

# Intake Impact Scholarships FAQs

## About Application

### 1. What do Intake Impact Scholarships cover?

The Intake Impact Scholarship covers:

- Tuition fees for a 1-year master's programme in the UK up to a maximum of GBP25,000.
- A monthly stipend, based on an amount that universities in that city/region recommend, up to a maximum of GBP18,000 in London and GBP15,000 outside London, to cover accommodation, food, travel and all daily necessities. Stipend payments will be made to you on or around the 1st of the month for the following full month. Where you arrive in the UK or leave the UK partway through the month, the stipend for that month will be adjusted as appropriate. Where accommodation has been paid as a lump sum in advance, the amount of the monthly stipend will be reduced accordingly.
- Economy class travel to and from the UK from the country of residence, for the scholarship recipient only. (Booked by Intake). NOTE: return ticket will be provided if scholarship recipient returns to their home country within 4 months of completing the master's programme. If they opt to stay longer then a return ticket will not be provided.
- The cost of an entry clearance application/visa fees for the scholarship recipient only.
- Health surcharge and TB testing fee.
- A small cash travel allowance to ensure a smooth arrival and before the stipend kicks in. To be given before the student leaves their country of residence.

### 2. Can I apply for the Intake Impact Scholarships if I am not a citizen of the country where I submitted my applications?

No. To be eligible to apply for an Intake Impact Scholarship you must submit all your university applications through Intake and be a citizen of the country where the application is made (NOTE: the scholarships are not applicable for British or Dual British citizens).

### 3. Is there an age limit for Intake Impact Scholarship applications?

No, there is no age limit to be eligible for Intake Impact Scholarship.

#### 4. Can I submit more than one Intake Impact application?

No, an applicant can only submit the Intake Impact application once. Please note that no changes can be made once the application has been submitted.

#### 5. Can I apply for the Intake Impact Scholarships to study at a university outside the UK?

No, the Intake Impact Scholarships are only open to students who wish to study for a Postgraduate Taught Master's degree in the UK.

#### 6. Can I apply for an Intake Impact Scholarship to study for an undergraduate degree, PhD, or DPhil?

No, the Intake Impact Scholarships are only open to students who wish to study for a Postgraduate Taught Master's degree in the UK.

#### 7. Can I apply for a part-time course?

No, the Intake Impact Scholarships cover full-time courses only.

#### 8. Can I apply for a course that is longer than 12 months and pay any additional costs myself?

No, to be eligible for the Intake Impact Scholarships, you can only choose a 1-year (12 months) course.

Please note: Intake Impact Scholarships are tenable for 12 months only and may not be extended beyond 12 months unless there are exceptional circumstances. Exceptions will only be granted by Intake if extenuating circumstances make it necessary for you to extend the time required to complete your current master's course, and there are strong academic or welfare reasons to support this, and that these are agreed to by your institution.

You must inform Intake if you intend to apply for an extension before the original date your course of study was due to end, as stated in your Final Award Letter. All extensions are subject to the availability of funds, and you should not assume that extensions will be granted, even if your institution agrees to such an extension.

#### 9. I have not yet been accepted onto a university course. Can I still apply for the Intake Impact Scholarship?

Yes, you are eligible to apply for the Intake Impact Scholarship before you have received any offers of acceptance, as long as you submitted all your university applications through Intake.

**10. I have received an offer from a university, but I have not yet been selected for the Intake Impact Scholarship. Should I accept?**

This decision rests with you. If you wish to attend that university, and they require a reply prior to you finding out whether you have been awarded an Intake Impact Scholarship, then you would be advised to accept their offer. If that requires a financial commitment, then you make that decision at your own risk. Intake will not change our review process or schedule to meet the deadline for accepting university offers. If you are not successful in receiving the Intake Impact Scholarship, Intake will not be responsible for any deposits or financial commitments you have made to any institution.

**11. I already have a master's degree. Can I still apply for an Intake Impact Scholarship?**

Yes, you can apply for an Intake Impact Scholarship if you already have a master's degree.

**12. I completed an undergraduate degree in the UK, can I still apply for an Intake Impact Scholarship and return to study for a master's course?**

Yes, you can still apply for an Intake Impact Scholarship, as long as you submit all your university applications through Intake, and you are a citizen of the country where the application is made (NOTE: the scholarships are not applicable for British or Dual British citizens).

**13. Can I apply for the Intake Impact Scholarship in the final year of my undergraduate degree?**

Yes, you can apply for the Intake Impact Scholarship in the final year of your undergraduate degree. However, an unconditional university offer must be provided by 31<sup>st</sup> May for you to qualify as a potential candidate for the initial interview. Intake appreciates that some students may not be able to meet this deadline and regrets it cannot change our review process or schedule to meet the deadline for providing unconditional university offers.

If you cannot provide an unconditional university offer by the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> May for the Intake Impact Scholarship, you may delay your application for the scholarship to the following year, or alternatively contact your advisor to

find out if there are options for other scholarships, such as those offered by institutions directly, or in collaboration with Intake.

**14. Do I need to get an unconditional offer from each university listed in my application?**

No, you only need one unconditional offer to be eligible to receive an Intake Impact Scholarship.

**15. Can I submit a paper copy of the Intake Impact application form?**

No, applications must be submitted online through the Intake Impact Scholarships page.

**16. Why have I not received an 'Application Received' email after submitting my Intake Impact Scholarship application form?**

Some internet email providers may automatically direct emails from Intake to your spam/junk mailbox. If you cannot find the email from us in your spam/junk mailbox, please check with your advisor to see if your application has been successfully submitted.

**17. Can I change the university and/or course options after I have been awarded an Intake Impact Scholarship?**

No. You must not transfer to any other educational institution or any other course of study other than that confirmed in your Final Award letter without the express permission of your programme officer. Such requests must be made within two weeks of the course start date and supported by highly exceptional circumstances. Requests made after this time will not be considered.

**18. I have already received financial benefit from another scholarship programme. Can I still apply for an Intake Impact Scholarship?**

If you receive any other form of publicly-funded award during the period of your Intake Impact Scholarship, for purposes already covered, or to be covered by the Intake Impact Scholarship, Intake reserves the right to reduce by an equivalent amount the Intake Impact Scholarship award.

You must disclose on your application form whether you have applied, or intend to apply, for any other scholarships or awards.

Where you are considering applying for, or are offered additional funding after you have been selected, you must disclose this to your programme officer as soon as possible.

### 19. Can I apply for an Intake Impact Scholarship using a deferred university offer?

Applicants who are holding university offers starting the same year as the deadline for applying for an Intake Impact Scholarship are eligible to apply for the scholarships. Please note though, that any candidates selected for an Intake Impact Scholarship who are unable to take up their award must withdraw from the programme and re-apply the following year.

### 20. I need to request a change in my contact details. How do I do this?

You must ensure that Intake has up-to-date contact details for you, including a UK address and email and an overseas address and email at the end of the Scholarship. Please keep your programme officer informed during the full term of your Scholarship of your address, or if you change your address, even temporarily. You must return any form or request for information promptly to Intake. If you do not, your stipend may be withheld.

### 21. Can I have an extension to my application?

No, extensions will not be granted under any circumstances.

### 22. Can I still apply for an Intake Impact Scholarship if I do not have a valid passport?

Yes, you can submit your application without a valid passport. However, you will be required to bring/ present a valid passport at the initial and final interviews, if selected.

## About Interviews

### 23. When will I hear about the outcome of my final interview?

Candidates completing the final interview will be notified of the interview outcome on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

### 24. Can I schedule another interview if I feel I did not perform well?

No, applicants can only attend the interview once.

### 25. I recently attended an interview but was unsuccessful. Can you provide me with any feedback?

Due to the competitive nature of this scholarship and availability of resources, we regret we will not be able to enter into correspondence or

provide feedback to unsuccessful applicants for this scholarship.

## 26. Can my Intake Impact Scholarship interview be held online?

Yes, the interview will be held either online or offline depending on the circumstances. However, Intake reserves the right to decide whether the interview takes place online or offline.

## 27. Can I reschedule my Intake Impact Scholarship interview if I can no longer attend the appointment?

There is no guarantee that Intake will be able to reschedule an interview. If you feel you have no choice, then you should contact Intake at least three working days prior to your interview appointment to advise you will be unable to attend at your scheduled time.

Intake will do our best to reschedule but please note that only in exceptional circumstances will an additional appointment be made available, and you should not assume that rescheduling will be possible.

## 28. What questions will be asked at the interview?

Most of the interview questions will be related to the answers you provided in the application form, which will be the opportunity for you to showcase your potential as a leader and your ambitions to bringing about positive impact on the future development of your home country. The educational institution and courses you have chosen to apply will also be discussed at the interview.

## 29. Who is on the interview panel?

For the initial interview, country manager, local office manager(s) and senior advisors will be on the interview panel.

For the final interview, senior staff from the Intake Head Office and Board members will be on the interview panel.

## 30. What documents do I need to take with me to my interview?

For the initial interview, your passport, as well as proof of the unconditional university offer will be required.

For the final interview, documents including passport, graduate certificate and your unconditional offer will be required.

**About COVID-19 (Please note that the situation regarding COVID is updated frequently and for the most up to date information you should contact your advisor)**

**31. Will I need to quarantine on arrival in the UK?**

Please find the latest information about quarantine on arrival in the UK here: [UK Travel Guidance](#)

**32. How will I get food and supplies if I need to quarantine on arrival into the UK?**

For students travelling overseas and requiring quarantining in residences, universities will provide support such as quarantine packs for students. Please check the webpage of the university for detailed information and make sure you are following the [Travel Guidance to UK](#).

**33. Can I stay in another country to avoid having to quarantine in the UK?**

Please check [Travel Guidance to UK](#) and [Red list of countries and territories](#) first, then discuss with your programme officer if you plan to do so to ensure this option is viable.

**34. I am coming with my family. Will Intake pay for my dependents' quarantine?**

Please keep in mind that your Scholarship is calculated to support your costs only. There is no provision for dependents of Intake Scholars. Scholars are advised not to bring dependents to the UK. The Intake Impact Scholarship provides no financial or pastoral support for dependants and will not endorse the visa applications of, nor provide travel for, dependents.

**35. Will I get reimbursed for PCR testing in order to travel to the UK?**

Yes, if you need to take a PCR test in order to travel to the UK, the testing fee will be covered by the Intake Impact scholarships.

**36. Am I required to take a Tuberculosis (TB) test? Will I be reimbursed?**

Yes, this fee will be covered in the scholarships. Please [check here](#) to see if you need a TB test to enter the UK.

### 37. My country is on the UK red list for travel. Will Intake pay for my quarantine costs?

Most of the universities in the UK provide support for international students requiring quarantine when arriving in the UK. Please [check here](#) to see if your country is on the UK red list for travel and the university webpage before traveling to the UK.

If there are fees for the quarantine in the UK that the university does not cover, please inform your programme officer of this. Intake may sponsor a partial amount of this cost.

### 38. What will happen if there is a local outbreak of COVID-19 at my university?

Each university has thorough plans to provide guidance and support for students to cope with situations during the coronavirus epidemic. Please check the university webpage before traveling to the UK.

### 39. Will I still receive a stipend to cover my living costs if I start my programme online while living in my home country?

Please keep in mind that only if you are prohibited from traveling to the UK for your studies, either by your government, or the UK government, and therefore must start the programme online, will you keep receiving the stipend from Intake while living in your home country.

If this situation arises, please contact your programme officer first to discuss any changes it may cause. It may be that you will still receive stipend payments for the duration of the online studying period, however the stipend rate will be adjusted as appropriate based on the living costs in your home country.

## **About Immigration & Work**

### 40. Can I stay in the UK once my scholarship has ended?

Please keep in mind that award winners are strongly encouraged to travel back to their home countries once their studies are finished, in order to ensure a more immediate positive impact on their community, in line with the stated goals of the Intake Impact Scholarship.

Intake will only provide a return ticket from the UK to your home country up to 4 months after the completion of your degree programme. If you opt to stay in the UK or travel abroad for longer than that, then the return ticket will be at your own expense. Please note, you must inform Intake of your plans



and remain in touch, including supplying up to date contact details, and also be available to provide such support as Intake requires as per the terms and conditions of the scholarship award.

#### 41. Can I apply for an internship/part time employment during the period of my studies in the UK?

You won't be barred from taking part-time employment while in the UK, however you should not accept employment or internship opportunities unless agreed with Intake. Please contact your programme officer if you are considering applying for an internship or part time work in the UK. You should not assume that permission to undertake any such internship opportunities or part time work will be granted.

#### 42. Can I apply for the Graduate Route VISA and stay in the UK at the end of my course?

Please keep in mind that award winners are strongly encouraged to travel back to their home countries once their studies are finished, in order to ensure a more immediate positive impact on their community, in line with the stated goals of the Intake Impact Scholarship.

Intake will only provide a return ticket from the UK to your home country up to 4 months after the completion of your degree programme. If you opt to stay in the UK to pursue Graduate Employment, then the return ticket will be at your own expense. Please note, you must inform Intake of your plans and remain in touch, including supplying up to date contact details, and also be available to provide such support as Intake requires as per the terms and conditions of the scholarship award.