Spotcap Fintech Fellowship

About the Fellowship

Running for its third consecutive year, the Fellowship awards one UK-based master’s or MBA student with an £8k scholarship. Launched in 2017, the initiative aims to encourage aspiring individuals interested in a career in financial technology — a relatively new sector which is increasingly struggling to attract qualified talent. More than 40 accredited UK-based universities have supported the initiative, including the University of Oxford, the University of Strathclyde and King's College London.

2019 Award Details

**Deadline:** 15th August 2019  
**Study in:** United Kingdom  
**Amount:** £8,000 towards the cost of a master’s degree or MBA  
**Type of course:**Taught, research, full-time and part-time programmes are all eligible  
**Year of study:** 2019/2020  
**Field of study:** Fintech-related subject (e.g. finance, business, management, engineering, computer science)  
**Number of scholarships available:** One

Eligibility

To qualify for the Fintech Fellowship, applicants must cover the following criteria:

- Have an offer of admission to a master’s or MBA programme at an accredited British university
- Be a British citizen or resident
- Study a fintech-related subject, with an intention to work in fintech upon graduation

Required Documents

Applicants can upload their CV and cover letter via the Fintech Fellowship website. Their cover letter should include the following points:

- Brief description of their background and achievements
- What sparked their interest in fintech
- How their studies would support a career in fintech

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1 Financial technology, or ‘fintech’, describes an evolving industry at the intersection of finance and technology. Fintechs typically use technology to offer existing financial services in a more efficient or cost-effective way. Architects of innovation, fintechs are behind products like blockchain and contactless payments.

2 A ‘resident’ is someone whose primary address is in the UK or who spends a minimum of 182 days per year in the UK.
Fintech Fellowship 2019 Timeline

**30 April:** Applications open  
**15 August:** Applications close  
**6 September:** Shortlisted candidates contacted  
**20 September:** Winner notified  
**1 October:** Official announcement of Fellowship winner

Judging Panel

- **Gregoire Michel**, Head of Sector Programmes at [Tech Nation](#)  
- **Julian Wells**, Director at [Whitecap Consulting](#) and [Fintech North](#)  
- **Emily Nicolle**, Technology Editor at [City AM](#)  
- **Sarah Kocianski**, Head Of Research at [11:FS](#)  
- **Ina Yulo**, Manager, Global Head of FinTech and Financial Services, [Bright Talk](#)  
- **Niels Turfboer**, Managing Director at [Spotcap](#)

Terms & Conditions

- In the case of two-year degrees, the Fintech Fellowship will only apply to the first year of study  
- Applicants must be able to cover the additional costs associated with completing their degree, including living costs and any outstanding tuition fees  
- Applications submitted after the deadline indicated on the Fintech Fellowship website will not be considered  
- Applicants are required to disclose any other funding they are receiving or may receive  
- To read the full Terms & Conditions, please follow [this link](#)

About Spotcap

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