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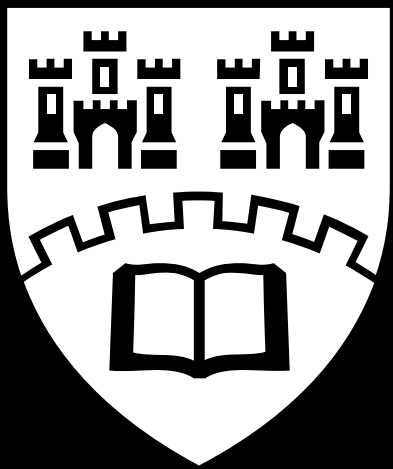
## **Funded Opportunities 2025/26**

Northumbria are able to offer generous funding to support eligible students who are successful in their application to participate in the International Short Programme. Supported by the [Turing Scheme](#), the UK government's funding for international mobility, we offer programmes in a range of destinations, enhancing a variety of professional and personal skills.

While all students within a year of completing a course can apply for funding, those who meet any of the widening participation criteria listed below are eligible for the higher rate of funding.

Applications for funded opportunities are open from November 1<sup>st</sup> until midday on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

For an overview of programmes, programme fees and available funding, please see the the corresponding page for each opportunity and our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) listed below



Widening Participation Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for the higher grant rate for each programme you must satisfy one of the Widening Participation (WP) criteria below.

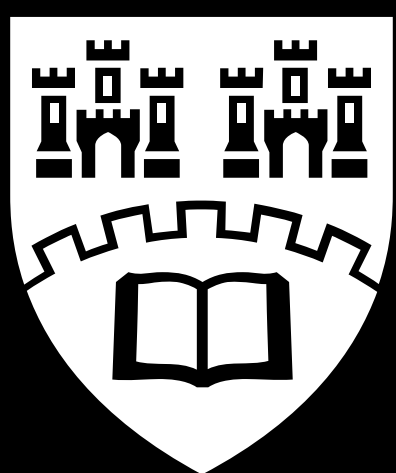
Please note - by declaring a WP status on your application, you give us permission to check that the information you have provided is correct.

Please note the eligible criteria is different for graduates vs current students due to the data available to the university

- Low participation neighbourhoods
- Mature students
- Black, Asian and minority ethnic students
- Disabled students
- Care-leavers and carers
- Estranged students
- Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller communities
- Female students into STEM
- Children from military families
- First generation students

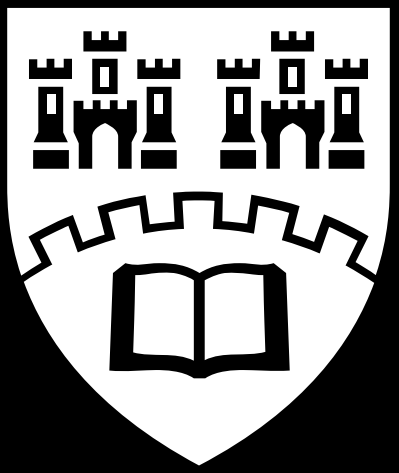
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA EXPLAINED

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Applicable to International fee paying students</u>
Students from military families		Yes (must be registered with the University)
Students from the Gypsy Roma and Traveller communities		Yes
Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic students	Black, Asian and minority ethnic in this case refers to all ethnic groups (except the White British group) where the student has a permanent home and domicile in the UK	No (unless domicile is UK)



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA CONTINUED

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Applicable to International fee paying students</u>
Students from low participation neighbourhoods	his criteria is based on <u>Participation of Local Areas</u> (POLAR) which is produced by the Office for Students and classifies areas across the UK into five groups according to their level of young participation in HE. Each of these groups are ranked from quintile 1 (Q1) (areas with the lowest young participation rates, considered as the most disadvantaged) to quintile 5. To meet the criteria your non-term time postcode must fall within POLAR 4 and Quintile 1 or 2. Please <u>check that you fall within this criteria</u> before selecting this option in your application.	No (unless domicile is UK)
Mature students	You are classed as a mature student if you were aged 21 or above when you started your undergraduate course Or 25 or over when you started your postgraduate course.	Yes
Care Leavers	this status applies to people under the age of 25 who were 'looked after' by the local authority for at least 13 weeks since the age of 14 and ending after the age of 16.	Yes (must be registered with the University)
Student Carers	A student carer is a student who cares unpaid, for a friend or family member who due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or addiction cannot cope without their support.	Yes (must be registered with the University)
Estranged students	An estranged student is someone under the age of 25, who has no communicative relationship with either of their biological/ adoptive parents.	Yes (must be registered with the University)
Female students into STEM	Female students on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths degree programmes.	Yes
First generation students	Students whose parents/step-parents/adoptive parents do not have a higher education qualification.	Yes (must be registered with the University)



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## **Funding Information**

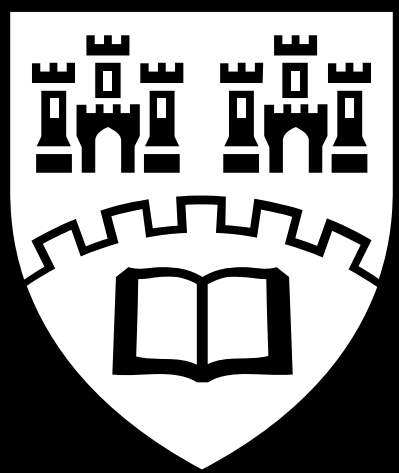
The Funding available\* from the Turing Grant will only partially support your International Short Programme opportunity. The grant will cover the majority of your programme fee, and potentially some of your travel costs. You should thoroughly research any additional costs associated with the programme, as well as the costs of travelling to, and living in, the host country. The funding noted on each of the programmes is, in most cases, the limit of funding available and you will be responsible for paying additional costs.

You must apply directly via our application link (below) to be considered for funding from Northumbria. Applications will be looked at competitively and after the deadline of 12th January. You can apply to the programme provider at the same time as applying to Northumbria but the funding is not guaranteed should you be offered a place with the programme provider first.

Once you have accepted an offer for funding from Northumbria, your details will be passed to the programme provider who will then take you through their application process. Please ensure you research the programme and join any pre-application sessions that the programme providers may hold.

When you receive an offer for a place on their programme from the provider, please submit an enquiry below and attach a copy of the offer. We will then release your funding to you, one month before the programme begins. Approved funding will not be released to you until you provide confirmation from the provider that you have been accepted onto their programme.

*\* Please note that the available funding recorded against each opportunity, is subject to slight change until dates and duration are confirmed by programme providers.*



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1. Read this article, including the FAQs and details of the opportunities carefully (keep checking back for updates!).
2. Think about where you would like to go and research the programme providers on their websites. You can apply for up to two programmes. Please apply in order of preference.
3. Start your application by clicking Apply Now below. The application requires that you write a motivational statement and/or record and upload a one-minute video. You are also required to complete a financial statement showing your understanding of the costs associated with the programmes you are applying to.
4. Offers or rejections will be sent to all students no later than the first week of February
5. All successful students must attend one of our mandatory pre-departure session, which will take place in March and April 2025.

A one-to-one meeting is not a mandatory requirement for the International Short Programmes. However, if you would like to meet the team please contact us by submitting an enquiry below.

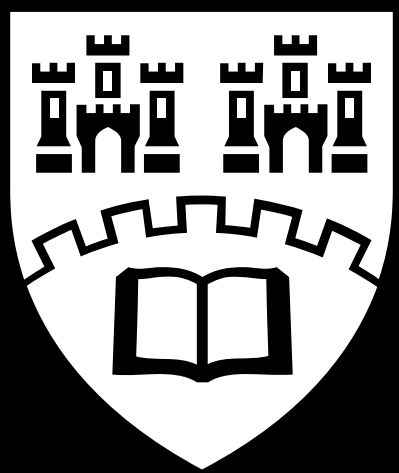
### What do I include in my application?

During the application process, you will be asked to provide a motivational statement. This can be a written or video account of your reasons for applying to the International Short Programme and how the opportunity will benefit your employability, academic and personal skills. Please limit this to one page if you are submitting in writing, and to one minute if you are creating and sending a link to a video. Think of the motivational statement or video as an elevator-style pitch about why you should be selected to take part in the project. Showcase your personality and outline what you will gain from the opportunity.

You will also be asked to include a financial statement. Please research any additional costs yourself (we cannot provide costs for you). The expectation is that you do the research to gain a thorough understanding of what costs are associated with the programme and fully consider how you will fund these.

If you have any concerns about the application process, please contact us by submitting an enquiry below and we will be happy to discuss this with you.

**APPLY NOW**



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## Frequently Asked Questions

I do not meet any of the Widening Participation eligibility criteria. Can I still apply for funding?

Yes. All student are eligible for funding. Students who meet the eligibility criteria will be entitled to a higher rate of funding.

Are there additional costs associated with each ISP opportunity?

Yes. The information provided on each of the programme descriptions is the information we have been given from the programme provider. There are likely to be additional costs that we have not been made aware of and you will need to pay for. For example social activities(outside of the programme itinerary), accommodation (unless stated otherwise), meals (unless stated otherwise), activities, flights, visas, vaccinations, deposit etc, so please take this into consideration when researching each opportunity.

Will I be alone or with other Northumbria students on my International Short Programme?

The number of funded places is stated on each of the programme descriptions. With the exciting programmes available this year we anticipate the International Short Programme will be very popular and so do not expect any students from Northumbria to be the only student from Northumbria on the programme.

What is the mandatory pre-departure session?

This session will cover what is required from you before you travel, during your programme and once the programme has finished. We will also cover topics such as travel safety and the risk assessment you must submit prior to travelling.

It is also a chance to meet students who are going on the same programme as you.

The session is mandatory to attend unless you are on study abroad or placement already and will take place between March and May 2026.

When will I receive the grant I have been awarded?

The Turing grant will be paid to you when you have submitted the offer of acceptance from the programme provider (not the offer from Northumbria).

Will I have to repay my funding if I return early from my ISP?

Yes. Turing determine the length of the programme that students must adhere to – there is a minimum requirement of 14 days.

If you leave the programme before 14 days then the full grant must be returned within 5-days of your departure from the programme.

If you return after 14 days but before programme officially ends then some grant must be returned i.e. days/weeks between 14 days and before end date of programme.