



UKRI International Fees Policy

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Background

UKRI has announced that studentships funded by UKRI will be opened up to international students from the 2021/22 academic year. This includes most DTP and CDT studentships from all Councils, but not iCASE awards and a few other exceptions.

All students will receive a full award, to include a stipend and fees at the home, UKRI level. Fees-only awards will no longer be an option. All 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 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 waive the additional fees.

The new 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 would hope that consortia can have a common position on this, 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 opened up to both home and international students in line with UKRI's new policy.
- A cap of up to 30% international students 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>).
- All UKRI funded students at Cranfield University will be charged according to the same fee structure; we will waive the extra fee, over and above the home fee, for international students supported through UKRI training grants.
- In line with our current tuition fee structure for home students (www.cranfield.ac.uk/study/taught-degrees/fees-and-funding), an Additional Fee Element may apply and this will now be chargeable to international students funded through UKRI at the home fee rate. This will be advised by the supervisor on application.

- 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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