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UK Scholarship *Calendar 2027–28.*

Most students look for UK funding after they get an offer, when the big deadlines have already passed. See what opens and closes in which month, what is still open for 2027, and how to prepare for 2028.

3 types of funding

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Proof of funds

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UK funding comes in three layers

Each layer has its own deadlines, requirements and level of competition. Plan for all three, at least one and a half years before your course starts.

1

Government-supported

Chevening (tuition, living allowance and flights) and **Commonwealth Master's**, through HEC nomination with the HAT test. The most competitive, because they cover everything.

2

Partial scholarships

GREAT Scholarships: at least £10,000 toward tuition for Pakistani students at selected universities. **Saltire** (Scotland): £8,000 toward tuition. You pay the rest.

3

University funding

Each university's own scholarships and fee discounts. Some apply automatically with the offer; many are buried on department pages and need a separate application.

How to use this calendar. Read the calendar on the next page, then choose your track: **2027 entry** (focus on university and partial scholarships now) or **2028 entry** (start preparing for Chevening and Commonwealth today). **The PDF is fillable:** click the boxes to tick them and type into the tables (Adobe Acrobat/Reader, Chrome, Edge or Preview), or print it.

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For a master's starting in September 2027, the two biggest rounds have already closed. That is why 2027 applicants should focus on university and partial scholarships, and why 2028 applicants should start now.

When	What	Status for you	My note
Aug 2026	Chevening 2027/28 opened	Closed	
6 Oct 2026	Chevening 2027/28 closed	Closed	
20 Oct 2026	HEC deadline: Commonwealth Master's (HAT score needed)	Closing / closed	
Jan–May 2027	Most university scholarships for Sept 2027 entry	Open: act now	
Apr–Jul 2027	GREAT Scholarships (dates from the last cycle)	Check the page	
Before each deadline	Apply for admission early: many awards need an offer first	Ongoing	
Aug 2027 (expected)	Chevening 2028/29 opens	Prepare now	
Early Oct 2027 (expected)	Chevening 2028/29 closes	Prepare now	
Oct 2027 (expected)	HEC Commonwealth Master's round for 2028	Book the HAT early	

Dates marked “expected” follow the usual pattern of previous cycles, and GREAT dates come from the last cycle. Every scholarship publishes its own dates each year: always confirm on the official page and write the confirmed date in “My note”.

THE RULE · If you are planning big, start early. For funded opportunities, plan at least one and a half years ahead.

Your track: 2027 or 2028

Pick the track that matches your start date, and tick each step as you finish it.

TRACK A · STARTING IN 2027

- ☐ Shortlist 4 to 6 UK universities and courses
- ☐ Note every scholarship on each university's funding page
- ☐ Check each department's page for departmental awards
- ☐ Apply for admission early, so I hold an offer before scholarship deadlines
- ☐ Check which GREAT universities and courses fit me
- ☐ Check Saltire if I am considering Scotland
- ☐ Work out the rest of the fee and living costs (Part 4)
- ☐ Email admissions about scholarships for Pakistani or South Asian applicants

TRACK B · STARTING IN 2028

- ☐ Count my work hours: Chevening needs at least 2,800 (about two years)
- ☐ Build valuable experience in my field that I can show in the application
- ☐ Book a HAT test date early and prepare well: HEC nominates top scorers
- ☐ Draft my Chevening essays before the round opens (Aug 2027, expected)
- ☐ Line up referees and documents months in advance
- ☐ Keep university and partial scholarships as my backup plan
- ☐ Re-check every official date when the 2028 rounds are announced

REFLECT

Which track am I on, and what is the one thing I will do this week?

Finding university funding in 4 steps

There is often no single list of university funding. You have to dig deeper and find it yourself, university by university and often department by department.

3.1 Visit each university's scholarships and funding page ☐

Note two things: what is available for international students, and the deadlines. Then check the department's page too, because some departmental awards are listed only there.

3.2 Check whether you need an offer first ☐

Many university scholarships are only given once you have an offer, and some are first come, first served. Send your admission application early, so you hold an offer by the scholarship deadline.

3.3 Check what the award really covers ☐

A tuition waiver means living costs are still your responsibility. A partial scholarship only works if you can afford the rest of the expenses.

3.4 Email the admissions office and ask directly ☐

"Are there any scholarships for Pakistani or South Asian applicants on this course?" They often tell you about awards that are not clearly listed on the website.

TIP · Use the email template in Part 4.

University funding tracker

One row per scholarship you find. Copy amounts and deadlines from the official page.

University and course	Scholarship name	Amount / what it covers	Offer needed first? (yes/no)	Deadline	Status (found / applied / result)

Pages I checked (links) and the date

Partial aid and proof of funds

A partial scholarship means you manage the remaining fee yourself, and this may mean showing proof of funds to the UK Home Office. For the visa, the required funds must be in your bank account for 28 consecutive days.

Item	Amount (£)
Full tuition fee	
Minus scholarship or discount	
Remaining tuition I must pay	
Living costs required for the visa (check the current gov.uk amount for my city)	
Total I must show for 28 consecutive days	
Money I can actually arrange, and from where	
Gap, and how I will close it	

EMAIL TO THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE (COPY AND ADAPT)

Subject: Scholarships for Pakistani applicants: [course name], [intake]

Dear Admissions team,

I am applying for [course name] starting [month year]. Are there any scholarships or fee discounts for Pakistani or South Asian applicants on this course, including departmental awards? Could you also confirm whether I need an offer before applying, and the deadlines?

Thank you for your help.

Kind regards,

[Your name, applicant ID if you have one]

My 12-month funding plan

Write the real month in the second column and what you will finish that month. Tick it off when it is done.

	Month and year	What I will finish (applications, tests, documents)	Done?
Month 1			
Month 2			
Month 3			
Month 4			
Month 5			
Month 6			
Month 7			
Month 8			
Month 9			
Month 10			
Month 11			
Month 12			

A quick note on working after your degree. From 1 January 2027, the Graduate Route (post-study work visa) for bachelor's and master's graduates is 18 months instead of two years. If you plan to work and earn after your degree, factor this into your plan.

»» WHAT NEXT

Want to study in the UK without paying the full fee yourself?

Our team can review your application and help you find the best funding options for you. Book a free consultation and bring your shortlist.

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More free toolkits and the full Scholarship Roadmap at aptcon.co/resources.html

Sources (checked October 2026): chevening.org, HEC Pakistan (Commonwealth Master's nominations), study-uk.britishcouncil.org (GREAT Scholarships), scotland.org (Saltire Scholarships), gov.uk (Student visa funds and the Graduate Route).