

Martingale Postgraduate Foundation Scholarship Information Sheet

What is Martingale?

A Martingale Scholar receives:

A fully-funded Scholarship to pursue a Masters degree or PhD at one of their partner universities.

All tuition fees and research expenses, including a tax-free stipend for living costs.

Access to the Martingale Development Programme, including leadership training and connections with top academic and industry professionals.

Who is eligible?

We are looking for candidates who have the academic potential and the motivation to undertake postgraduate research, while contributing to the cohort of Martingale Scholars.

Applicants will be prioritised based on evidence of socioeconomic background and financial need (benchmark of a house hold income of up to ~£35K per annum), academic potential and motivation for postgraduate research.

Applicants must be eligible for Home Fee status and have met the minimum requirements for education history in the UK or Ireland (unless they have refugee status, in which case the criteria around schooling history do not have to be met).

Please access the full eligibility criteria [here](#).

Selection is based on financial need and academic attainment.

How and when to apply to Martingale?

Applicants must apply via the [Martingale website](#), before applying to the Graduate School or CDT. The closing date for applications to Martingale is in late October, with in person assessment centres in November.

Assessment Process

Shortlisted PhD Scholarship candidates will be invited to an in-person Assessment Centre in either Bristol, Edinburgh or London. PhD Assessment Centres comprise the following:

1. A panel interview of approximately 30 minutes, with one member of the Martingale team and one partner university academic:

- a) A general component led by Martingale staff to assess candidates' motivations and fit for the cohort of Martingale Scholars.

b) An academic component led by a partner university academic in a relevant field of mathematics, assessing their potential, motivations and aptitude for doctoral research in their area(s) of interest

2. A group activity in which candidates were set a (non-technical) challenge and asked to work collaboratively to propose solutions to the problem. This assessed their suitability as a member of the Martingale cohort, focusing on their ability to work constructively in an interdisciplinary group. Performance in the group activity fed into the scores from the general component of the panel interviews

Successful candidates will be invited to apply to Martingale partner universities in December and January, with support from Martingale. Universities are then able to offer Martingale-funded PhD places to successful applicants from late February onwards.