The foreign students who are not research fellows have lost their right to bring their families or partners into the UK after the Tory government decided to cut the numbers of visa applications, which had reached a peak in post-Brexit UK.

However, immigration has economic benefits as students are likely to work in the UK after their studies. Preventing the coming of relatives may affect foreign students’ studies and morale badly, the UCU says. Consequently, some would even rather study elsewhere than in the UK.

So, the new policy is not fully supported as it may weaken the already fragile balance between the assets and downsides of legal immigration.

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