

NOMINATION For The Beacon Scholarship for University

For entry September 2025

At: University of Birmingham
Cardiff University
University of Exeter
Imperial College London
London School of Economics (LSE)

PLEASE NOTE: This is a Head's Nomination, not a Beacon Scholarship for University Application Form. As soon as offers are received from universities, candidates should inform the Beacon; after preliminary checks, candidates will then be invited to complete a full Application Form. Please submit this Head's Nomination from an official school email address, ideally by 31 December 2024 and NO LATER THAN 15 JANUARY, so applicant progress can be monitored with Beacon Partner Universities.

Instructions for completing this Nomination

Please save this document to your computer, and save any changes you make. The final document must be complete before submitting to Beacon NO LATER THAN 15 JANUARY.

If you have any questions about how to complete this form please email info@beaconscholarship.com

To: School Head

A Nomination is the first step for a student considering the Beacon Scholarship for University. It is an endorsement by you that a candidate fulfils the general eligibility criteria for The Beacon Scholarship, and is predicted to achieve the grade tariff typically required for a 3-4 year undergraduate programme of study (International Foundation Year, Apprentice courses, medicine, dentistry, veterinary sciences excluded) at a Beacon Partner University. For more information see www.beaconscholarship.com.

PLEASE NOTE: a Nomination is not a full application. Once the candidate has sent us evidence of an offer from a Beacon Partner University, the candidate will be sent a short Eligibility Assessment Form to complete with their family; upon satisfactory receipt of this form, they will be sent a full Beacon Scholarship for University Application Form.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be considered for the Beacon Scholarship, the candidate will need to:

1. Have obtained an offer from a Beacon Partner University.
2. Be a national of *and* ordinarily resident in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, or South Africa from a previously disadvantaged community.
3. Show leadership capabilities
4. Have the capacity and emotional maturity to study independently overseas.
5. Show a commitment to the development of their home country.
6. Have verifiable financial need (annual gross household income not exceeding US\$100k or local equivalent).
7. Demonstrate an intention to return to their home country in a leadership position, if possible after gaining international experience in their chosen field.

FUNDING

The Beacon Scholarship for University is aimed at students from middle income households. The scholarship covers full tuition fees only. Recipients are responsible for covering maintenance costs which include living costs such as accommodation and subsistence, compulsory UK government surcharges, and airfares to and from their home country. These maintenance costs are typically around £15k (US\$20k) annually.

Award recipients must open an Education Fund bank account and deposit in it a minimum balance of £15k (US\$20k) for the first year. For the second and subsequent years, a statement from the Education Fund bank account showing a minimum balance of £15k (US\$20k) is required for scholarship continuation. Parents of successful candidates will be required to complete a Financial Disclosure. It is unlikely that parents/guardians/sponsors with an annual gross household income above US\$100k will qualify.

BEFORE YOU NOMINATE

- Candidates should submit their UCAS applications by 31 December to give them the best chance of obtaining UCAS offers before Beacon deadlines.
- A Head's Nomination should be submitted after candidates have made their UCAS applications.
- Once the Candidate receives an offer from a Beacon Partner University, eligibility will be established and then the application process can commence.

Please consider carefully your candidate's eligibility – both candidate quality AND ability of candidate's family to pay living costs as described above.

To submit

Email nominations to info@beaconscholarship.com **NO LATER THAN 15 JANUARY.**

If you have any queries, please contact us. We look forward to receiving your Nominations.

Sincerely,

The Beacon Team

Please Note: Data collected and processed for The Beacon Scholarship is governed by [The Beacon Equity Trust Privacy Notice](#).

NOMINATION FOR THE BEACON SCHOLARSHIP FOR UNIVERSITY

At the University of Birmingham, Cardiff University, University of Exeter, Imperial College London, London School of Economics (LSE).

1.0 Candidate details

Family / last name	
First name and initials	
Gender	
Date of birth	
Citizenship	
Country of normal residence	
Candidate email address	
Parent email address	
UCAS No.	

1.1 Head of school details

Title/Family name/Given name	
School name	
School Email address	

1.2 Head's Reference

Please candidly answer the following questions in the space provided.

a) What is the candidate's current School Year/Form?	
b) When will the candidate graduate from secondary school? (month/year)	

c) Academic Capability

Is the candidate within the top decile (10%) of academic performance of their year group?

Click in box if Yes. If No, please do not proceed further. Only top academic performers will be successful.

d) For South Africans only: Beacon Changemakers is aimed at candidates from previously disadvantaged groups.

Is this candidate from a previously disadvantaged community?

e) What are the candidate's final predicted grades at 'A' Level or equivalent? (Please state if grades already achieved)

Subject	Predicted grades	Curriculum	
IF IB, TOTAL POINTS PREDICTED (INCLUDING THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXTENDED ESSAY)			

f) For which university/course is the candidate applying? Please also provide grades usually required for this course.
We strongly recommend candidates apply to more than one Beacon Partner Uni, up to the UCAS maximum of 5

University	College	Undergraduate Degree Course	Course Length (yrs)	Required Grades
Birmingham	n/a			
Cardiff	n/a			
Exeter	n/a			
Imperial	n/a			
LSE	n/a			

g) In your view will the candidate require financial assistance in order to complete their undergraduate degree in the UK (guideline for Beacon Scholarship eligibility: maximum Gross Household Income US\$100k)?

h) In which country is the candidate ordinarily resident (ie 'home country')?

i) Has the candidate held a formal leadership position over the last 2 years at your school? If yes, describe the role.

Please also provide information on the following:

j) What are the candidate's personal strengths?

k) What are the candidate's personal challenges?

l) Please describe the candidate's involvement in co-curricular activities eg sport, music, drama.

m) How confident is the candidate in forming relationships and motivating others? Provide examples if possible.

Please rank the candidate's popularity ie whether peers like/listen to them.

n) How involved is the candidate in citizenship and community activities? Provide examples if possible.

o) In your view is the candidate likely to return to their home country either after graduation or after gaining international work experience? Please explain why.

p) In your view how strong is the candidate's preference in terms of country of destination for their University studies?

Please indicate the candidate's strength of interest	Choose
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It would be helpful to understand reasons for a preference. Note your answer does not prejudice the selection process for this candidate.

Main reason why Non-UK University destination may be preferred	Choose
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Main reason why UK University destination may be preferred	Choose
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q) Why do you think the candidate is academically prepared and emotionally ready to study overseas at a world-class university in the UK?

<p>Head's Signature (Open with Adobe PDF reader to insert scanned signature, or print & sign)</p>	
<p>Date</p>	
<p>School stamp (Open with Adobe PDF reader to insert scanned stamp, or print & stamp)</p>	

Thank you for your Nomination.

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