

Financial sponsor letter from a government or another official sponsor for the Doctorate Extension Scheme

Students who are partly or fully supported by an “official” financial sponsor must submit a new sponsor letter that confirms that their sponsor gives unconditional consent for them to stay in the UK for twelve months under the Doctorate Extension Scheme in order to work.

An “official” sponsor is defined as:

- the British government
- your home government
- the British Council
- an international organization
- an international company

If you are sponsored by a University you do not need to provide a letter of consent from your sponsor.

The definition of an international company is a company that has an office in more than one country and they have a website with clear contact details for all the overseas offices.

The UK Visas and Immigration asks for an original letter written in English confirming that the financial sponsor has provided financial support for you while you were studying at the University of Manchester. The letter should also clearly state that the sponsor has no objection to you staying in the UK for an additional twelve months under the Doctorate Extension Scheme to take employment. The letter should be on official letterhead paper and have the official stamp of the financial sponsor. The name and contact details of the financial sponsor should be included as well as the date the letter is issued. A sample letter is given overleaf.

Even if this sponsorship **ended within the last 12 months** UKVI still ask for a letter of consent. Please note that your Tier 4 application is likely to be refused if the letter does not include your financial sponsor’s consent. If the scholarship also covers your family members the sponsor letter should include their names as well as yours.

Kind regards,

Student Immigration Team

To Whom It May Concern
UK Visas and Immigration
Home Office

Date:

Dear Sir/Madam

(name of student) / (date of birth) / (nationality)
(name of spouse) / (date of birth) / (nationality)
(name of child) / (date of birth) / (nationality)

We confirm that (name of student) has been awarded a financial scholarship by (sponsoring organisation) for study at the University of Manchester for the degree of (qualification) in (subject). The scholarship commenced on (date) and lasted for a period of (months).

The scholarship covered (name of student) and his/her family members listed above. The scholarship covered all of the student's tuition fees and living expenses and all of the dependant's living expenses.

In addition, (sponsoring organisation) gives unconditional consent to (name of student) to make an application for immigration permission under the Doctorate Extension Scheme in order to remain in the UK for twelve months to work.

Yours faithfully

NOTES:

1. *Please replace the words in brackets with the relevant details.*
2. *Details for family members should be included only if the scholarship covered them.*