



Carnegie-Morgan Scholarships

Applicant Information 2026-27

Overview

The Carnegie-Morgan Scholarship provides funding for Scottish-domiciled students from low-income households to undertake postgraduate study at SCQF Level 11 in the field of plant science and botany.

A partnership between Carnegie Education Fund (CEF) and the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE), it aims to widen participation in postgraduate study while furthering Scotland's development of a suitably equipped workforce to support the transition to net zero and reverse (or redress) biodiversity decline.

What the scholarship provides

- Full tuition fees for the MSc in Biodiversity and Taxonomy of Plants, a course jointly delivered by the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh and the University of Edinburgh. The degree is awarded by the University of Edinburgh.
- An additional living-cost bursary of £1,200.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for the scholarship, you need to meet all the following criteria:

- Satisfy the entry criteria for the course and have been accepted onto the MSc Biodiversity and Taxonomy of Plants, studying either part time or full time.
- Reside in a low-income household based on the income thresholds below:

Dependents	Single person household	Couple
No children	£30,000	£35,000
1 child	£35,000	£40,000
2 children	£40,000	£45,000
3 children	£45,000	£50,000
Per additional child	£5,000	£5,000

- Be ordinarily resident in Scotland (by which we mean you must have made their permanent home in Scotland intending to stay and live here)
- Be able to demonstrate that you have either;
 - Completed at least two years of secondary schooling or full-time college education in Scotland, **OR**
 - A substantive connection with Scotland on the basis of residency (excluding time spent at university), education (excluding university), family or working life.
- Be entitled to remain indefinitely in the UK
- Have drawn down the loan funding available from SAAS for living-cost support, or be able to demonstrate how you will cover the cost-of-living while studying
- Not be eligible for public grant funding towards the cost of the course.
- Not have already obtained a postgraduate degree, for example a Masters (taught or research), MPhil or PhD.



How to apply

If you are interested, you should first apply for a place on the MSc course, noting that you wish to be considered for the Carnegie-Morgan Scholarship.

How the selection works



*If the number of eligible candidates exceeds the number of scholarships available, we will award the scholarship using partial randomisation.

About Keith Morgan

Dr Keith Morgan was a physicist and engineer who lectured in electrical engineering at the University of Southampton. He was also passionate about botany, and was responsible for the planning, design and planting of many unusual trees and shrubs in his own garden and in various other locations. On his death in 2017, he left a significant legacy to the Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland which he asked to be used to provide scholarships for postgraduate studies in the field of botany and plant science in the Royal Botanic Gardens of Edinburgh and the Scottish Universities.



Further Information

- [MSc Biodiversity and the Taxonomy of Plants](#)
- [Carnegie Education Fund](#)



