

## EPSRC Student eligibility criteria

Each award will cover the RCUK minimum fee (£4,260) and minimum stipend (£14,777). Additional costs (e.g. consumables, travel) are recovered via the premium fee, or where relevant the CASE industrial partner.

**All applicants' eligibility should be checked by Elaine Urwin, Graduate School Administrator, before any offers are made: [rsst@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:rsst@ncl.ac.uk)**

### Eligibility criteria:

- **Home/EU** - EU students can apply but they must meet the [EPSRC eligibility criteria](#) to receive a full award (fees & stipend). The applicant must have no restrictions on how long they can stay in the UK, and have been ordinarily resident in the UK for at least 3 years prior to the start of the studentship (with some further constraint regarding residence for education). If they do not meet this criteria EU students are only eligible to receive a fees only award.
  - *EU students who do not meet the UK residency requirements can be granted the full award if assigned against the International 10% allocation (if available).*
- **International** – The EPSRC provides the University an annual 10% allowance to enable the very best International students to be allocated funding. All requests to use this allocation should be sent to the [sagepgdean@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:sagepgdean@ncl.ac.uk) for approval before any commitment is made.
- This allowance applies to all International students and EU students who do not meet the required UK residency requirement.

**Important notice:** The 10% open eligibility only covers the Home/EU fee and stipend (full award of £77,272) and the additional top-up fee required for International students' needs to be considered and funded separately (e.g. Band 1 - £11,405 top up required/ Band 2 - £16,805 required per year). The EPSRC clearly state that **students should not pay these additional fees**, and additional funding should be provided by the institution or the Industrial partner. Discussions and confirmation of this additional funding should be agreed with your Head of School/PG Director prior to any academic or funding offer being provided or confirmed, both verbally and in writing.

Further guidance can be requested from [sagepgdean@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:sagepgdean@ncl.ac.uk) or [rsst@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:rsst@ncl.ac.uk)