Applicants must meet the criteria outlined and provide all required evidence to be eligible for consideration.

Scholarships can only be awarded to students who began their undergraduate degree from 2012-13 and have been paying higher fees following the fees and finance reforms. This includes:

- English students entering undergraduate study at any UK institution from September 2012;
- non-UK (EU) students entering undergraduate study at any English institution from September 2012;
- Scottish students entering undergraduate study at any English, Welsh or NI institutions from September 2012;
- Northern Irish students entering undergraduate study at any English, Welsh or Scottish institutions from September 2012.

This does not include:

- students from Wales who entered undergraduate study from September 2012, since the Welsh government, through the student loans company, provided tuition fee grants to all Welsh students to cover the increase in fees;
- students from EU countries outside the UK who entered undergraduate study from September 2012 at an institution in Wales, if they were in receipt of a tuition fee grant from the student loans company that covered the increase in fees from 2012;
- students from Scotland or other EU countries outside the UK who entered undergraduate study from September 2012 at an institution in Scotland, if their fees were paid for them by the Student Awards Agency for Scotland;
- students from Northern Ireland or other EU countries outside the UK who entered undergraduate study from September 2012 at an institution in Northern Ireland;
- students who studied for their undergraduate degree outside the UK.

Students will not be eligible if they are already qualified at Masters level or higher.

This is a competitive scholarship scheme, and application does not guarantee an award.

The £10,000 scholarship will be awarded as a full fee waiver, with the remaining balance paid to students directly in four quarterly payments (or pro-rata for part-time students).

Recipients of the PSS scholarship will not be eligible for any other University funded financial award such as the £1,000 Keele Graduate Bursary (KGB), the £500 Keele Graduate Scholarship and the £850 Keele Access Scholarship.
Scholarship awards cannot be deferred to a future academic year.

Students who amend their registration from a master's level degree to postgraduate diploma or certificate will no longer be eligible for a scholarship and the University will discontinue payments. The University also reserves the right to reclaim any payments that have been made.

Students who discontinue their studies will no longer be eligible for a scholarship and the University will discontinue payments.

The University's decision on all awards under the Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme is final, and appeals will not be considered.

If the scheme is oversubscribed, the eligibility criteria you meet will be taken into account and a points-based scoring system will be used to determine successful recipients. This points-based scoring system is illustrated below:

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<td>You come from an area where it is unusual for people to go to university. This is defined by the government's classification called POLAR3, to meet this criteria your address must fall into quintile 1 or 2. Check your address area using our UK postcode checker. We'll use your home address in your last year of school or college. Please note this information only covers the UK. Students with a household postcode which starts with 'ST' will be awarded additional points.</td>
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<td>You're a woman applying for one of the following postgraduate taught courses:  MSc Geoscience Research  MSc Bioscience Research  MSc Neuroscience Research  MSc Environmental Science and Green Technology</td>
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If you have any questions regarding the scheme or your eligibility, please contact student.services@keele.ac.uk or call 01782 734481