



15 June 2026

**FORMAL UPDATE ON THE CASE OF GHANAIAN GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED  
MASTER'S STUDENTS AT LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY, UNITED KINGDOM.**

Dear Sir,

**1. Introduction**

We write to formally update the ongoing case involving six Ghanaian master's students at Loughborough University whose tuition fees and stipends the Government of Ghana, through the Ghana Scholarships Secretariat (GSS), now the Ghana Scholarships Authority (GSA), has failed to pay despite repeated assurances since 2024.

The affected students, Noah Krah, Emmanuel Boakye, George Osei Buabeng, Abena Fosuaa Gyasi, Irene Pomaa Kumi, and Dwomoh Evelyn, received government scholarships to pursue master's programmes at Loughborough University during the 2024/2025 academic year. The Government of Ghana committed to paying full tuition fees and monthly living stipends. However, since we arrived in the United Kingdom in September 2024, the Government has not paid any tuition fees or stipends.

**Amount Owed the University**

Based on our assessment of the situation and data gathered from our master's cohort at Loughborough University, we estimate that the following amounts are required to settle all outstanding tuition fees and stipend arrears for the six affected students. (See Appendix C for our current student finance statements ).

<b>Item (Master's cohort)</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>	<b>Amount (GHC) at 14.32 exchange rate</b>
Tuition fees (2024/2025)	154,000.00	2,205,280.00
Stipend arrears (Sept 2024 – Sept 2025)	84,852	1,215,080.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>238,852.00</b>	<b>3,420,360.00</b>

Although our current finance statements indicate that the outstanding tuition amounts are recorded under the students' accounts, these fees remain the responsibility of our sponsor, the Government of Ghana, through the Ghana Scholarships Secretariat, in accordance with the terms of our sponsorship agreement. The University continues to engage the sponsor for settlement of these fees, and the financial obligation has not been transferred to the students. Addressing these outstanding obligations would immediately enable the resolution of the academic certification and immigration challenges currently facing the affected students.

Furthermore, it is important to bring to your attention a particularly troubling condition imposed on our members. Despite enduring extreme hardship to complete all our academic requirements, we were compelled to forfeit our 12-month stipends as a precondition for being granted the “Letter of No Objection” required to apply for our Graduate Visa. This condition was never part of the initial scholarship agreement signed with the Ghana Scholarship Secretariat and amounts to an unjust and unilateral alteration of the terms of our sponsorship at our most vulnerable moment. The financial and personal toll of this demand on students who had already gone without stipends for the duration of their studies cannot be overstated.

## **2. Efforts Made to Resolve the Issue**

Over the past 8 months, we have pursued every formal avenue available to secure a resolution. We met officials from the Ghana High Commission in London, submitted formal petitions to the Ghana High Commissioner, petitioned the Office of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, and sought support from Dr. Jeevun Sandher MP, Member of Parliament for Loughborough, who formally appealed to the Ghana High Commissioner for urgent intervention.

Throughout these engagements, officials repeatedly assured us that payment would be made. During a follow-up meeting with representatives of the Ghana High Commission and the Ghana Scholarships Authority, officials specifically promised to settle the outstanding tuition fees within the first quarter of 2026. That deadline passed in March 2026 without any payment.

Following sustained pressure from us, the Director of the Ghana Scholarships Authority signed a communiqué on 16 April 2026 stating that the Government of Ghana had released funds for the settlement of debts in the United Kingdom. Despite this communiqué, the Government has still not paid a single penny to Loughborough University or to the affected students. The situation, therefore, remains unresolved.

## **3. Humanitarian and Financial Hardship**

The continued failure to honour these obligations has placed the affected on us under severe hardship. For almost two years, we have survived largely through the kindness of friends and members of churches we joined after arriving in the UK. These individuals have supported us with food and assisted with rent payments to prevent homelessness.

At various points, some of us have skipped meals, relied on food banks, and walked long distances due to an inability to afford transport. This prolonged situation has created significant emotional and psychological strain while we attempt to complete demanding postgraduate programmes.

## **4. Academic Consequences**

We have all completed our academic requirements, including examinations and dissertations. However, Loughborough University has not allowed us to graduate and continues to withhold our certificates and academic transcripts due to unpaid tuition fees by the sponsor.

As a result, we cannot formally prove completion of our degrees, access employment opportunities, or move forward with our professional development.

## **5. Immigration and Legal Implications**

To apply for the UK Postgraduate Route Visa and remain legally in the country to attend our graduation ceremonies in summer, we were required to obtain a “Letter of No Objection” from the scholarship authorities. To obtain this, we were compelled to forfeit our unpaid stipends, despite never having received a single payment since the start of our studies.

We regard this condition as deeply unfair and as a serious abuse of the welfare of government-sponsored students.

Even after complying with these requirements, our visa processes remain unresolved. Some applications have not been approved, which has left affected students unable to apply for jobs or earn income to support themselves. We now face uncertainty regarding both our legal status and our ability to survive financially in the UK.

## **6. Request for Urgent Action**

Since 2024, we have consistently been told that payment would be made “soon,” yet no action has followed these assurances. We therefore respectfully request that the responsible authorities provide a clear and exact payment date for the settlement of all outstanding tuition fees and stipend arrears. Without a definite timeline and immediate action, repeated assurances continue to prolong the crisis without resolution.

We further call on the Government of Ghana to urgently release and pay the outstanding tuition fees without delay to enable us to graduate at Loughborough University this summer on 7 July 2026, which represents our final opportunity to attend graduation and formally receive our academic certificates and transcripts. Any further delay will directly prevent the completion of our academic journey and the recognition of our qualifications.

## **7. Conclusion**

This matter raises serious concerns about the treatment of government-sponsored students abroad, the credibility of Ghana’s scholarship commitments, and the country’s international reputation.

Signed by:

Noah Kraah

On behalf of the Ghana Scholarship Secretariat, sponsored Master’s Students  
Loughborough University, United Kingdom