
A. S. HORNBY EDUCATIONAL TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS 2022-23**Information for Applicants**

Thank you for your interest in applying for an A. S. Hornby Educational Trust scholarship to study for Masters in ELT at the University of Warwick in the UK between October 2022 and September 2023. The deadline for receipt of application forms is 12.00 midday UK time on Sunday 31 October.

In this document, you will find information about:

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The A.S. Hornby Educational Trust

The Trust was set up by A.S. Hornby in 1961 to support English language teaching worldwide. A.S. Hornby had a distinguished career in English language teaching and developed the Oxford Advanced Learners' Dictionary, which is still published in its 9th edition by Oxford University Press. The Trust is a registered charity in the UK. The Trust has supported over 300 scholars in the last 20 years.

For further information about the Hornby Trust: www.hornby-trust.co.uk

Eligibility of applicants

Eligible applicants for the scholarship award must have at least three years' full-time ELT experience and a full university first degree. Warwick University also requires a valid language test proving the level of English proficiency stipulated by the university, which is Band A including equivalent to IELTS 6.5 in writing component. List of approved language tests and the required level can be found [here](#).

Hornby Scholarships are intended to support experienced English language teachers who have the potential to make a significant future contribution to English language teaching and teachers in their countries. We accept applications from countries listed in the [DAC list](#). British Council employees are not eligible to apply in the Hornby Scholarship programme.

Which costs does Hornby Scholarship cover?

The scholarship funds study on the one-year Masters in TESOL at the University of Warwick. For further information about the Masters in TESOL at the University of Warwick, please visit: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/al/study/postgraduate/ma-tesol>

The scholarship covers all costs in the UK including a monthly stipend for accommodation and living expenses, tuition fees, return flight tickets, visa and approved language test costs.

The selection process

Applicants are selected by a four-stage process:

1. **Online application form** - applicants submit the online application form for initial assessment
2. **Interview** - applicants who are successful at stage 1 are invited for an interview with the British Council either online or at the British Council office in the country of residence. The interviews this year are planned for 22 November – 19 December 2021.
3. **Application to university** – applicants selected from the interview are invited to apply to the university for consideration
4. **University acceptance** – if the university accepts the applicant the scholarship award is confirmed, and arrangements are made to arrive in the UK to begin study by 1 October 2022

Information you need for your application

Before you start the application, you will need to have information to complete the following sections:

About You

Your personal details: full name, date of birth, gender, nationality and country of residence

Your contact details: email address, preferred address for correspondence in your home country, country, telephone number

English Language level:

If you have sat one of the English language test accepted by the university (List of the accepted tests can be found [here](#)), please have your results ready.

Academic background

Details of all academic qualifications obtained since completing your secondary education: details of each qualification you have, the class or level achieved, the institution, subject and dates. Also indicate those courses which were entirely or mainly English medium – i.e. where the language of instruction or supervision was English.

Professional background

Details of each position held since completing your tertiary education, starting from the most recent and working backwards. Give the name of the position, the organisation, and the dates you were employed.

Your current employer's details: name and address

Referees

Details of two referees who will give references for you if you are long-listed for an interview – name, professional title or position, email address, length of time you have known the referee, and his/her professional relationship to you.

Supporting statement

This is an essential part of your application. If you pass the eligibility criteria your application will be evaluated based on your answers in this section. We are looking for candidates who can demonstrate that they would not only be able to cope with the demands of studying an MA degree in the UK, but who also have the potential to make a significant future contribution to English language teaching and teachers in their countries. We therefore look at the quality of your response from the perspective of where you are in your teaching/ELT career, your future potential, how well your expectations and qualities match the study programme, and the level of your written English. Please aim to be concise, long answers are not necessarily better. You might consider preparing the answers in a word doc before you enter them to the online application form.

Please prepare answers to the following 5 questions:

1. Describe your role and responsibilities, both in your current position and (if appropriate) in your previous positions
2. Describe any development activity supporting other teachers or ELT professionals that you have delivered or helped deliver, for example teacher training, professional development, writing materials, leading a teachers' association or professional activity group.

3. What are the key challenges that (a) you personally face in your teaching, and (b) teachers of English in your country face more generally?
4. In the light of the challenges you have identified in your answer to Q3, what do you think would be the benefit of attending a UK Master's course (a) to you personally, and (b) to ELT in your home country more generally? What role could you see yourself playing in tackling the challenges you've identified?
5. Which areas of ELT are of particular interest to you and why?

Completing the online application form

When you have gathered all your information, you can then go to the online application form and complete all the questions.

You do not have to complete the form all at once. You can save and return to it as often as you need to until the deadline.

You can access the online application here: <https://forms.gle/PZdbyX5cvdX2CoP16>

Frequently asked questions

Do I need to send my photo and/or documents, including language test certificates?	These are only required if you are invited for an interview.
Who should be a referee?	A referee is someone in a senior position who knows you well professionally and can provide an accurate reference about you as a professional.
I need to change my referee after submitting the application form	We will only need to contact referees if you are invited for interview. We will check with you then that the details of your referees are correct.
Do I need a to have a completed language test?	A language test result is not required when you submit your application, but you should be confident that you have the English language proficiency required for university study in the UK. If you do have a valid and accepted language test result, please enter your score on the application form. If you do not have one, and you are selected for a scholarship, we will arrange for you to take an approved language test.

What do I do if I already have a current IELTS or other language test result?	If you have a current IELTS or other test result, please enter your score on the application form. If you are finally accepted for a scholarship and you have a test score required by the university, you will not need to take the language test again. The score you require for entry to the course can be found here .
Can I use another certificate instead of IELTS?	Yes. The list of accepted English language tests can be found here . Please note that to study MA TESOL, you will need to have Band A scores (including equivalent to IELTS 6.5 in writing component).
Will I get a confirmation email after submission of the application form?	Yes. You will get a confirmation email after submission of your application. We will contact you when we evaluate the application forms and inform you of the result of your application.
Can I make changes to the application form once I have submitted it?	Yes, you can edit your application up until the deadline. You will receive an email from Google Forms confirming your submission. This email contains an 'edit' link. Click on this link to go back to your submitted application and when you've completed your amendments, submit the application again.
When will my referees be contacted?	We will ask you to contact referees to send us references if you are invited for an interview.
How many scholarships are there each year?	There are 10 scholarships available this year.
Must I have a minimum number of years of teaching experience?	Yes, we require applicants to have a minimum of three years' full-time teaching experience.
If I am longlisted, do I have to attend an interview in person?	If you are longlisted for an interview, you will be contacted by the British Council in your country. If a face-to-face interview is not possible we will organise an online interview (via MS Teams or alternative online software). The interviews are planned to take place between 22 November and 19 December 2021.
If I am accepted for a scholarship, can I bring a partner?	There is no funding for partners and family members. The stipend for scholars is sufficient only for the scholar's own expenses in the UK. If you wish to bring a partner or family member, you will have to fund this separately and make separate visa arrangements.

If you have any problems

Please contact the following email address with details of your problem and we will provide an answer:

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