



## MSc Algal Biotechnology and Bioeconomy Scholarships and Funding information

All places on this course are self-funded. SAMS and UHI do not provide scholarships, however you may be eligible for support from a range of institutions, as listed below.

### UK/Home Students

- **Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS):** Eligible Scotland-domiciled students studying on a full-time basis can access loans up to £10,000 from the Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS). This includes a tuition fee loan and a non-income assessed living cost loan. Full details of support can be found on the [SAAS](#) website.
- **Student Finance England:** UK nationals resident in England, or Irish citizens or EU citizens with settled status or indefinite leave to remain in the UK who normally reside in England, may be eligible for a Postgraduate Master's Loan of up to £11,500. This loan acts as a contribution towards tuition fees and living costs. Full details of support can be found on the [Student Finance Master's Loan](#) website and [Prospects](#).
- **Student Finance Wales:** UK nationals resident in Wales, or Irish citizens or EU citizens with settled status or indefinite leave to remain in the UK who normally reside in Wales, may be eligible for Postgraduate Master's funding in the form of a loan. The amount of funding available per student is based on household income. Full details of support can be found on the [Student Finance Wales](#) website.
- **Student Finance Northern Ireland:** UK or Irish citizens or EU citizens with settled status or indefinite leave to remain in the UK who normally reside in Northern Ireland or the UK may be eligible for a Tuition Fee loan. You will also need to live in Northern Ireland on or before the first day of the academic year of the course. Full details of support can be found on the [Student Finance Northern Ireland](#) website.
- **SAIC Scholarships:** We have a limited number of scholarships supported by the [Sustainable Aquaculture Innovation Centre](#) (SAIC) through the Scottish Funding Council. These scholarships are available for students normally domiciled in Scotland and they will cover the cost of tuition fees. As part of this scholarship award, you will have the opportunity to undertake a research project with an industry partner of SAIC and attend training and networking events provided by SAIC. If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please contact our course team: [MScAlgalBiotech@sams.ac.uk](mailto:MScAlgalBiotech@sams.ac.uk)

### International Students

Students from non-UK countries are welcome to apply – the course is aimed at students from all over the world. Below is a list of organisations providing funding (scholarships, bursaries, grants or loans) to support all or part of your studies – this list is not exhaustive, and we encourage you to search online yourself:

## General

- **SALTIRE:**

<https://www.scotland.org/study/saltire-scholarships>

The SALTIRE scholarship programme is funded by the Scottish Government in collaboration with Scottish universities and colleges. The awards offer £8,000 towards tuition fees for one year, full time study on master degree courses at Scottish higher education institutions. Citizens of Canada, China (including Hong Kong), India, Japan, Pakistan and USA are eligible to apply for awards under this programme.

- **British Council Chevening scholarships:** Chevening scholarships are funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) to enable students to pursue one-year master degree courses in the UK in any academic field of study. These are fully funded scholarships which will meet the cost of tuitions, living expenses, and return flights to the UK.

<https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/scholarships-funding/chevening-scholarships>

- **Society for Underwater Technology (SUT):** The Society for Underwater Technology offers sponsorship awards to postgraduate students taking one-year taught MSc courses. An award of up to £4,000 is available for taught postgraduate students who have obtained an undergraduate degree in a relevant engineering or science subject. Awards are available to any student irrespective of age or nationality.

<https://sut.org/educational-support-fund/>

## By region

### Europe

- **The Danish State Educational Support (SU) Denmark:** The Danish student grants and loans scheme offers support for full-time courses for a maximum of 4 years to Danish students studying outside Nordic countries.

<https://www.su.dk/english/>

- **Norwegian State Development Loan:** The Norwegian student loans and grants awarding body supports Norwegian students studying abroad, including the UK.

<https://www.lanekassen.no/en-US/>

- **Buscador de becas Universia:** The Buscador de becas Universaria offers information on grants and loans to students from Spain studying abroad. Loans are funded through banks and a variety of foundations.

<https://www.universia.net/es/actualidad/estudiar-en-el-extranjero>

### Africa

- **Qalaa Holdings Scholarship Foundation:** The Qalaa Holdings Scholarship Foundation offers funding for Egyptian nationals studying master degree courses abroad in all subjects.

<https://qalaascholarships.org/apply/>

- **Aga Khan Foundation:** The Aga Khan Foundation offers a limited number scholarships each year for postgraduate level study to students from select developing countries. Funding is available on a 50% grant: 50% loan basis and will help cover tuition fees and daily living expenses.

<https://www.akdn.org/our-agencies/aga-khan-foundation/international-scholarship-programme>

## **North America**

- **Marshall Scholarships:** Marshall scholarships offer funding for young American graduates to study at a UK university for one-year master degree courses. Scholarships cover tuition fees, living expenses, research costs and travel to and from America.  
<http://www.marshallscholarship.org/>

## **Asia**

- **The Inlaks Foundation:** The Inlaks Foundation offers funding for postgraduate study abroad and are available to Indian nationals who have a first degree from a recognised university in India.  
[www.inlaksfoundation.org](http://www.inlaksfoundation.org)
- **Tata Education Trust:** Under the JN Tata Endowment scheme, the trust provides loans to Indian nationals who are pursuing postgraduate study abroad, including master degrees. Only students who have graduated from an Indian university are eligible to apply.  
<https://www.tatatrusters.org/our-work/individual-grants-programme/education-grants>

## **Australia**

- **The Australia Day Foundation UK Trust:** The Trust offers financial support to Australian nationals studying abroad. Grants are available to applicants studying in the UK for the duration of a course or project.  
<https://www.theaustraliadayfoundationuktrust.co.uk/Default>
- **John Monash Scholarships:** John Monash Scholarships are awarded annually to Australian graduates who wish to pursue postgraduate study. These scholarships are not limited by age, academic field of study or choice of overseas university.  
<https://www.johnmonash.com/>

## **Further information**

Most scholarships are available via a rigorous and competitive selection process, and funding bodies apply strict deadlines for submission of applications. **We would therefore encourage you to check the funder's website for details about when calls for scholarship or grant applications open and close.** In most cases you will have to receive an offer of a place on the course before you are eligible to apply for any scholarship. SAMS and UHI are not able to coordinate applications for scholarships. Please see a 'top tips' advice prepared by the British Council on how to complete scholarship applications: <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/blog/six-top-tips-applying-uk-scholarship>

Non-UK students will be required to apply for a visa to study in the United Kingdom. Students from the EU, EAA and Switzerland who enter the UK after 1 January 2021 will also be required to apply for a visa unless they have settled or pre-settled status. Please see this page of our website for further guidance: <https://www.uhi.ac.uk/en/studying-at-uhi/international/eligibility/>