



A.S. Hornby Educational Trust Scholarship for Teachers of English to Refugees 2024

In 2024, as an addition to its existing scholarship programme, the A.S. Hornby Educational Trust is offering a scholarship to support the teaching of English to refugees.

We invite applications from experienced teachers who are themselves refugees, or have previously held refugee status, and are currently teaching English to refugees or asylum seekers in the UK.

The successful applicant will join a group of Hornby scholars from a range of different countries to study on a one-year Masters in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) at the University of Exeter in the academic year 2024/25

Information for Applicants

Thank you for your interest in applying for **the Hornby Scholarship for Teachers of English to Refugees** to study for a Masters in TESOL at the University of Exeter between September 2024 and October 2025.

The deadline for receipt of application forms is 20 May 2024.

In this document, you will find information about:

- The A.S.Hornby Educational Trust
- Eligibility of applicants
- What the Hornby ESOL scholarship covers
- The selection process
- Information you will need to gather in order to complete the application form
- Frequently asked Questions (FAQs)

The A.S. Hornby Educational Trust

The Trust was set up by A.S. Hornby in 1961 to support English language teaching worldwide. A.S. Hornby had a distinguished career in English language teaching and developed the Oxford Advanced Learners' Dictionary, which is still published in its 10th edition by Oxford University Press. The Trust is a registered charity in the UK. The Trust has supported over 300 scholars in the last 20 years.

For further information about the Hornby Trust please visit:

<https://www.hornby-trust.org.uk/scholarships>

Eligibility of applicants

The Hornby Scholarship for Teachers of English to Refugees is Scholarship is intended to support experienced English language teachers who:

- are legally resident in the UK
- hold (or have previously held) refugee status
- have at least three years' full-time ELT (English Language Teaching) experience
- have a full university first degree
- are teaching English to refugees or asylum seekers

The successful candidate will have the potential to make a significant future contribution to English language teaching in the context of language support for refugees.

The University of Exeter may also require a valid language test. (See below for more information).

The scholarship is intended to fund study on the one-year MEd in TESOL at the University of Exeter. For further information about this course please visit:

<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/courses/education/tesolmed/>

Which costs are covered by the Hornby Scholarship for Teachers of English to Refugees?

The scholarship covers all tuition fees and will provide a monthly stipend towards living expenses over the academic year. The Trust will also pay the costs of any approved language test if this is required.

The selection process

Applicants are selected in a two-stage process:

Stage One:

- **Complete an application form for the Hornby Trust** - applicants submit a completed application form for initial assessment (**deadline 20 May 2024**). The form can be found on our website:

<https://www.hornby-trust.org.uk/scholarships#Scholarships>

- **Submit an on-line application to University of Exeter** – at the same time as applying to the Hornby Trust applicants should also apply to the university of Exeter for a place on the Med in TESOL

<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/courses/education/tesolmed/#entry-requirements>

Stage Two

- **Interview** - applicants who are successful at stage One are invited for an interview (face to face, or on-line) with a panel including representatives of the Hornby Trust and the University of Exeter. The interviews this year are provisionally planned for early June 2024.
- **University acceptance** – if the university accepts the applicant, the scholarship award is confirmed and arrangements are made to begin study by October 2024.

Information you will need for your application

Before you start the application, you will need to have information to complete the following sections:

About You

Your personal details: full name, date of birth, and nationality.

Your contact details: email address, preferred address for correspondence, and telephone number.

English Language level

If your first language is not English, you may need to take a language test. The University requires all MA students to have the necessary level of English to be able to benefit from the course. For the MEd TESOL the required level is the equivalent to IELTS 6.5 overall and no less than 6 in any section. More details can be found here:

<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/study/englishlanguage/requirements/profile-b2/>

If you have already taken one of the English language tests accepted by the university please provide details of your results.

Academic background

Details of all academic qualifications obtained since completing your secondary education: details of each qualification you have, the class or level achieved, the institution, subject and dates. Also indicate those courses which were entirely or mainly English medium – i.e. where the language of instruction or supervision was English.

Professional background

Details of each position held since completing your tertiary education, starting from the most recent and working backwards. Give the name of the position, the organization, and the dates you were employed.

Your current employer's details: name and address. We will not contact them without first obtaining your permission.

Referees

Details of two referees who will give references for you if you are long-listed for an interview – name, professional title or position, email address, length of time you have known the referee, and their professional relationship to you.

Supporting statements

This is an essential part of your application. If you pass the eligibility criteria your application will be evaluated based on your answers in this section. We are looking for candidates who can demonstrate that they would not only be able to cope with the demands of studying for an MA degree but who also have the potential to make a significant future contribution to the teaching of English language to refugees and to support the development of learners and teachers in that field. We therefore look at the quality of your response from the perspective of where you are in your teaching career, your future potential, how well your expectations and qualities match the study programme, and the level of your written English. Please aim to be concise, long answers are not necessarily better.

You will be asked to respond to the following 5 questions:

- a) How would you describe your role and responsibilities in your current teaching position?
- b) What do you see as the main challenges in teaching English to students who are refugees or asylum seekers?
- c) Why do you want to undertake study for an MA? What might be the benefits to you personally and to the teaching community in which you work?
- d) Which areas of TESOL are of particular interest to you and why?
- e) Can you describe any development activity supporting other teachers or TESOL professionals that you have delivered or helped deliver? (for example teacher training, professional development, materials writing, or other professional activity).

Frequently asked questions

Do I need to send my photo and/or documents, including language test certificates?	These are only required if you are invited for an interview.
Who should be a referee?	A referee is someone in a senior position who knows you well professionally and can provide an accurate reference about you as a professional. At least one of your referees should be based in the UK .
I need to change my referee after submitting the application form	We will only need to contact referees if you are invited for interview. We will check with you then that the details of your referees are correct.

Do I need a to have a completed language test?	<p>Check here to find out whether you need to take a language test.</p> <p>https://www.exeter.ac.uk/study/englishlanguage/requirements/profile-b2/</p> <p>A language test result is not required when you submit your application, but you should be confident that you have the English language proficiency required for the MA programme. If you do have a valid and accepted language test result, please enter your score on the application form.</p> <p>If you are selected for a scholarship, we will arrange for you to take an approved language test if you need to have one.</p>
What do I do if I already have a current IELTS or other language test result?	If you have a current IELTS or other test result, please enter your score on the application form.
Can I use another certificate instead of IELTS?	Yes. The list of accepted English language tests can be found on the University of Exeter website.
Will I get a confirmation email after submission of the application form?	Yes. You will get a confirmation email after submission of your application. We will contact you when we evaluate the application forms and inform you of the result of your application.
When will my referees be contacted?	We will ask you to contact referees to send us references if you are invited for an interview.
How many scholarships are there each year?	There is just one scholarship available this year.
Must I have a minimum number of years of teaching experience?	Yes, we require applicants to have a minimum of three years' full-time teaching experience.
If I am shortlisted, do I have to attend an interview in person?	We will interview shortlisted candidates either in person or by Zoom.

Where to find an application form

You can find an application form on the Hornby Trust website

<https://www.hornby-trust.org.uk/scholarships>

If you have any queries

Please contact the following email address with details of your query and we will try to provide an answer:

refugeescholarship@hornby-trust.org.uk