15,480, an annual £2,000 travel scholarship and a one-off equipment grant of £1,500.

What is the eligibility criteria for the scholarship?

The scholarship is available to applicants who identify as female and/or are black, Asian or a minority ethnicity (BAME) who wish to study for a Master's degree in Artificial Intelligence in the School of Electronic Engineering and Computer Science at Queen Mary University of London; these students are currently under-represented in this area of study.

To be eligible you need to be a member of at least one of the under-represented groups mentioned above. You must also be ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom or a member state of the European Union. In the event that we have more eligible applicants than scholarships, funding decisions will be made based on the written personal statement provided by the applicant as well as on academic merit.

To apply for the scholarship, you must have already submitted your application for the programme and have a Queen Mary University of London Student ID, which is assigned to you as part of the MSc application process.

How do I apply for the scholarship?

You must have already applied the following programmes: MSc Artificial Intelligence (full time).

You will need a Queen Mary University of London student ID number (which you receive as part of the application process) to be able to apply for the scholarship. Apply by completing and submitting the scholarship application form, which is available on our [Scholarships webpage](#).

Can I apply for the scholarship if I've not been offered a place on the MSc course?

Yes, you can apply for the scholarship before you received an offer but you need to be in possession of a Queen Mary University of London ID number. The selection committee will only award the scholarships to students that hold an offer for the MSc programme at the time they make award decisions.

Who is the scholarship awarded by?

Queen Mary University of London is able to award the scholarship owing to a generous gift donation to the University from leading British AI company, DeepMind.

How much is the scholarship?

Each scholarship will cover:

1. home tuition fees of £10,900
2. a living allowance of £15,480
3. a £2,000 travel scholarship
4. a one-off equipment grant of £1,500

The funding will be awarded during the academic year in three instalments.

Does the scholarship have to cover tuition fees?

Yes, £10,900 of the scholarship must be used for tuition fees.

Is this available for full time and part time study?

No, it is only available for full time students.

Can I still apply for/receive a Government Postgraduate Loan if in receipt of The DeepMind Scholarship?

Yes.

Can The DeepMind Scholarship be combined with other Queen Mary University of London bursary schemes?

No.

If I already have external funding can I still apply for the scholarship?

Yes.

Is there a deadline for applying for the scholarship?

Yes, the deadline for applications 12 August 2020. Applicants will be advised of the outcome by 1st September 2020.

How are the scholarship applications assessed?

Applicants must meet one of the eligibility criteria. In the event that we have more eligible applicants than scholarships to offer, funding decisions will be made based on the written personal statement provided by the applicant as well as on academic merit.

If successful, how long do I have to formally accept the scholarship?

If a scholarship is offered, you will receive your offer by email. Applicants are given two weeks to respond and accept the scholarship. A reminder email will be sent during this period. If no response is received by the end of the two-week period the offer will be withdrawn.

Is the scholarship available to students who have already completed a MSc?

Yes.

I am an Islands student, am I eligible for the award?

Yes, Islands students will be considered under Home/EU scholarships.

Are applicants who are applying for a PG Certificate or PG Diploma eligible to apply?

No, the scholarship is for a full Masters in Artificial Intelligence only.

Can the scholarship offer be deferred?

No.

Who do I contact if I have any questions about the scholarship?

For any questions please email: ioc@qmul.ac.uk