

Santander Scholarships 2025-26

Applicant guide

Overview

Santander Scholarships 2025-26 is a new initiative designed to support current university students reach their full potential and enhance their future career prospects. This scholarship supports students who demonstrate potential and ambition and make the most of their university experience.

This application guide explains the application process to help you apply.

Applications close on 19 February 2026. We strongly recommend that you don't leave your application until the last minute in case you have any difficulties that may take time to resolve.

Eligibility criteria

Please take a look at the Santander Scholarship 2025-26 Terms and Conditions for full details.

Applying

You'll need to complete a short application form* and an online assessment.

The application form will ask for:

- Personal details (contact details, date of birth, etc.)
- Education details (including the start and end dates of your degree)
- Current university course
- Student ID number
- Student university email address
- Postcode of your primary residence before starting university
- Confirmation and selection of under-represented group(s) where applicable to you.

The groups are:

- Students from areas of low higher education participation, low household income or low socioeconomic status
- Black, Asian and minority ethnic students
- Mature students
- Disabled students
- Care experienced students
- Carers
- Students estranged from their families
- Students from Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities
- Refugees
- Students from military families

You'll also need to answer this question: **What impact would be being awarded a Santander Scholarship have on your university education? (max 250 words)**

* Some of this data is classed as 'special category' under data protection laws. You'll be asked to confirm in the application form that you provide your consent for your university to process (if applicable) your special category data for the purpose of selection.

Online assessment

We'll ask you to complete a short online assessment. This online assessment involves a series of questions to assess your skills and abilities to help your university select the scholarship winners.

There's no need to revise or prepare in advance. Just answer honestly and go with your first instinct - there are no right or wrong answers.

The link for the assessment will be in an email from Santander Open Academy that confirms your application form submission was successful.

- Once you click the assessment link, you'll see an instruction page. You don't have a time limit, though we advise that you do not overthink your responses. From the instructions page, you can use the 'Suspend' function if you wish to finish the assessment at another time. It is only once you click the 'Start test' button that the test timer will begin.
- **Once started you must complete the online assessment. You can't save and come back to it.**
- Accessibility – you can adjust the contrast settings using the 'Accessibility' link in the bottom right hand corner of the online assessment page, with changes to text size and brightness available through your screen and browser settings themselves.