

Why is it important?

On average, 12 students arrived per year on the UK under the studentship offered by Fundación Politécnico since 2022.

The program was a collaboration signed initially between Instituto Politécnico Nacional and Queen Mary University of London, and later with Durham University.

How will the affected students survive under this uncertainty? What if their family can't support them from across the Atlantic?



“We also need to make you aware that having a debt outstanding with the university also has serious implications and may make you ineligible to receive your award.”

–QMUL, 15/04/2026

Every person is at a different stage in their studies. The possibility of having to return to Mexico because of the sponsor's lack of payments and contracted debt with QMUL should not fall on the students shoulders.

BREAKING NEWS

Recently*, 39 Mexican students in the UK have been left without funding and fees by Fundación Politécnico to continue their studies.

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What happened?

On the early hours of March 23, 2026, students based in Queen Mary University of London and Durham University, received an email, stating:

“[...], we inform you that, as of this communication, the management and coverage of payments related to the aforementioned financial support are temporarily suspended, [...].”



The students

39

PhD students,
of which:

30

in Queen Mary
University of
London

9

in Durham University, all
of them in their 1st year

Not the first case!

In May 2025, a similar situation happened with another student, whom was forced to end their program drastically and having to return to Mexico to avoid retaliation from the university. They, also, had their “financial support temporarily suspended.”

What now?

Dialog



QMUL sent an email to the affected students on April 15, 2026:

“[...], we must be clear that Queen Mary will not provide further stipend payments beyond the payment for May, in view of the considerable debt owed to the university by the Polytechnic Foundation.”

This is an unfair approach from the university, as both Fundación Politécnico and QMUL signed an agreement and both have responsibilities that they need to face.