

BritishSpanish Society Scholarships 2017 Candidate Application Pack

How to apply for a Scholarship

Applications, either direct or via an academic sponsor, should be made by **15 May 2017** to the Grants Secretary of the Society via email to info.scholarship@britishspanishsociety.org

Valid application packs must include:

- A completed application form (including contact details, profile, project and centre)
- A scanned copy of your passport or identification card
- A scanned copy of your letter of acceptance from your academic institution
- Letter/s of reference from an academic sponsor

Note: When assessing the strength of applications for the BritishSpanish Society scholarships, apart from considering whether they conform with the objects of the Society, the relevance of candidates' applications to the work of our Principal Supporters may be taken into account. Candidates may want to reflect on how best to present their applications with reference to our Supporters' websites, and are welcome to indicate if they feel their application is especially suited to the interests of a particular Supporter.

Scholarship policy

Scholarship policy, applicants for grants should consider the following:

1. Applicants must be United Kingdom or Spanish nationals who are or will be engaged in university studies at postgraduate level that have some connection with bilateral links and relationships between the United Kingdom and Spain in any field of academic interest.
2. Applicants may be undergraduates in their final year, or be postgraduates seeking, for example, to extend existing qualifications or to carry forward research already initiated.
3. Candidates should already have been unconditionally accepted at the University of their choice and be able to produce written confirmation of this (a scanned copy of your acceptance letter is sufficient).
4. References must be presented in official letter-headed paper, dated, stamped and signed by the referee. We will accept recent letters, dated less than one year prior to the application deadline (a scanned copy of your reference letter will suffice). Email references will be equally accepted, provided they have been sent from the official email account of the academic sponsor.
5. The Society's aim is to provide support for a course or research project which would not be possible without this additional funding.
6. In considering applications the Council will take into account whether they conform with the objects of the Society, which is a non-political organisation whose aim is: 'to promote friendship and understanding among the peoples of the United Kingdom and Spain through knowledge of each other's customs, institutions, history and way of life'.

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7. Successful applicants are expected to join the BritishSpanish Society and become members of the charity for a minimum period of one year. Membership should be active before the date of the awards ceremony. A small fee applies, including a 50% student discount.

8. Details of the benefactors that very generously support our programme can be found on the BritishSpanish Society website. Their representatives will be involved in the acceptance of candidates.

9. Grants can include allowances for research materials, travel, academic fees and, where appropriate, accommodation. Each grant will be of the order of £4,500, with a likely maximum of £5,000.

10. Awarded candidates will be asked to submit a short article on their research and experiences for publication in the Society's *La Revista*, within nine months after the scholarship award.

11. Publications regarding the granted research/project should mention that it was made possible thanks to the support of [name of the Principal Supporter] and the BritishSpanish Society Grant. Reference of publications regarding the funded project should be sent to info.scholarship@britishspanishsociety.org

12. Awarded Master Degree projects should mention the essential support of the Principal Supporter and the BritishSpanish Society Grant on their final theses.

13. If the awardee appears in the media in relation to the funded research/project, it should be notified to the BritishSpanish Society at info.scholarship@britishspanishsociety.org

14. Applications can be submitted from **1 March 2017** (in the first instance to the Grants Secretary) until the closing date for applications **15 May 2017**. Please note that no applications, or further documents, will be accepted after **15 May 2017**. It is intended that the five main scholarships (one for each Principal Supporter) will be awarded in **October 2017** at a reception in London, which successful candidates will be required to attend.

15. The project will be evaluated as:

- Outstanding: ≥90 points
- Very good: 80-90 points
- Good: 70-79 points
- Satisfactory: 60-69 points
- Limited: less than 60 points

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The BritishSpanish Society Scholarship Programme 2017 Application Form

Personal details

Name and surname/s:	
Date of birth:	Country of origin:
Full postal address:	
University email:	Telephone No.:
Personal email:	Second telephone No.:

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Project summary (max. 100 words)

Candidate's profile (up to 20 points)

1. Education up to 10 points
2. Professional experience up to 10 points

Project (max. 600 words. Up to 70 points)

1. Clarity of the exposition up to 10 points
2. Methodology up to 10 points
3. Impact up to 30 points
4. British – Spanish link up to 20 points

Centre (up to 10 points)

1. Why the centre is appropriate to develop the proposed research

Name of academic institution:	
Date started (mm/yyyy):	Estimated finishing date (mm/yyyy):
Expected qualification*:	
Subject area:	
Key subject areas studied:	
Project title:	

**this qualification must be the one for which you are requesting financial support from BritishSpanish Society.*

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