

Sanctuary Award Application Form 2024/25

Closing date: 24 May 2024. No applications will be accepted after this date.

Please email the completed form to hughes.sandra@chester.ac.uk

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Before making an application for the Sanctuary Award please ensure that you meet our eligibility criteria:

- Seeking asylum or humanitarian protection in the UK, or the partner/dependent of someone seeking asylum or humanitarian protection;
- A person who has been granted some form of temporary status – such as limited leave to remain OR
- Someone, or the partner/dependent of someone, who has been granted Discretionary or Limited Leave to Remain (DLR) or some other form of temporary status

AND

- Have a conditional or firm offer from the University of Chester for 2024 entry
- Be attending a school, college or voluntary group which can provide a reference in support of your application
- Be unable to access mainstream funding for higher education i.e. Student Finance
- **Not have a 'no study' immigration bail condition**
- **Live within easy commuting distance of the University of Chester**
- Not require additional support from the University for living expenses or accommodation other than that provided through the Sanctuary Award (i.e. 100% tuition fee waiver AND in-kind financial support package**)

***All undergraduate programmes are open to Sanctuary Award applicants EXCEPT courses BN (Hons) Nursing (all pathways) and BSc (Hons) Nutrition and Dietetics.**

**** Up to £2,500 per year in-kind financial support package to help with essential study costs such as such as laptop/printer, stationery, text books, specialist clothes/equipment etc.**

Section 1 – Personal Details

(We will use the information to contact you about your application)

First/given name:		Last name/surname:		
University ID Number/Student Number:				
Home Address:		Correspondence Address (if different):		
Email:		Phone/Mobile:		
Date of Birth:				
		Male	Female	Prefer not to say
Home Office Case Number:				

Section 2 – Education Details

(We will use the information to contact you about your application)

If you are currently studying, which school or college do you attend?

Which course or courses are you currently studying?

If you are not currently studying please tell us:

- which qualifications you already hold (*Please write course titles in full.*)
- the date you obtained them
- at which school, college or university you obtained them.

Which course has offered you a place at the University of Chester?

Is your offer firm or conditional?

Firm

Conditional

If conditional, what qualifications must you obtain in order to accept your course offer?

Section 3 – Living and Financial Circumstances

Please describe your current living circumstances:	
Living with parents and/or other family	Living with partner/spouse
Living with friends	Living alone
Living in halls of residence	Living in NASS accommodation
Where do you plan to live when studying at Chester?	
Do you have any plans other than this Sanctuary Award for supporting yourself financially while at the University? If so, please explain.	

Section 4 - Eligibility for the Sanctuary Scholarship

What was your date of arrival in the UK? (dd/mm/yyyy)
Please select the category which best describes your immigration status in the UK: * Mark only one box.
1. I have been granted refugee or humanitarian protection status AND Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR)
2. I have been granted limited leave as a refugee, and intend to apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR)
3. I have been granted Humanitarian Protection (HP) with limited leave, and intend to apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR)
4. I have been granted Discretionary Leave to Remain (DLR) OR Limited Leave to Remain
5. I am awaiting a decision on my application for asylum OR I am in the appeals process
6. My application for refugee status has been finally determined as refused; I am submitting a fresh claim or applying for judicial review
7. I am the family member of one of the above and my application is dependent on theirs/my leave has been granted in line with theirs
If you have selected option 7, please state below which of the categories 1 to 6 applies to your family member

Section 5 – Personal Statement

Please submit a separate supporting personal statement in approximately 500-750 words.

This should explain your personal and financial circumstances and what barriers you have overcome to continue your education. You may wish to comment on your career aspirations and any experiences that have influenced your decision.

It would also be helpful to know if you have any additional needs, for example English language support, but please be assured this will not negatively affect your application in any way.

Please email your personal statement with your application to: hughes.sandra@chester.ac.uk

Section 6 - Details of Referee

Please supply details of a referee we can contact who can provide a supporting statement.

They should be someone who knows you through a school, college or community or voluntary group and who can provide information such as:

- What contributions you have made to school/college life and/or your community
- Why and how you would benefit from receiving the Sanctuary Award

Referee's full name:

Name of organisation the referee works for, or represents:

Referee's role/job title in organisation:

Correspondence address:

Email address:

Contact telephone number (day time):

Section 7 - Applicant's Declaration

All decisions by the University are taken in good faith on the basis of the statements made on your Sanctuary Award application and having considered the referee's supporting statement. If the University discovers that you have made a false statement, or omitted significant information from your application form, the University may terminate your application.

Please check all the boxes to confirm you have read and agree to the statements below:

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I agree that if I am accepted for the Sanctuary Award I will inform the University immediately if my circumstances change before or during my course of study in respect of my immigration status	
I will inform the University immediately if I receive an immigration bail condition of 'no study' before or during my course of study	
If shortlisted for the Award, I will supply copies of Home Office letters and other documentation confirming my current immigration status in the UK	
I have completed all sections of the application form	
I have attached a copy of my personal statement and emailed it to: hughes.sandra@chester.ac.uk	
I confirm that the information given in this form is true, complete and accurate, and that no information requested or other material information has been omitted	
I consent to the processing of my data by the University for the purpose of dealing with this application	

Signed:

Date:

If your application is shortlisted we will invite you for an interview soon after the closing date.

At the interview there may be an opportunity to meet a Sanctuary Award student who is already studying at the University. You may also have a chance to meet other shortlisted applicants for the Award. Please let us know whether you would be willing to meet them by marking the box below. There is no pressure to do this and we will respect your confidentiality if you do not mark the box.

Yes, I would like the chance to meet other Sanctuary Award applicants or students at interview

Section 8 - Equal Opportunities Monitoring Information

Ethnic Origin:							
Asian or Asian British		Black or Black British		Mixed		White	
	Indian		African		White and Asian		British
	Pakistani		Caribbean		White and Black African		Irish
	Bangladeshi				White and Black Caribbean		Other European
	South East Asian						
	Any other Asian background <i>(please specify)</i>		Any other black background <i>(please specify)</i>		Any other mixed background <i>(please specify)</i>		Any other white background <i>(please specify)</i>

Disability/Learning difficulty:			
Do you consider yourself to have a disability and/or learning difficulty? Please tick the appropriate box.			
	None		Moderate learning difficulties
	Deaf or hearing impairment		Severe learning difficulties
	Visual Impairment		Dyslexia
	Disability affecting mobility		Dyscalculia
	Mental ill health		Multiple learning difficulties
	Profound/complex disability		Other specific learning difficulty
	Unseen disability or medical condition		Emotional/behavioural difficulty
	Other physical disability		Temporary disability after illness
	Multiple disabilities		

Other details:	
	I am a care leaver (have been in the care of a local authority while a child/young person)
	I am a carer (a carer is someone who, without payment, provides help and support to a friend, neighbour or relative who could not manage otherwise because of frailty, illness or disability)