



Chevening in Europe 2026

Background

This guidance is for Chevening university partners participating in a one-off nomination process for part-funded Chevening Scholarships for candidates from Europe.

What's new?

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) has secured additional funding to support Chevening Scholarships for citizens of eligible European countries. This funding is expected to support new scholarship awards over at least the next two academic years.

For the 2026/27 academic year only, scholars will be selected through a one-off university nomination process. This approach has been introduced because the funding was confirmed after the standard Chevening application cycle had closed. There are 40-50 part-funded awards available. Chevening will pay universities the cost of scholar tuition fees and a one-off arrival allowance to scholars. Scholars will be expected to self-fund their living expenses.

From 2027/28 onwards, approximately 20 fully funded scholarships are expected to be offered through the usual Chevening application process, with applicants applying directly through the Chevening online application system. Further details will be shared in due course.

This guidance relates only to the one-off nomination process for the 2026/27 cohort.



Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for a Chevening Scholarship, candidates from Europe must meet [the standard Chevening eligibility requirements](#), including:

- Be a citizen of an eligible non-ODA European country (see Annex A).
- Have at least two years' work experience following completion of their first undergraduate degree.
- Not hold British citizenship or dual British citizenship.
- Not be an employee, former employee, or direct relative of an employee of the UK Government, the British Council, or a participating UK university where this would make them ineligible under Chevening rules.
- Commit to returning to their home country for a minimum of two years after completing their studies in the UK.

Candidates who have indicated that they intend to remain in the UK after their studies are not eligible for this scholarship.

Course conditions

Candidates must:

- Hold an offer from their nominating university, for an [eligible full-time taught master's course](#) based in the UK and starting in autumn 2026.
- Have already met all academic and English language requirements for entry.
- Have no outstanding offer conditions other than demonstrating affordability or securing funding for their studies.

Chevening does not normally apply a fee cap for eligible courses, with the exception of MBA programmes. For this scheme, the maximum Chevening contribution towards MBA tuition fees is £22,000. We also ask that the established arrangement with university partners to apply a 20% tuition fee discount to all courses continues for the Chevening Europe awards.

Who can be nominated?

We welcome nominations of all candidates who meet our eligibility criteria, course conditions, and [demonstrate leadership potential](#). This includes candidates with refugee status who are resident in non-ODA European countries, as well as candidates who declare a disability. In addition to the standard funding available, candidates who declare a disability to complete their studies will be eligible for additional financial support in line with established Chevening policies.

When making nominations, universities should aim to include candidates from a range of eligible countries. Where only a small number of nominations are submitted, universities are encouraged to include candidates from countries that are typically less well represented in international student applications. This approach supports broader geographic representation across the cohort and may increase the probability of nominated scholars being selected.



Nomination and application process

Step 1: University nominations

Universities are responsible for identifying eligible candidates from their pool of applicants or offer holders. In order to manage application numbers, participating universities are invited to nominate up to a maximum number of candidates (see Annex B).

Universities should:

- Email selected candidates that they have been nominated (see Annex C).
- Submit candidate information to the Chevening Secretariat by Friday 10 July.
- Communicate with candidates throughout the process as required, including sending them the application link and informing them of the outcome of their application.
- Confirm candidate acceptance of any offer with the Chevening Secretariat.
- Confirm scholar arrival in the UK and enrolment on their course.
- Submit invoices to the Chevening Secretariat for tuition fee payments.

Please note that only applicants nominated by a participating partner university will be considered for a scholarship. Applications received without a corresponding university nomination will not be considered.

Step 2: Candidate application

- Upon clicking on the application link, nominated candidates will be asked to complete a form responding to [questions used in the standard application process](#).
- Applicants must confirm their eligibility as part of the application process and consent to their information being shared between the Chevening Secretariat and their nominating university.

Step 3: Assessment and selection

The Chevening Secretariat will:

- Receive and manage applications.
- Assess applications against Chevening selection criteria and with reference to geographical priorities.
- Inform universities of successful, reserve, and unsuccessful candidates.
- Send letter of confirmation of tuition-fee funding to universities.
- Send confirmation of funding to scholar.



Application timeline

The table below sets out the indicative timetable, which remains subject to change.

Date	Action	Responsible
15 - 20 June	Confirm participation in programme	Universities
20 June – 10 July	Nomination of candidates and issuing of application link	Universities
20 June – 12 July	Submit application	Candidates
12 July	Applications close	Chevening
13 – 24 July	Assessment and selection	Chevening
27 July onwards	Notify universities of outcomes	Chevening
28 August	Deadline for candidates to accept award	Universities

Further information

Communication and branding

Chevening Europe 26 is being soft launched. There will not be any dedicated communication or promotional assets relating to it. Outline information for candidates is [available online](#).

Participating universities are requested not to proactively communicate about the scheme or the application process. They are asked to use the nomination process to communicate individually with potential candidates.

Information for candidates

Participating universities are asked to direct candidates to [the Chevening website](#) for information. Chevening will not be able to respond to individual applicant enquiries, and any enquiries received will be referred back to the applicant's nominating university.

Scholar experience

Once confirmed, Chevening Europe scholars will receive the same communications and benefits as other Chevening scholars. This includes invitations to Chevening events such as Orientation and Farewell, and access to a designated Programme Officer. They will also have access to the 24/7 wellbeing service available to all Chevening scholars.

As these scholars will not be bound by a standard Chevening client care agreement, Chevening will not be able to provide visa or immigration advice. In these cases, scholars will be directed to their host university for support.



Data sharing and privacy policy

The usual [data sharing and privacy policies](#) apply to Chevening Europe scholars. Candidates will be asked to acknowledge and accept these on submission of their application.

The data sharing policy authorises Chevening to share personal information with participating universities.

Payment and invoicing

Participating universities will issue an invoice to Chevening for the agreed tuition-fee amounts. Universities are requested to send a separate invoice for Europe 26 scholars, and not to combine with any other invoice(s) for the usual fully funded Chevening cohort of scholars.

Annex A: Eligible European non-ODA Countries

Andorra	Latvia
Austria	Liechtenstein
Belgium	Lithuania
Bulgaria	Luxembourg
Croatia	Malta
Cyprus	Monaco
Czechia	Netherlands
Denmark	Norway
Estonia	Poland
Finland	Portugal
France	Romania
Germany	San Marino
Gibraltar	Slovakia
Greece	Slovenia
Greenland	Spain
Hungary	Sweden
Iceland	Switzerland
Ireland	Vatican City
Italy	

Annex B: Maximum number of candidate nominations

Number of pledged places (in MoU)	Maximum nominations	Range of countries
1	3	At least 2 countries
2	5	At least 3 countries
3 or more	2 x pledged places	At least 4 countries and no more than 3 nominations per country



Annex C: Email to nominated candidates

Subject: Chevening in Europe Scholarship – nomination from [university name]

Dear [candidate first name],

We are pleased to inform you that you have been nominated by [university name] for the [Chevening in Europe Scholarship](#). This is a new UK Government scholarship opportunity funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), in partnership with select UK universities.

This scholarship is for students from Europe applying for eligible one-year taught master's courses in the UK starting in Autumn 2026 (August–October).

The scholarship covers full tuition fees paid directly to your university and includes a one-off arrival allowance to support your move to study in the UK. Successful applicants will also gain access to the wider Chevening network of 60,000 influential future leaders, along with invitations to Chevening events and opportunities beyond the classroom.

You can find full details about the programme at chevening.org/Europe.

What happens next

You are now invited to submit an application for consideration, by completing an online application form here: [Chevening application form](#)

The deadline to submit an application is **Sunday 12 July at 23:00 UTC**.

Please note that this invitation is intended for you only and should not be forwarded.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this scholarship, you must have been nominated by a participating UK university. Full eligibility criteria are available [here](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We wish you the best of luck with your application.

Kind regards,
[Insert name]