



University of
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Recent graduate discount

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Introduction

This policy applies to students starting on a postgraduate degree from the academic year 2025-26 onwards. Students beginning their programme prior to 2025-26 should refer to [the Postgraduate research discount for former students](#). The University offers a 15% discount on postgraduate tuition fees to specific groups of former students. This is subject to the conditions below.

Conditions

Students must hold an offer of a place on a postgraduate degree programme at St Andrews.

Students must have either:

- graduated, or have been eligible to graduate, from the University of St Andrews with a recognised degree defined in the Senate Regulations, at a graduation ceremony; or,
- completed a Global Summer School, Study Abroad or Exchange programme at St Andrews and are returning for postgraduate studies.

The discount does not apply to the following students:

- Those transferring into a postgraduate degree programme from another St Andrews degree programme where they have not graduated (i.e. a change in qualification aim from MPhil to PhD).
- Those who have previously studied at an International Education and Lifelong Learning Institute (IELLI) postgraduate preparation programme.
- Those who have previously studied on an International Foundation Programme.

The discount only applies to tuition fees. This means that extension, continuation or any other fees are excluded.

The discount applies to the self-funded portion of the tuition fee i.e. to the fee payable by the student.

Students cannot receive the discount if they are in receipt of other sponsorship, scholarship, award or bursary schemes which cover the student's tuition fees in full. Such examples may include scholarships through the relevant academic School, Research Council awards, an overseas agency, SFC or Government scholarships, or students supported by their employer for professional development programmes. This list is not exhaustive.

For students who are attending degree programmes in conjunction with other universities and institutions of higher education, the discount will be applied only to the St Andrews element of the tuition fee.

If a student withdraws from their course of study, or takes leave of absence, the discount will apply to any part of the fee as defined above that is due up to the point of approved withdrawal or absence.

Students eligible for the staff concessionary fee rate are not eligible for the discount. The decision of the University Scholarships Officer will be final in all cases.

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