



# **Commonwealth Shared Scholarships**

**2017 terms and conditions**

## INTRODUCTION

The Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan (CSFP) is one of the largest and most prestigious scholarship schemes for international study in the world. Since it was established in 1959, around 34,000 individuals have benefited – 26,000 of them have held awards funded by the UK government, managed by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom (CSC).

This document outlines the terms and conditions of Commonwealth Shared Scholarships offered by the CSC for citizens of developing Commonwealth countries in 2017. These scholarships are funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID), with the aim of contributing to the UK's international development aims and wider overseas interests, supporting excellence in UK higher education, and sustaining the principles of the Commonwealth.

For information about the other scholarships and fellowships offered by the CSC, visit [www.dfid.gov.uk/cscuk](http://www.dfid.gov.uk/cscuk). For information about Commonwealth Scholarships offered by other Commonwealth countries, visit [www.acu.ac.uk/scholarships/commonwealth-scholarships/about-csfp](http://www.acu.ac.uk/scholarships/commonwealth-scholarships/about-csfp)

The CSC's Secretariat is provided by the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), which is responsible for all matters concerning selection, academic studies, and evaluation. The British Council is responsible for supporting award holders in their home countries before and after their awards.

## COMMONWEALTH SHARED SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships for Master's study for students from developing countries who would not otherwise be able to study in the UK, jointly supported by UK universities.

**Purpose:** To contribute to development needs of Commonwealth countries by providing training for skilled and qualified professionals and academics who would not otherwise have been able to study in the UK.

**Intended beneficiaries:** High-quality postgraduate students who have not studied extensively overseas before, who would not otherwise have the opportunity to study in the UK, and who have the potential to enhance the development of their home countries with the knowledge and leadership skills they acquire.

Commonwealth Shared Scholarships are offered for selected taught Master's courses, and are usually tenable for one year only. These scholarships do not cover undergraduate courses, PhD study, or any pre-sessional English language teaching.

## ELIGIBILITY

To apply for these scholarships, you must:

- Be a Commonwealth citizen, refugee, or British protected person
- Be permanently resident in a developing Commonwealth country. For a full list of eligible countries, see page 6
- Be available to start your academic studies in the UK by the start of the UK academic year in September/October 2017
- By August 2017, hold a first degree of either first or upper second class (2:1) classification, or lower second class (2:2) classification plus a relevant postgraduate qualification (usually a Master's degree)
- Not have studied or worked for one (academic) year or more in a developed country
- Be unable, either yourself or through your family, to pay to study in the UK

The CSC promotes equal opportunity, gender equity, and cultural exchange. Applications are encouraged from a diverse range of candidates.

## HOW TO APPLY

You should apply to study an eligible Master's course at a UK university that is participating in the Shared Scholarship scheme. For a full list of participating universities, see pages 6-7. For a full list of eligible courses, visit <http://bit.ly/cscuk-shared-scholarship-courses>

You must make your application using the CSC's Electronic Application System (EAS) – information on how to use the EAS, including detailed guides, is available at <http://bit.ly/cscuk-shared-scholarship>

**Before applying**, you **must** check with your UK university for their specific advice, admission requirements, and rules for applying. Some universities may require you to complete their own admissions application form as well, which may have a separate closing date. You must take the necessary steps to secure admission to your chosen course(s) at your preferred university/universities at the same time as applying for a Shared Scholarship. For a full list of contact details, visit <http://bit.ly/cscuk-shared-scholarship-courses>

You can apply for more than one course and/or to more than one university, but you may only accept one offer of a Shared Scholarship.

All applications must be submitted by **29 March 2017** at the latest. Each university has its own closing date for applications, and most are before 29 March 2017. For a full list of closing dates, see page 5.

The CSC will not accept any applications that are not submitted via the EAS to your UK university or applications directly from individuals; such applications will not be acknowledged.

## SELECTION PROCESS

Each participating UK university will conduct its own recruitment process to select a specified number of candidates for Shared Scholarships. Universities must put forward their selected candidates to the CSC by 26 April 2017. The CSC will then confirm that these candidates meet the eligibility criteria for this scheme. Universities will inform candidates of their results by July 2017.

Selection criteria include:

- Academic merit of the candidate
- Potential impact of the work on the development of the candidate's home country.

## VALUE

Shared Scholarships are jointly funded by the CSC and participating UK universities. Each Scholarship provides:

- Approved airfare from your home country to the UK and return at the end of your award (*arranged by the university; funded by the CSC*)
- Approved tuition and examination fees (*funded by the CSC*)
- Stipend (living allowance) at the rate of £1,043 per month, or £1,279 per month for those studying at universities in the London metropolitan area (rates quoted at 2016-2017 levels) (*paid and funded by the university*)
- Warm clothing allowance (*paid and funded by the university*)
- Study travel grant towards the costs of study-related travel within the UK or overseas (*claimed from and paid by the university; funded by the CSC*)
- Excess baggage allowance, up to an annual approved limit, when returning home (*claimed from and paid by the university; funded by the CSC*)

Additional allowances for spouses or other dependants are not usually available.

## GENERAL CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- A Commonwealth Shared Scholarship covers fees, fares, and personal maintenance. Other scholarships, awards, or bursaries that cover the same costs may not be held concurrently.
- If your application is successful and the CSC has confirmed that you meet the eligibility requirements of the scheme, your university will notify you that you have been provisionally selected (selected for an award subject to the CSC agreeing your terms of admission to the university)
- The CSC reserves the right to publish the names of provisionally selected candidates on the CSC website. By applying for an award, you are giving your consent for your details to be published in this way if your application is successful.
- When terms of admission to the university have been agreed and all documentation has been completed and returned, the CSC will send you a formal Confirmation of Award.
- You will be required to submit a medical report before your Confirmation of Award can be issued.
- You will be required to sign a declaration confirming that you are a national of a Commonwealth developing country, and not at present living or studying in a developed country; have not studied or worked for more than one academic year in a developed country; and are unable, either yourself or through your family, to pay to study in the UK, as well as an undertaking to return to your home country as soon as possible after the end of your award. Any false declarations will cause at least the CSC's share of your award to be terminated, even if your course of study has started. In such circumstances, you will be required to refund any payments made by the CSC in connection with your award.
- You are expected to start your award on the date stated in your Confirmation of Award.
- If you require a Tier 4 visa to come to the UK to study, you may be required to take an approved English language test and/or be screened for tuberculosis for your visa application. These regulations are subject to change at any time. You should check the GOV.UK website at [www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa](http://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa) for updated information.
- For certain subjects of study, you may be required to apply for an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate before applying for a UK visa. Your university will advise you if you require an ATAS certificate and how to apply. For more information, visit [www.gov.uk/academic-technology-approval-scheme](http://www.gov.uk/academic-technology-approval-scheme)
- All UK immigration regulations are set by UK Visas and Immigration and are subject to change. The CSC has no control over these regulations.
- You are expected to reside in the UK throughout your award, and to seek approval from the CSC in advance for any overseas travel.
- You must not undertake paid employment during your award without approval from the CSC in advance.
- The CSC will consider a request to extend your leave to remain in the UK after your award only if you wish to move from Master's to PhD study. Strict conditions will apply.
- The CSC cannot provide a letter of support for you to remain in the UK after your award to work or undertake postdoctoral study.
- Your award may be terminated at any time for reasons of unsatisfactory conduct, progress, or attendance, or if your registration is suspended or terminated by your university for any reason.
- In line with the UK Bribery Act 2010, any applicant convicted of bribery will be banned from reapplying for a Commonwealth Scholarship or Fellowship for a period of up to five years.
- The CSC is committed to administering and managing its scholarships and fellowships in a fair and transparent manner. For more information, see the CSC anti-fraud policy and procedure at <http://bit.ly/cscuk-anti-fraud-policy>
- All terms and conditions of award are subject to UK local law and practices, and are subject to change by the CSC.

## COMMONWEALTH SHARED SCHOLARSHIPS 2017 – AT A GLANCE

University	Number of awards available	Closing date
Aberystwyth University	1	17 March 2017
Bangor University	6	28 March 2017
Bath Spa University	1	29 March 2017
Bishop Grosseteste University	1	31 January 2017
Bournemouth University	2	29 March 2017
Coventry University	1	29 March 2017
Cranfield University	6	29 March 2017
Durham University	6	17 March 2017
Edinburgh Napier University	1	28 March 2017
Glasgow Caledonian University	1	29 March 2017
Goldsmiths, University of London	1	1 March 2017
Harper Adams University	1	29 March 2017
Heriot-Watt University	2	29 March 2017
Imperial College London	2	27 February 2017
Keele University	6	3 March 2017
King's College London	1	1 March 2017
Leeds Beckett University	6	10 March 2017
Liverpool Hope University	2	28 March 2017
Liverpool John Moores University	2	29 March 2017
London School of Economics and Political Science	3	7 March 2017
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	5	29 March 2017
London South Bank University	2	29 March 2017
Manchester Metropolitan University	1	29 March 2017
Newcastle University	6	24 March 2017
Nottingham Trent University	6	29 March 2017
Oxford Brookes University	1	28 March 2017
Queen Margaret University	1	16 March 2017
Queen Mary, University of London	6	1 March 2017
Queen's University Belfast	2	28 February 2017
Royal College of Art	1	29 March 2017
Royal Veterinary College	2	3 March 2017
School of Advanced Studies, University of London	1	28 March 2017
Sheffield Hallam University	3	29 March 2017
SOAS, University of London	2	31 January 2017
St Mary's University	1	29 March 2017
Swansea University	1	17 March 2017
Teesside University	2	25 February 2017
University College London	6	17 February 2017
University of Aberdeen	4	28 March 2017
University of Bath	6	28 March 2017
University of Birmingham	1	28 February 2017
University of Bristol	4	13 February 2017
University of Buckingham	1	28 March 2017
University of Cambridge	9	7 December 2016

University	Number of awards available	Closing date
University of Central Lancashire	1	29 March 2017
University of Chester	6	17 March 2017
University of Edinburgh	2	31 January 2017
University of Exeter	5	17 March 2017
University of Glasgow	6	15 March 2017
University of Greenwich	6	15 March 2017
University of Hull	3	29 March 2017
University of Leeds	6	1 February 2017
University of Leicester	1	29 March 2017
University of Liverpool	3	28 March 2017
University of Nottingham	6	10 March 2017
University of Oxford	6	29 March 2017
University of Portsmouth	1	10 March 2017
University of Reading	2	29 March 2017
University of Sheffield	1	10 March 2017
University of Southampton	2	1 March 2017
University of St Andrews	1	28 March 2017
University of Stirling	6	17 March 2017
University of Strathclyde	4	3 March 2017
University of Sussex	1	28 March 2017
University of the West of Scotland	3	24 March 2017
University of Warwick	6	16 March 2017
University of Wolverhampton	1	29 March 2017

## ELIGIBLE COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES

Anguilla	Kiribati	Seychelles
Antigua and Barbuda	Lesotho	Sierra Leone
Bangladesh	Malawi	Solomon Islands
Barbados	Malaysia	South Africa
Belize	Mauritius	Sri Lanka
Bermuda	Montserrat	Swaziland
Botswana	Mozambique	Tanzania
Cameroon	Namibia	Tonga
Cayman Islands	Nauru	Trinidad and Tobago
Dominica	Nigeria	Turks and Caicos
Falkland Islands	Pakistan	Tuvalu
Fiji	Papua New Guinea	Uganda
Ghana	Pitcairn Islands	Vanuatu
Gibraltar	Rwanda	Virgin Islands (British)
Grenada	St Helena	Zambia
Guyana	St Kitts and Nevis	Zimbabwe*
India	St Lucia	
Jamaica	St Vincent and The Grenadines	
Kenya	Samoa	

\* Awards offered to build the capacity of civil society organisations



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