

## Qualifying Criteria & Guidance

### Snowdon Masters Scholarships – Investing in inspirational disabled leaders

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#### Scholarship Aim

To provide opportunities for the next generation of disabled young people to become leaders with the ability to influence and innovate

#### Scholarship Objective

- To identify and accelerate talented disabled individuals
- To financially support high achieving disabled people through Masters courses, maximising academic and individual outcomes
- To establish a network of high achieving disabled influencers
- To drive disabled leaders across a variety of sectors and industries

#### Scholarship Outcomes

- To impact lives and create opportunity
- To create disabled leaders of the future
- To establish a unique network of disabled influencers
- To inspire a new generation of disabled high achievers

#### Qualifying Criteria

Candidates should meet some or all of the following criteria;

- Open to UK and International individuals with impairments
- Seeking exceptional leaders, with the ability to create change and influence
- Applicants should have shown excellence within their chosen field of study
- Candidates should be able to demonstrate genuine leadership potential and have a proven drive for success
- Influencers and role models, who have shown their ability to create change are encourage to apply
- Success candidates will have achieved proven success through academic, employment or voluntary activities, and have experience of collaboration or mentoring
- It's important to explain the impact of your impairment and what difference receiving the scholarship would make to you.

#### Parameters

- Up to 3 scholarships available for the Disability, Design and Innovation MSc at UCL's Global Disability Innovation Hub
  - x1 Gold award; funding up a maximum of £30,000 - comprising of up to £15,000 towards fees and a £15,000 p.a. allowance whilst studying
  - x2 Silver awards; Funding up to a maximum of £15,000 towards student fees
- Open to UK and International applicants (who can comply with Visa requirements)
- Open to UK and International individuals with impairments
- The level of support provided will remain the same for UK and overseas students – where fees are beyond the maximum funded level (of £15,000 towards fees), it is the students' responsibility to resource the remaining value

- If a student incurs additional impairment-related costs (that are not provided by their institution or through statutory funding) they can apply for a separate Snowdon grant
- Successful candidates will join the Disabled Leaders Network and Give Back scheme, a unique network of high achieving disabled people, working to support each other and act as role models to a new generation disabled high achievers. Applicants will be assessed on what they can bring to the scheme as well as what they can bring to their courses.
- Applicants must have secured a place on the course by 5<sup>th</sup> April in order to progress within the selection process
- Incomplete applications cannot be considered
- Retrospective funding will not be awarded

### **Application guidance**

- Where possible, please use examples and evidence to show how you have met the qualifying criteria.
- Applications will be assessed on work place, social and extra curricula achievements, as well as academic success. Please use all of your experience to outline why you should be considered for this scholarship.
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- We know future leaders often take their own path. Applications will be judged on potential, based on all the information provided in the application form.
- It's important to explain the impact of your impairment and what difference receiving the scholarship would make to you. Applications will be assessed on the potential to impact lives and create opportunity.
- Application questions are available for download before completion of the online form. We advise candidates to formulate their answers in a word document and copy into the online form once complete. This allows candidates to edit answers and ensures applications are not lost due to internet connection issues.

### **Data and information**

The information provided in this application form will be reviewed by the Disabled Leaders Scholarship judging panels (Snowdon Trust Board of Directors and the Global Disability Innovation Hub Academic Board) and representatives the Snowdon Trust and the Global Disability Innovation Hub.

The data collected will be used to assess applicants for the Disabled Leaders Scholarship. Personal data will not be shared with external parties, beyond the parameters of the selection process.

The Global Disability Innovation Hub and Snowdon Trust will be in contact with applicants during the selection process via email and phone. The applicant will need to specify what is the preferred contact method.

### **Disabled Leaders Network**

As part of the Disabled Leaders Network and *Give Back* programme successful applicants will work together to inspire a new generation of disabled leaders. The Global Disability Innovation Hub and Snowdon Trust will keep in contact with all successful applicants via email and phone during and beyond their study.

### **Future contact**

The Global Disability Innovation Hub and Snowdon Trust would love to keep in contact with all scholarship applicants, to keep you informed about future projects and opportunities. During the application process

we will ask for permission to send you email newsletters and to contact you about relevant opportunities and events.

**Promotional activities**

Candidates will be asked if they are willing to provide their individual stories to help inspire others and promote future scholarship opportunities. This will not affect the selection process.

**Accessibility**

Please contact the Global Disability Innovation Hub on 020 3108 9916 if you would prefer a paper application form, or to complete your application via video. Application question are available for all candidates via download before completion of application form.