UNIVERSITY OF WINCHESTER

Ukrainian Sanctuary Award: Guide for Applicants

The University of Winchester has established this award to support students from Ukraine who have sought sanctuary in the UK as a result of the Russian invasion, or those Ukrainians who were already in the UK at the time of the invasion and who wish to remain in the country until they can safely return home. Applicants may apply either for an undergraduate or postgraduate taught course, but must have been offered a place on their course before applying for the Ukrainian Sanctuary Award.

The Ukrainian Sanctuary Award provides up to 5 students each year with:

- 100% tuition fee waiver
- £1,000 bursary for each year of study
- English language tests (held in the first week of July) for those applicants who cannot provide documentary evidence of their skills. Our standard English language requirements are set out here - www.winchester.ac.uk/study/international/english-language-requirements/.
- For those who meet the English language conditions for their course by providing documentary evidence, or for those who pass the tests during the first week of July, a free place on the University's 6-week pre-sessional academic English programme. In 2022 this will commence on 25 July. The programme helps students whose first language is not English to achieve a level of functional and academic English language skills required to study in the UK and bridge the gap between their own educational and cultural background and the challenges of the British higher education system and culture.
    - For the 6-week pre-sessional programme, the entry requirement is normally 0.5 IELTS below that required by the receiving programme. For example, if the receiving undergraduate course requires IELTS Academic at 5.5 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in all four components (for year 1 entry), then for the 6 week pre-sessional programme the entry requirement would be 5.0 overall and a minimum of 5.0 in all four language components

Eligibility for the Ukrainian Sanctuary Award:

1. Applicants must already be living within easy commuting distance of the University of Winchester
2. Applicants must hold one of the following UK visas:
    a. Ukraine Family Scheme
    b. Homes for Ukraine Scheme
    c. Ukraine Extension Scheme
3. **PLEASE NOTE: Applicants must already have received an offer of a place (conditional or unconditional) on a course at the University of Winchester *before* they can apply for the Award**

Application Process:

1. Students may apply for an undergraduate programme or a postgraduate programme, depending on their existing qualifications, interests and ambitions. Full details of all our programmes and requirements for entry are available on our website www.winchester.ac.uk

2. Apply for the chosen programme of study via UCAS (www.ucas.com) for undergraduate study. For postgraduate study, please apply direct to the University via www.winchester.ac.uk/pgapply.

   Typical Ukrainian qualifications that we accept are:

   - **For Undergraduate programmes** – Attestat (Grade XII) with a minimum grade average of 7/12. For those whose only qualification is the Attestat, we would require them to join a programme which has an integrated foundation year. However, if an applicant has already completed a suitable foundation year, or the first year at a recognised university in Ukraine, they may apply for direct entry into an undergraduate programme.
   - **For Postgraduate programmes** – Bachelors degree from a recognised institution at 2:2 or equivalent.

   Our standard entry requirements for English language:

   - *Undergraduate:* IELTS 5.5 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in all four components (for year 1 entry) – or equivalent
   - *Postgraduate:* IELTS 6.0 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in writing or equivalent - or equivalent. Some programmes require a higher level, please see our website for details.

3. Receive an offer for your course from the University of Winchester

4. **By midnight on Thursday 16 June**, apply for the Ukrainian Sanctuary Award by completing the application form (available at https://www.winchester.ac.uk/about-us/sustainability-and-social-justice/supporting-ukraine/). Email the completed form to Terri.sandison@winchester.ac.uk.

5. If shortlisted for the Award, receive invitation to an interview at the University of Winchester to take place on Tuesday 21 June. Please keep this date free

6. Attend interview and bring evidence of your visa status. Receive decision about the Award within one or two days

7. If successful at the interview, you will then receive information about English language tests and/or the 6 week pre-sessional English programme if required. English language tests will take place during the first week of July 2022 (exact date to be confirmed). The pre-sessional programme will commence on 25 July 2022.

8. If you are not required to take an English language test (because you have been able to provide documentary evidence of English language qualifications) confirm your acceptance of the undergraduate/postgraduate course via UCAS, or direct to the University, depending on the application route you used.

9. If required to take an English language test and *you pass this*, confirm your acceptance of the undergraduate/postgraduate course via UCAS, or direct to the University, depending on the application route you used.

10. If you are required to take an English test during the first week in July and *you do not pass the test*, you will be not be permitted to undertake the 6-week pre-sessional programme. In this case there would be 2 options:

    1. You could undertake the International Foundation Programme instead for your first year of study. The entry requirements for this programme are an overall IELTS score of 5.0 with a minimum of 4.5 or equivalent in writing, reading, listening and speaking. If you successfully complete the International Foundation Programme you could then re-apply for a degree programme and the Ukrainian Sanctuary Award, commencing in 2023. More information about the Programme can be found here - https://www.winchester.ac.uk/study/international/english-language-courses/international-foundation-programme/.

    2. If you have not passed the English test in the first week of July, and you also have not met the entry requirements for the International Foundation Programme as set out in the point above, you would be advised to undertake a preparatory course at a local college. For example, Eastleigh College has a range of ESOL and Access to HE courses and is in the process of becoming a 'College of Sanctuary', offering additional support for refugees.

11. All students who are offered the Ukrainian Sanctuary Award will be required to sign a simple written agreement which confirms what the Award offers, and what we expect of you as a student