

Application Form

JBA Trust PgCert Scholarship 2026-27



The JBA Trust PgCert Scholarship provides financial support towards Lancaster University's [Flood and Water Management Postgraduate Certificate](#) course. We aim to enable individual recipients to bring benefits to communities through third sector or public sector organisations.

The value of the scholarship is **£3,500** which is equivalent to approximately 75% of the tuition fee costs.

Please return your completed application to Alex.Scott@jbatrust.org. You are welcome to expand the text boxes to complete the form as required (but please keep within the word limit guidance).

Any information contained within the application form will remain confidential and will be used solely for the purpose of assessment in relation to the PgCert Scholarship.

If you have any questions about the scholarship, please feel free to get in touch via info@jbatrust.org

Closing date: **12:00 on Monday 7 September 2026.**

1. Name

Full name and title:

2. Contact details

Address for correspondence:

Tel:

Email:

3. Current role (or most recent relevant job if currently not in work)

Please include volunteer roles if relevant

Job title and employer:

Length of time in role:

Part time or full time:

How is your current role related to Flood and Water Management?

4. Academic background and/or experience

Please provide details of your **undergraduate** degree

Name and type of degree (eg. *BSc Geography*):

Degree classification:

University:

Year of completion:

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If applicable, please provide details of your highest **postgraduate** degree

Name and type of degree (*eg. MSc Catchment Dynamics*):

Degree classification:

University:

Year of completion:

If applicable, please provide details of other qualifications (e.g. HNC, HND, City & Guilds etc.)

Qualification/s:

Awarding body:

Year of completion:

Please provide details of relevant experience and/or training in Flood and Water Management and membership of any professional bodies (max 150 words)

5. Personal statement

Please explain why you wish to undertake the Flood and Water Management PgCert course and why you have applied for a JBA Trust Scholarship.

(Max 400 words)

6. Alignment with JBA Trust's charitable aims

JBA Trust supports knowledge exchange in water cycle and climate resilience. If you were to undertake the PgCert, are there any ways that you could help contribute to knowledge exchange?

(Max 200 words)

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7. Support from your employer

If you are currently in employment, what support and arrangements do you have in place with your employer to ensure that you are able to commit to completing the PgCert?

8. Employer's Reference

Please include a reference from your current employer when submitting your application form (or ask your employer to provide this directly to Alex.Scott@jbatrust.org)

The reference should include details of the support your employer intends to provide to you while studying.

Referee name and title:

Position:

Address:

Tel:

Email:

Nb. Where you cannot supply a reference from a current employer, please state briefly why this is the case and provide a suitable alternative referee, for example a recent employer, previous university tutor, client or another person of professional standing known to you.

9. Declaration

The information submitted in this application is to the best of my knowledge correct at the time this application was made. I confirm that I have read and agree with the terms and conditions of the scholarship. Should any significant developments arise since this application was made, I will keep the JBA Trust informed (please read the eligibility notes below).

Please tick the box to confirm that you will abide by this declaration: []

Signature.....

Date:.....

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Eligibility and Terms and Conditions of Scholarship

- The recipient of the Scholarship is expected to present evidence of acceptance onto the PGCert in Flood and Water Management at Lancaster University
- JBA Trust will pay the value of the scholarship award directly to the University.
- The value of the scholarship for 2026/27 is £3,500 which is equivalent to approximately 75% of the tuition fee costs.
- The Postgraduate Certificate is expected to be completed over one or two years.
- You may start the course at any time in the 2026-27 academic year.
- If the recipient fails to pass a module (other than in the case of extenuating circumstances such as illness), JBA Trust reserves the right to withdraw funding for the remainder of the course. A decision to withdraw further funding will be at the JBA Trust's sole discretion and is not negotiable.
- Awards cannot be made retrospectively.
- The successful recipient will be notified by email and/or telephone and will have their name shown on the JBA Trust web site. All recipients of awards agree to be named on the JBA Trust website.
- On completion of the course, recipients of the awards will be required to send a short report to JBA, outlining the academic activities undertaken on the course and the main learning outcomes. We would also welcome feedback about the course and scholarship and will arrange a short meeting with recipients to discuss their experiences.
- JBA Trust reserves the right to verify academic credentials by reference to the awarding institution.
- The decision of the JBA Trust in the selection of students for the Scholarship is final and no correspondence will be entered into. No feedback on your application is possible.
- Employees of JBA Group companies or their immediate family members are not eligible to apply.

Evaluation of Applications

- The JBA Trust will conduct the review of applications to ensure equal opportunity, adhering to all relevant equal opportunities legislation, specifically including but not limited to age, gender, religion and belief, sexual orientation, race or disability.
- Review panel members must declare any specific interests through knowledge of individual candidates and will be excluded from the review of any applications from such candidates.
- The JBA Trust will review applications using the following criteria:

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Academic Qualifications / Work Experience
Applicants should demonstrate relevant work experience for the Flood & Water Management course as well as qualifications that provide the necessary background/skills for postgraduate study.
Personal Statement
Applicants should demonstrate why they wish to study for the Flood & Water Management postgraduate certificate, and how it will align with their own career goals. Applicants should outline how they will use and apply the skills and knowledge acquired on the PgCert. Reasons should be given why a JBA Trust scholarship would be important to undertake this further study.
Alignment JBA Trust charitable objectives
Applicants should suggest ways in which they could contribute to the aims of the JBA Trust by sharing knowledge.
Employer's support and reference <i>(or suitable alternative referee)</i>
If in employment, applicants should be able to demonstrate that they have the support of their employer for undertaking the postgraduate studies through study/unpaid leave, mentoring and assistance with travel and subsistence costs. The employer should give reasons why completion of this course by the applicant is important to them. Where the reference provided is not from a current employer the Trust will review this section based on the applicant's ability to complete the course and what the applicant may contribute to the aims of the JBA Trust.