**Cardiff University Cowrie Foundation Scholarship Guidelines – 2024/25**

Cardiff University and the Cowrie Scholarship Foundation will offer a scholarship to support Black African and Black Caribbean applicants from socio-economically under-represented backgrounds. Applicants must be ordinarily resident in the UK and commencing undergraduate study in the academic year 2024/2025.

More information on the Cowrie Scholarship Foundation can be found [here](https://cowriescholarshipfoundation.org/).

**Award**

The scholarship will cover your home UK tuition fees and a maintenance stipend of up to £8,000 for each year of your programme. The Foundation will also provide mentoring for all participants for the full length of their programme. The scholarship is available for the duration of your programme of study, subject to satisfactory progression.

**Eligibility and Criteria**

You must meet all of the following criteria to be considered for this scholarship.

1. Identify as belonging to one of the following ethnic groups:
	1. Black or Black British – Caribbean
	2. Black or Black British – African
	3. Mixed - White and Black Caribbean
	4. Mixed - White and Black African
	5. Other Black background
2. Have firmly accepted an offer of a place on a first undergraduate full time degree programme at Cardiff University commencing study in the 2024/25 academic year.
3. Have been assessed for fee status as a '**home'** student.
4. **Have a household income of £25,000 per annum or less**.
5. Have made an application to your regional student funding authority for income assessed UK government financial support for higher education students. The regional student funding authorities are: Student Finance England, Student Finance Wales, Student Finance Northern Ireland and the Student Awards Agency for Scotland. Confirmation you will be in receipt of full financial support for the 2024/25 academic year. *Please ensure that during your student finance application you have given consent to share information with Cardiff University, as this information will be used to determine eligibility.*

**Application**

**The application process will close on 17 May 2024.**

The application will ask you for a personal statement of no more than 700 words. This should include:

1. why the scholarship would be beneficial to your studies
2. how it would help you to achieve your academic goals
3. how your education would be of future benefit to your community and/or society
4. the achievements, academically and personally, that you are most proud of (this could include overcoming challenging personal circumstances).

We will also ask you for:

* Your full name
* Your UCAS number
* Your date of birth
* Your full home address (including Postal Code)
* Your ethnicity
* Your email address
* Your telephone number (optional)
* Confirmation whether you have experience in the care system or whether you have Refugee or Humanitarian Protection status (optional)
* Confirmation that you are a UK ‘Home’ student
* Your annual household income
* Name of the School or College you are currently attending
* Your predicted or achieved exam results
* Confirmation whether your parent(s) or guardian(s) hold a university degree
* The programme of study you have applied for
* Confirmation whether you have received an offer from Cardiff University to date, and any conditions attached to your offer
* Confirmation that you have applied, been assessed for and expect to be in receipt of the maximum level of support through your regional student funding body, and that you have provided consent to share your information with Cardiff University.
* Confirmation that this is your first undergraduate degree programme, and you have not started a degree programme previously
* Confirmation you understand representatives from The Cowrie Scholarship Foundation will view your application and any submitted documentation as part of the selection process.
* Agreement that your UCAS references (personal and supporting statements) may be used as part of the selection process.

**Submitting your application**

Please check your eligibility before making an application. Awards may be withdrawn if we later become aware that scholars have not met eligibility criteria or have provided false information.

**Please apply** [**here**](https://jotforms.cardiff.ac.uk/240635081510850)**.**

**Notification**

A panel of representatives from Cardiff University will assess applications and compile a shortlist. The shortlist will be sent to the Cowrie Scholarship Foundation who will make the final decision.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application **by the first week of September 2024.**

**Please do not contact the Foundation as all awards and notifications will come from Cardiff University.**

You can direct enquiries to outreach@cardiff.ac.uk.

**Related links**

[Cowrie Scholarship Foundation](https://cowriescholarshipfoundation.org/)

[Information about the Cowrie Scholarship at Cardiff University](https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/funding/scholarships/cowrie-foundation-scholarship)

[Application Form](https://jotforms.cardiff.ac.uk/240635081510850)