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2026–2027 London Scholars: FAQ

Congratulations! You have been offered the opportunity to join the 2026-27 cohort for the London Scholars program. Students in the program will spend their first year at the Northeastern University London campus in London, before transitioning to Northeastern's Boston campus for the remainder of their U.S. bachelor's degree. While in London, students will take courses which align with Northeastern's first-year curriculum, in addition to fulfilling major requirements and earning credit for NUpath, Northeastern's core requirements. Beyond the classroom, you will have the opportunity to immerse yourself in London's exciting culture.

Please direct any unanswered questions about the London Scholars program to londonscholarsadmissions@northeastern.edu.

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Program Overview

What is the London Scholars program?

The London Scholars program is a yearlong program exclusively for first-year students to access the global network campus of Northeastern University London. Students admitted into the London Scholars program experience a journey together as a cohort, spending the entirety of their first year at Northeastern's London campus.

During their second year and beyond, London Scholars students matriculate to and study at Northeastern's Boston campus and may choose to participate in further global offerings such as study abroad, dialogues of civilizations, and co-op. The courses students take during the London Scholars program apply toward their Northeastern University degree, so London Scholars students are still able to graduate in four years.

For more information, please visit the London Scholars website: londonscholars.northeastern.edu.

How long has the London Scholars program been part of Northeastern?

The London Scholars program (formerly NU Bound) began in 2017. Since then, it has evolved through various models to provide students an opportunity to take advantage of the power of place-based learning, connect with their peers in an intimate manner due to the small cohort model, and be inspired by global campus communities. This version of the London Scholars program embarked on its first year in Fall 2023.

London Scholars are pre-matriculated—what does that mean?

A pre-matriculated student has been accepted to Northeastern University with a conditional path toward matriculation. Pre-matriculated students can take courses and earn credits at either network campuses or partner institutions before transitioning to the Boston campus after their first year in the London Scholars program.

Do my London Scholars grades apply to my Northeastern transcript?

The final grades from the London Scholars program are officially recorded in the students' Northeastern University academic records. These grades are reflected on students' Northeastern transcripts and in their degree audits as standard letter grades (not Pass/Fail or Transfer) and are included in the calculation of students' overall GPA at Northeastern University.

How many students participate in London Scholars?

In 2026-2027, approximately 850 students will take part in the London Scholars program.

Can I be considered for a different Northeastern Global Network Program?

No, given the size and competitive nature of Northeastern's application pool, all decisions are final.

What are the dates for arrival?

The arrival dates will be announced in late spring/early summer. The London Scholars program website will be updated with this information.

What is the calendar for the program?

The London Scholars website will be updated after May 1.

How do I sign up for a group flight?

Deposited London Scholars students will be contacted via their Northeastern email post-May 1 with more information on how to sign up for the program's group flight—this is not mandatory, but a great option to travel with your new London Scholars peers. Students who do not participate in the group flight will receive a credit for the unused funds.

Can I stay during the holiday break?

Students typically pack up their belongings and go home during the holiday break. Northeastern London's Residence Life team will survey students after arrival to inquire if students need to stay over the holiday break.

How do London Scholars students apply for a UK student visa to get their documents?

Information on Visas will be provided to students through several emails and webinars hosted by the **Office of Global Services - United Kingdom**. Students will also be able to view information about the visa application process in their Application Status Check.

Additional information on the UK student visa process will be shared in the spring for deposited students.

Can London Scholars students receive Northeastern merit scholarships?

Students who are admitted to the London Scholars program are considered for merit scholarships while their application is reviewed for admission. If a student is eligible for a merit-based scholarship, they are notified at the time of admission via their Application Status Check. If no mention is made, no scholarship was awarded.

Can external scholarships be used during London Scholars?

External scholarship organizations may have differing requirements in order for students to qualify for their award(s). We encourage students to reach out to the external scholarship organization to confirm if they can use it for the London Scholars program prior to their matriculation to Boston. Students who have questions about specific outside scholarships they are eligible for should contact Student Financial Services.

Can London Scholars receive need-based financial aid?

Students in the London Scholars program who apply for financial aid are initially considered for Northeastern need-based funding only. Students who qualify for other aid opportunities, including federal and state grants, loans, and work-study funds, can use those additional sources of funding beginning in the fall of their second year of study. Learn more at the student financial services website.

Student Experience

What is the student experience like in London?

Northeastern University London's main campus is situated in Devon House in St Katharine Docks and One Portsoken in the City of London, a vibrant and dynamic quarter in East London. Located just a few minutes' walk from the Tower of London, one of the UK's most iconic heritage sites, and Tower Bridge, one of the most instantly recognizable structures in the world, St Katharine Docks is steeped in the history of London and the River Thames upon which the city was founded.

In the past, students have participated in many different types of activities, including day trips to Oxford or Cambridge, theatre trips to London's West End and sporting events like Premier League football games. Students can also join clubs and societies through the Northeastern University London Student Union, which is a great opportunity to interact with other students. You may view NU London societies here: https://www.nulondon.ac.uk/student-life/organisations-and-societies/

The public transportation system is the easiest and most efficient way to get around London. While navigating the Tube and bus system may be an initial adjustment, you will quickly adapt and learn the routes. Metro passes are called "Oyster Cards" in London and provide access to both the London Underground and the public bus system. You can also use contactless payment on the underground, overground and buses in London.

Am I able to live at home and commute to campus?

The London Scholars program is a residential program. London Scholars are required to live in university assigned accommodations that are contracted through the Northeastern University London Housing team. As a first-year program, these live-in opportunities will be structured, and there will be live-in staff who are available 24/7 through various modes to ensure that London Scholars students are supported in their personal and professional journeys.

Students (and/or families) should **not** book housing independently. This includes directly with Northeastern University London housing providers.

Additional information about the housing process will be shared with students post May 1.

What do I need to know about Residential Life?

When it comes to student life and residential experience, as mentioned previously, our student accommodations vary by location.

Every site will have 24/7 professional on-site staff available for day-to-day logistics of the program, community building, connecting students with the Northeastern community, and assisting students in case of illness or emergency.

Will students get a Thanksgiving break in London?

Yes, students are given time off for the Thanksgiving holiday. They are able to travel home but should be aware that missing any class could impact their visa and ability to participate in the program. Students are expected to plan their travel with this information.

More information on the program calendar will be available on the London Scholars website in the spring.

How do I apply for housing and choose my preference?

Students will be sent information regarding room selection over the summer. Students will have the ability to select their own roommate groups during the housing application process. Roommate groups can be created by students who know one another, or using suggestions pulled from the "roommate compatibility" questions students will complete when looking for a roommate. Please note that students do not share bedrooms in London but may share apartments. All housing information, including details regarding the application process for housing, will be sent to the student's Northeastern emails after the May 1 deposit deadline.

Where do students live while in London?

Northeastern University London does not have traditional on-campus housing. Students in London will reside in university-sponsored student accommodation buildings. Buildings offer apartment-style, ensuite and studio housing, and may have the following features:

- Dedicated lounge and study space
- Courtyard
- Auditorium
- Karaoke Rooms
- Games Area
- Gym and Studio
- Cinema Room
- Social & study spaces
- Laundry Room
- Private meeting rooms for residents to utilize for study groups
- 24/7 On-Site Team
- Postal Service
- Social Events

When will I know my housing arrangements?

Students will be informed of the Housing Application process following May 1st and should keep an eye on their Northeastern student email for the most up to date information.

How are roommates assigned?

Students are able to self-select their room or rooms on behalf of the roommate group during the application process. Detailed instructions will be shared with students in the summer. All London Scholar housing is finalized by NU London Housing and confirmed through tenancy agreements later in summer, prior to student arrival.

Could I remain at Northeastern University London for the duration of my degree?

Some London Scholars may have the option to complete their degree at Northeastern University London. Students should discuss with their academic advisor during the course of the program**.**

Is there a meal plan for the London Scholars program?

Traditional meal plans are not available at Northeastern University London. When in London, residential buildings will have a kitchenette in each studio apartment or a full kitchen in each shared apartment. It is expected that London Scholars will cook their own meals and kitchen packs will be provided. This is typical for the UK college experience.

What to pack/bring?

It is important to note that the apartments in London are not large. They are similar to a typical metropolitan studio-sized space. We encourage students to bring only two large suitcases. This will enable the student to be mobile upon arrival – traveling to their student accommodations- and allow for the student to purchase specific items that are needed upon arrival. A detailed list of items can be found here.

Can I travel during weekends or school breaks in the UK or other countries?

London Scholars students can undertake tourist activities outside of class time. It is very important for students to ensure their intended travel does not impact their studies, as this can impact their visa and ability to participate in the program. If a student wishes to travel outside of the UK, it is their responsibility to gain the necessary visas to enter the country they are traveling to. Northeastern University London cannot provide advice to students regarding visas for other countries. Many countries have visa information on their governmental websites, and it is important that students access this information to understand the visa requirements for their destination country prior to traveling there.

Students engaging in personal travel during the program are asked to complete the Personal Travel Form prior to travel. Students are expected to attend all classes, and travel should not interfere with course work.

Can I travel to other European countries post-program?

Once students have completed the London Scholars program, they are free to travel to Europe. Students need to ensure that they have the correct visas to enter the European countries that they are traveling to. It is students' responsibility to obtain visa(s) and adhere to the visa rules and requirements before and while traveling in European countries. Students should check visa requirements on the countries' governmental website or the Schengen Visa website — if they are only traveling to EU countries that belong to the Schengen Area.

Can I hold a job while in the London Scholars program?

Students who are studying the London Scholars program at Northeastern University London on a Student Visa are entitled to work in the UK. This entitlement is restricted to a maximum of 20 hours per week during the semester and full-time during the semester break and includes both paid, unpaid, and voluntary work. Students cannot miss classes to engage in work.

Visa students are not allowed to engage in business activities (including self-employment) or work as a professional sportsperson or entertainer. Working over your entitled weekly hours or working when you do not have working rights in the UK is illegal and can result in your visa being curtailed.

How does Northeastern ensure safety in London?

Students are asked to be vigilant when traveling through London, whether that is walking or on public transportation. All university-sponsored residences will require that students have their personal ID card to enter the building. All university-sponsored residences have front door security protocols that provide a secure environment for students.

What are the dates for Welcome Week?

Welcome Week dates will be released later in the Summer.

What are some of the Welcome Week activities in London?

During Welcome Week you will have mandatory registration, welcome sessions and Convocation. You will also have the option to sign up for community events and tourist activities. You will receive more information on these in the weeks before your arrival. Follow the Northeastern University London Instagram account @nuglobal.ldn to browse and learn more about past welcome activities and more.

Academics

Who teaches London Scholars classes?

Courses in the London Scholars program are taught by faculty members at the Northeastern's London campus. Occasionally, a visiting professor from Northeastern's Boston campus may teach a London Scholars course in London.

Are classes in-person or virtual?

All classes during the London Scholars program are taught in person, and students are required to meet a minimum attendance requirement throughout the program while in London.

How big are the classes in this program?

A benefit of the London Scholars program is the smaller cohort model, which allows for closer connections between students and faculty. Classes at Northeastern's Boston campus can range from 10 students in smaller classes to 100+ students in larger lectures. Class sizes typically range from 25 to 40 students in London.

How do courses taken during the London Scholars program compare to courses in Boston?

Courses taken during London Scholars align with the first-year curriculum taught at Northeastern's Boston campus while integrating cultural learning opportunities. The courses a student will take during their year-long program in London will keep them on track for their intended major of study. In addition to taking courses required for a student's major, London Scholars students may take courses that count toward NUpath, our institution-wide general education requirements for students in all majors.

2026-2027 courses are available on the London Scholars website over the summer, and students will receive their Fall 2026 schedules after arriving in London.

London Scholars students may be able to select alternate courses if they receive advanced credits from AP, IB, or other international examinations. Please note that not all first-year courses at Northeastern will be offered at each location. Because all degree plans are unique, please keep in mind that your individual plan may be different than other Northeastern students.

How many credits will I earn towards my degree?

Students will receive a full year of credit throughout the London Scholars program provided they receive a "D-" or better grade in each course. Students will have one transcript for their

entire undergraduate Northeastern experience, and the grades earned during the London Scholars program will count toward their Northeastern degree progress and GPA. Some majors require a minimum GPA or pre-requisite course grade to continue with the major; advisors will inform students of the exact requirements for their majors.

How will grades from London Scholars be reflected on my final Northeastern University transcript?

The grades students earn in the London Scholars program will be directly applied to their Northeastern University official transcript. Students are encouraged to do their best during their year in London Scholars; the letter grades students earn will be reflected on their Northeastern transcript and the grades will count towards their Northeastern University GPA.

Can I bring in credit from high school?

Yes. Results from AP exams, IB exams, and other international examinations may enable students to receive advanced credits once they matriculate to the Boston campus in their second year.

Can I graduate in four years if I participate in London Scholars?

Yes. London Scholars students can graduate in four years if they prioritize this timeline. A student's timeline to graduation may be altered if they change their major and will also depend on whether the student completes one or two co-ops – this is consistent with all Northeastern student experiences regardless of entry program. Students who have advanced standing credit, taken summer classes, or carry a larger credit load during one or more terms are very likely to finish in four years in most majors. As with all students, a larger focus on experiential learning opportunities may lengthen a student's overall time at Northeastern.

Do we need to bring our own textbooks, or can we get them on-site?

It is recommended that students wait until they are in London to purchase the necessary books. Required textbooks will be listed in the course syllabi students receive during the first week of classes. It is generally a good idea to review the syllabus for a class prior to buying any materials. Students can purchase digital copies of your textbooks or order them online. If students need a calculator, double-check with the instructor or syllabus to be sure the correct model is selected.

How will my London Scholars academic experience compare to my peers not in the program?

As a London Scholar taking courses at a global network campus, you will be on track with other Northeastern first-year students, regardless of the campus where they begin their studies. You will have the same ability to complete co-op and graduate in four years should this be your intended plan. For every student, the planning of your courses and scheduling of the experiential opportunities will dictate your time here at Northeastern, so students' individual paths and timelines vary based on degree requirements.

What type of classes am I taking during the London Scholars program?

London Scholars, like all first-year students at Northeastern and regardless of entry program, typically take one or two major courses per semester in their first year, with the rest of their schedule fulfilling NUpath, and elective requirements, and/or Place Based Inquiry offerings. Please note that each student's academic experience is unique, and course schedules will vary from student to student.

What are the Place Based Inquiry course requirements for London Scholars?

Place Based Inquiry designated courses are integrated with your major plan of study and NUPath requirements. This means students won't need to take an "extra course", rather, a course that is a part of your degree pathway highlighting connections between subject matter and your experiences with the local cultures.

How are learning differences managed for London Scholars?

Students in need of academic accommodations should contact Northeastern University's Disability Access Services (DAS) by emailing das@northeastern.edu to provide appropriate documentation. The London Student Support team will contact you to arrange accommodations for your time on the London campus..

Course Registration

Students are given information on how to register for courses in early summer via their Northeastern email. You will have the opportunity to meet virtually with an academic advisor to review your course selections. Academic advisors will consider all applicable credits and design a schedule based on what puts students onto the best path forward.

As a London Scholars student, can I change my major?

Yes, London Scholars students are able to change their major before, during, and after the program. Students will receive email updates throughout the program announcing Major Change Windows. Students are encouraged to speak with their advisor to discuss the change of major before submitting the request in their Application Status Check.

When will I be able to meet with my advisor?

All students have access to an academic advisor. Students will receive information on how to arrange meetings with them over the summer via their Northeastern email.

Will the London Scholars curriculum allow me to participate in the major of my choice?

The London Scholars program supports the flexibility to participate in the major of your choice. You have the option to change your major during the program; however, official changes are limited to designated times throughout the year.

It's important to note that some majors at Northeastern may not be compatible with the London Scholars program. If you are concerned that a major you are considering is incompatible with the program, please reach out to the London Scholars program via email at LondonScholars@northeastern.edu.

As a London Scholars student, can I participate in Pre-Med?

Yes, London Scholars students are able to participate in pre-med. Please connect with Pre-Med and Pre-Health Advising by setting up a profile on the Medical Applicant Portal.

Are there any summer classes students need to take this summer before beginning the London Scholars program?

No, there are no summer classes required. While you will have some Orientation modules to complete virtually, with information to come following May 1, we hope that you all enjoy a relaxing summer.

Difference in Academics in London

Are there academic policy differences between NU London and Boston?

There will be some academic differences between NU London and Boston, particularly in areas such as the grading system and assessment practices. These differences reflect the fact that NU London is accredited under the UK quality framework and follows long-established UK approaches to course delivery. All policies that affect students will be clearly explained, and students will receive guidance and support to help you understand what to expect and how to succeed.

Is there support to understand the UK academic system?

Students will be supported throughout their time in London. The grading system will be explained in more detail once they are in London. Academic advisors and the Associate Director of Global Experience Programmes will support students in London and ensure they have all the tools they need to navigate the system.

Transition to Boston

What are the requirements to matriculate to Boston?

All students who successfully complete the London Scholars program will automatically matriculate to Northeastern's Boston campus for their second year without any additional application or transfer process.

Scholars Program Progression Standards:

Successful completion of a Global First-Year Program requires students to have maintained full-time status (12 credits per term) over both semesters and earn a cumulative GPA of 1.8 or higher. Students finishing the program with a GPA below 1.79, who also maintain full-time status, may continue in their degree program on Academic Probation and must follow all policies associated with that designation. Students whose GPA precludes them from being in good academic standing after their second year at the university and/or who fall below full-time status may be subject to Academic Standing Review by their college. Students granted an approved leave of absence during the London Scholars program will discuss specific progression standards as part of the leave approval process.

Students dismissed from a Global First-Year Program for violations of the Student Handbook and/or Student Code of Conduct will not be eligible to continue their studies at the university.

What is the transition to the Boston campus like?

Upon successful completion of London Scholars, students will matriculate to Northeastern's Boston campus to continue their studies in their second year. Their experiences with the London Scholars program will allow them to apply a unique global perspective in the classroom and beyond.

Students will be invited to attend Husky 101 Orientation and receive ongoing support as they transition into academic and social life on Northeastern's Boston campus. All university staff make a very conscious effort to ensure our students are integrating into each aspect of the Northeastern community.

- **On-Campus Housing Support:** We are pleased to be able to offer students who complete the London Scholars program the opportunity to reside in university housing during their second year when they arrive on Northeastern's Boston campus. Interested students will have the opportunity to declare their intention to reside in university housing during the Spring term. This opportunity does not represent a mandatory requirement, as students can still decide to live in off-campus housing in the local area if they choose. Please note that university housing for all students — including students completing the London Scholars program — can take the form of traditional campus residence halls, leased apartments, or leased hotel spaces in the area around campus.

- **Course Registration**: In the Spring semester, your London-based academic advisor, in collaboration with your home college advising office, will help you select your courses for the Fall semester of your sophomore year at Northeastern.

- **Husky 101 Orientation:** Orientation occurs in the summer before your second year, supporting your transition to Northeastern's Boston campus. Once you arrive in Boston after spending your first year at our Global Network campus, there will be coordinated efforts to continue to keep you engaged in campus life. Within the first few days on Northeastern's Boston campus, you will be invited to attend the largest Campus Involvement fair — Fall Fest — where over 400+ student organizations will be present.

Do London Scholars students have guaranteed housing in their second year?

Yes, they are guaranteed housing so long as they meet required deadlines.

Can students still go on co-op after completing London Scholars?

Yes. Students who complete the London Scholars program are on track to participate in co-op. All Northeastern Students, regardless of starting program, must take Northeastern's co-op preparation course in their second year and can complete their first co-op as early as the fall semester of their third year at Northeastern. The global perspective and maturity built during the London Scholars program provides a unique advantage and skillset that make students competitive in the job market.

How is the transition to Boston after starting in London?

The program will host many webinars and community information sessions to ensure that students are aware of the deadlines and timelines associated with transitioning between campuses and countries.

Health and Saftey

Are London Scholars students able to use university-sponsored health insurance?

Due to the fact London Scholars are pre-matriculated, they are not eligible for Northeastern sponsored health insurance. London Scholars must maintain personal health insurance that is valid in your home country and abroad. You may be covered under a domestic health insurance plan with international coverage or a supplemental international health insurance carrier. You are strongly encouraged to check with your current insurance carrier to see what kind of coverage is offered abroad.

Northeastern University maintains coverage to respond to costs associated with accidents and emergency/urgent illnesses. This is not health insurance. For more details on this policy, please visit the international travel insurance website. Students requiring medical care while in London should contact the International Assistance Hotline at +1.857.214.5332 (US) +44 20 3467 1773 (UK). Students in need of emergency assistance while in London should call 999 (UK) or 112 (pan-European).

Do students have access to the NHS while in London?

The Immigration Health Surcharge gives students access to the UK's National Health Service (NHS) for the duration of their stay in the UK. Students are expected to register with a general practitioner (GP) for their time in London, and staff will provide students with guidance for this process.

Next Steps

Once you've decided to participate in the London Scholars program, you will want to **submit your enrollment deposit** of $1,200 through your Northeastern University Application Status Check. You may check your deposit deadline in your decision letter. Please check the Northeastern University Acceptance letter if you are unsure of the binding nature of your admission decision.

Along with submitting your deposit, you'll also want to complete Enrollment paperwork and Visa application requirements, if available, for London. If you do not already have a valid passport for 6 months past the end of the Spring 2027 semester, please work to begin the process of applying or renewing as soon as possible. If you need to apply for a passport, there have previously been some delays, so we recommend doing this as soon as possible.

Students heading to London should expect to have to complete additional immigration paperwork. Step-by-step visa guides will be available soon, and deposited students will be able to start the visa process with the Office of Global Services – United Kingdom.

Stay in Touch

We know that over the next couple of months you will be working toward making your decision to commit to your next academic journey, and we are here to support you in your decision-making process.

If you have questions specific to your admission decision, please contact the **Office of Admissions** at londonscholarsadmissions@northeastern.edu or 617.373.2200.

For programmatic questions, please contact the **London Scholars** team via email at londonscholars@northeastern.edu. You will be assigned a ticket via Service Now, a customer service platform. This will allow you to track your inquiry.

If you have questions regarding financing the program, please contact **Student Financial Services** via their inquiry form or by calling 617.373.3190.