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Melete Scholarships Scheme 2025/26

The Melete Scholarships Scheme mission is to support talented PhD students as they become the next generation of visionary innovators. The Melete Scholarships Scheme is open for existing Open University PhD students who are being co-supervised by a member of staff within the Knowledge Media Institute (KMI) unit.

Eligible applicants may apply in writing for a 2025/26 scholarship of £5,000 to support the execution of their ambition, as described in their application. The application letter which should accompany this form should be no more than 1,500 words and include the student's individual aspirations, how these align to the Melete vision as well as the project which they will focus on. Before making an application, please read the information about the Melete Scholarships Scheme at <https://melete.kmi.open.ac.uk> or in the Melete Scholarships Scheme leaflet.

Please note: Fulfilling the eligibility criteria does not guarantee your success. To ensure support is allocated in accordance with the spirit of the fund, eligible applications will be reviewed by a panel, and shortlisted candidates will be invited to a panel interview where the final decision will be made.

Applications for the 2025/26 academic year will close at midday on **16 May 2025**. Applications received after this deadline will not be accepted. Interviews will be in the week commencing 9 June 2025. Successful applicants will be notified by 30 June 2025.

Completing the application

To be included in the selection process you must complete this application form correctly and in full, providing supporting evidence where required.

Section 1: Your details

1.1 Enter your details.

Open University Personal Identifier (if you have one)

Date of birth

Title

Forename(s)

Surname

Email address

Telephone number

Section 2: Your eligibility for a scholarship

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply for a scholarship, you must meet all the following the criteria:

- You are currently studying towards a PhD at The Open University.
- You are being co-supervised by a member of staff within the Knowledge Media Institute (KMi) unit.

- 2.1** Please write a letter of application of no more than 1,500 words, to describe your distinctive characteristics and your ambitions. Describe also how you would use this scholarship award to support the execution of your ambition. Be clear about how lasting social good would come from what you achieve. Include your individual aspirations, how these align to the Melete vision as well the project which they will focus on. Please clearly name your letter of application and upload it along with the Melete Scholarships Scheme application form as a PDF not exceeding 10MB and email to Fees-FS-Bursaries-Scholarships@open.ac.uk.

Section 3: Consent to contact

If your application is successful, we may wish to contact you inviting you to attend events with donors and other recipients or to share your story for the purposes of promoting the Melete Scholarships Scheme for the benefit of other students. We will not use personal data of any persons in any materials without prior consent. Your answers in this section will not affect your eligibility for a scholarship or your prospects of selection.

- 3.1** If my application is successful, I consent to The Open University contacting me regarding promotional events and material.

Yes

No

Section 4: Privacy Notice

- 4.1** The Open University shall use and take care of any personal information supplied to it as described in its [Privacy Notice](#), a copy of which is available on request, in accordance with data protection legislation.

Section 5: Declaration

- 5.1** Read the declaration below carefully before signing it.
- The information given on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 - I will inform The Open University immediately of any change in my circumstances that might affect my entitlement to a Melete Scholarship.
 - I understand that if I give The Open University false information, or fail to give complete information, I may be prosecuted, and my scholarship withdrawn.

Your signature

Date

Data Protection Legislation

The following statement describes who will use the information provided on this form and what they will use it for.

We will use the information you give on this form to process your Open University Melete Scholarships Scheme application.

The Open University needs the information you give on this form to work out whether you are eligible for a scholarship and is the data controller for that information. The Open University will keep personal information about you so that we can audit the assessment of the Melete Scholarships Scheme funding.

The data provided on this form will be retained by The Open University for a period of time based on the duration of your qualification.

As a data subject, you have a number of rights. If you wish to see the information the University holds about you, or if you wish for any information to be corrected, deleted or blocked ("restricted"), please contact us using the details opposite.

If you wish to raise a complaint on how we have handled your personal data, you can contact our Data Protection Officer who will investigate the matter. Our Data Protection Officer can be contacted on the details below.

If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are processing your personal data in a way that is not in accordance with the law, you can complain to the UK Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). See www.ico.org.uk.

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Please email your completed application and supporting evidence to:

Fees-FS-Bursaries-Scholarships@open.ac.uk

Or, you can post a hard copy of your completed application with supporting evidence to:

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