

National Film and Television School Humanitarian Scholarships

The National Film and Television School is pleased to offer three Humanitarian Scholarships for students fleeing conflict and persecution and who are seeking asylum in the UK, enabling them to continue their education:

- One full fee scholarship and £15,000 living expenses per year on a full-time postgraduate level course commencing in January 2026 (either a Master's or postgraduate diploma);
- Two free places on our Certificate in Filmmaking Certificate course or our Indie Games Development Certificate course.

Award Details

MA or Diploma Humanitarian Scholarship

Commencing in January 2026, this scholarship provides a full fee waiver for the duration of the student's Master's or postgraduate diploma course. It also includes a stipend of £15,000 per year for living costs.

Scholars benefiting from this scholarship will also receive support during their time at NFTS, including wellbeing support, language assistance and advice on finding accommodation.

Please note that financial or administrative support for family members cannot be provided.

Certificate in Filmmaking/Indie Games Development Humanitarian Scholarship

One free place on each of these two courses is available, starting in October 2024.

For the Certificate in Filmmaking course, in addition to online study, there is a five-day residential workshop at the NFTS in Beaconsfield. Support with the travel and accommodation costs of attendance at this workshop will be provided.

The Certificate in Games Development is an online-only course and there is no residential workshop requirement.

Eligibility

Postgraduate Scholarship

The NFTS Postgraduate Humanitarian Scholarship is available to support international students who are seeking asylum in the UK, or who have recognised status as either refugees or individuals under humanitarian protection as per the 1951 Refugee Convention.

We aim to encourage well-qualified students to continue their education with us at the NFTS, pursuing a postgraduate taught course (Diploma or MA).

All applicants for this scholarship must:

- Hold one of the following immigration statuses before applying to the School:
 - UK asylum seeker
 - UK discretionary leave to remain (as a result of an asylum application)
 - UK limited leave to remain (as a result of an asylum application)
 - Humanitarian protection (as a result of an asylum application)
- Be living in the UK and unable to access mainstream UK student funding due to their residency status at the point the application for the Scholarship is made.
- Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously completed a postgraduate award or who are studying for a postgraduate award at the time of application

Certificate in Filmmaking/Indie Games Development

Two free places are available to students who hold one of the following immigration statuses:

- UK asylum seeker
- UK discretionary leave to remain (as a result of an asylum application)
- UK limited leave to remain (as a result of an asylum application)
- Humanitarian protection (as a result of an asylum application)
- Refugee or humanitarian protection under the 1951 Refugee Convention.
This status can be held outside of the UK.

How to Apply

To apply, applicants should indicate on their course application form that they would like to apply for a Humanitarian Scholarship. Applicants will then be asked to complete a separate application for the Scholarship. Evidence of an applicant's immigration status must be uploaded as part of this process. Initial shortlisting by eligibility criteria will be completed by the Registry Manager. All applicants who meet the eligibility criteria for the Scholarship are then forwarded to the next selection stage.

Course applications will be considered by the relevant department. Those who are shortlisted for an offer of a place on a course will then have their Scholarship application considered by the Scholarship Panel at a meeting in September. All panel members understand that applicants will have a broad range of differing skills, attributes and experiences, so they will give consideration to both the applicant's academic and professional record and their answers to the questions posed in the scholarship application form.

Final award recipients will be decided by the Panel and notified of the outcome of their application by 30 September.

If you have any questions, please contact registry@nfts.co.uk

Application Deadlines

All applications for the MA or Diploma Humanitarian Scholarship must be received by **3 July 2025**.

All applications for the Certificate in Filmmaking/Indie Games Development Humanitarian Scholarship must be received by **30 August 2024**.

Applications received after these deadlines cannot be considered.