**Application for Turing Scheme Grant**

The Turing Scheme is a UK government programme providing grants to students wishing to participate in international study or traineeship opportunities. To be eligible, participants must travel to a partner university or organisation outside the UK, meet a minimum duration of 28 calendar days, and not exceed a maximum duration of 12 months.

International mobility is an excellent opportunity to expand your academic and personal skill sets. To read stories of others that have participated in the Turing Scheme, please view the [‘stories’](https://www.turing-scheme.org.uk/stories/) page of the Turing website.

To apply for a Turing grant, please complete the form on page 2. All completed applications must be sent to turing@aston.ac.uk. The team will then assess your application and, if possible, allocate Turing grant funding. Please return this form as soon as possible to give time to process your application. If you have any questions, please email the team.

Additional support is available for those with special educational needs and disabilities, so please ensure you answer ‘yes’ to question 17 within the form on page 2 if this applies to you.

Please note, participants must submit their completed Learning and Grant Agreement to turing@aston.ac.uk within 60 days of their mobility start date. Any submissions beyond this timeframe will not be considered, and the participant will be ineligible for a Turing grant.

If your application is successful, the next steps are:

1. You will be sent a Learning Agreement via email, along with information on how to complete this document. The Learning Agreement outlines the goals of your mobility, such as modules, learning objectives and credits you will obtain (if applicable). After completion, the Learning Agreement is signed by three individuals, you, the responsible member of staff from Aston University, and the responsible member of staff from the host.

1. Once your Learning Agreement has been completed, signed, and returned, you will be sent a Grant Agreement via email. This details the contractual obligations of your mobility, duration, and grant allowance. You will complete this document which will then be signed by two parties, you and the mobility coordinator issuing the Grant Agreement.

1. Once all documents have been completed, you will be paid the initial 80% of your total grant.

1. Once you have completed your mobility and returned your Learning Agreement with the ‘After Mobility’ section completed, you will receive the final 20% of your grant. Any reduction in mobility duration will result in a reduced grant rate, which will be reflected in the final 20% payment.

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| 1. | Student Number (the long number on your Aston student card):  |   |
| 2. | Surname:  |   |
| 3. | Forenames:  |   |
| 4. | Aston Email Address:   |   |
| 5. | Date of Birth:(DD/MM/YYYY) |   |
| 6. | Gender:  |   |
| 7. | Nationality:  |   |
| 8. | Degree title:  |   |
| 9. | Country of work/study placement:  |   |
| 10. | Name of work enterprise/university:  |    |
| 11. | Would you be studying abroad or working?  |   |
| 12. | Only Answer if you specified work placement: Size of work enterprise (small: 1-49 employees, medium: 50-249 employees, large: 250+ employees) |   |
| 13. | Only answer if you specified work placement: Work placement industry sector (e.g. Manufacturing, IT) |   |
| 14. | Start date of work/study placement:(dd/mm/yyyy) |   |
| 15. | End date of work/study placement:(dd/mm/yyyy) |   |
| 16. | Have you ever received a Turing grant for a previous work/study placement? | Yes/No |
| 17. | Do you consider yourself to have a disability?  | Yes/No |
| 18. | Is your placement virtual or in-person?  | Virtual/In-person |
| 19. | Do you consider yourself eligible for Widening Participation support, criteria detailed within Annex 1 (page 3) | Yes/No |

**Annex 1**

For all mobilities taking place in the academic year 2023/24 (1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024), the definitions of Widening Participation are as follows:

1. Participants with an annual household income of £25,000 or less
2. Participants receiving Universal Credit or income - related benefits because they are financially supporting themselves or financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them, such as a child or partner
3. Care leavers and Participants who are care experienced. This refers to anyone who has been or is currently in care or from a looked after background at any stage of their life, no matter how short, including adopted children who were previously looked after or those who access the Care Experienced Bursary in Scotland
4. Participants who have caring responsibilities
5. A carer is anyone who has a commitment to providing unpaid care to a family member or friend who could not cope without their support
6. Estranged Participants. A Participant is estranged if the Participant has had no contact with their biological/adoptive parents) for 12 months or more, or their relationship with their parents has broken down within the last 12 months and they do not expect this to change in the near future
7. Refugees and asylum seekers.

Students must have ‘[home fee](https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/eligibility-for-home-fee-status-and-student-support-in-england/)’ status to be eligible for Widening Participation support.