



UKRI International Fees Policy

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Background

Studentships funded by UKRI were opened up to international students from the 2021/22 academic year. This includes most DTP and CDT studentships from all Councils.

All students will receive a full award, to include a stipend and fees at the home, UKRI level. Fees-only awards are no longer an option. UKRI studentships will be opened up to both home and international students. UKRI will normally limit the proportion of international students appointed each year through individual doctoral training programmes up to 30 percent of the total.

Currently, home students must not be charged additional fees above the fee level paid by UKRI. For international students, international fees may now be charged, however only the home fee level can be claimed from the UKRI training grant or other UKRI funding sources. UKRI funding may not be used to cover the difference between the home and international fee rate. Institutions will have the flexibility to find international tuition fees from other sources. These sources can include contributions from the institution, co-funding partners or from the students directly. The institution can also choose to bursary the additional fees.

The UKRI policy only relates to new UKRI-funded students commencing studies from the AY 2021/22 onwards. It does not affect students who commenced prior to that.

UKRI hopes that consortia can have a common position, but does recognise that this is not always possible, especially where institutional policy varies. This is an area that should be considered as part of collaboration agreements.

Cranfield Policy on UKRI International Fees for Postgraduate Research Degrees

The agreed policy is:

- All UKRI studentships will be open to both home and international students in line with UKRI's new policy.
- The cap of up to 30 percent is the maximum threshold for international students and will be applied to each training grant where appropriate and in line with UKRI's policy .
(<http://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/UKRI-030221-Guidance-International-Eligibility-Implementation-training-grant-holders-V2.pdf>). Cranfield is not obligated to allocate the full 30 percent flexibility.
- UKRI funding cannot be used to cover the difference between the home and international fee rate. However, Cranfield continues to have the flexibility to find the international fee from other sources which can include: a department bursary, co-funding partners or from the student directly.

- In implementing this policy we will ensure that recruitment processes are fair, open and transparent with equality, diversity and inclusion policies supported throughout all stages.
- This position will apply to studentships supported through consortia (collaborative DTPs or CDTs) unless a different position has been agreed as part of the collaborative agreement for the consortium.

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