

Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan - 2014



The CSFP is aimed at students of Commonwealth countries who can make a significant contribution to their home country after the completion of a higher education programme in the UK.

This is a source of funding made available to all Commonwealth countries by the Commonwealth Scholarships Commission.

Level of courses:

- Six months of Clinical Training
- One Year Taught Master's Course
- Doctoral Degree up to three years duration

The CSFP is an annual scheme made available to all the Commonwealth countries by the Commonwealth Scholarships Commission. In India, this is jointly managed by:

- Commonwealth Scholarships Commission
- the British Council
- Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)
- Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD)

- the Government of India

It covers:

- economy return international travel
- tuition fee
- adequate maintenance and other allowances.

Subjects covered:

- Engineering and Technology
- Science (Pure and Applied)
- Agriculture
- Humanities and Social Sciences

Applications for the 2014 session is now closed. Check out the details on the shortlisting process at the MHRD website <http://mhrd.gov.in/>

Duration

Scholarship:

One-year in case of Master's, six-months in case of Clinical Training, three-years in case of PhD and one year research on a split site basis, towards a PhD.

Six month clinical training/research/specialisation (for MBBS, BDS, MS, MD degree holders only) include:

1. Cancer research
2. Cardiology (including cardiac surgery)
3. Gynaecology Medicine
4. Dentistry
5. Orthopaedics
6. Neurology
7. Ear, Nose and Throat

For Ph.D degree candidates who have already completed Ph.D. or are about to complete it will not be considered.

Institution:

Any UK University and Institute

Fellowship:

Fellowship is available in any academic subject (including Medicine and Dentistry). Fellowships are primarily intended for younger established teachers (not for the senior members of the department) to enhance their teaching and/or research experience, or in the case of Medicine and Dentistry, clinical skills relevant to what they're going to study at the institution they choose.

Commonwealth Fellowships are not available for higher degrees.

Commonwealth Fellowships are for six months. Awards normally run from October in any year (i.e. the beginning of the academic year in the UK).

Medicine and Dentistry:

If you are a medically qualified applicant and your programme requires you to practice clinically, or to work in a laboratory department reporting on samples from patients, you can only be considered eligible for registration with the General Medical Council (GMC) or the General Dental Council.

Eligibility Scholarship

- be an Indian citizen residing in India
- have completed tertiary education in English medium
- be aged 40 or under at time of applying.
- For Master's degree candidate should hold or able to produce the certificate of Bachelor's degree by October 2014 in the subject field concerned securing 60% or above marks in Humanities and Social Science group and 65% or above marks in Medical, Engineering and Technology, Science and Agriculture group.
- For Ph.D candidate should hold or able to produce the certificate of Master's degree by October 2014 in the subject field concerned securing 60% or above marks in Humanities and Social Science group and 65% or above marks in Medical, Engineering and Technology, Science and Agriculture group.

Eligibility Fellowship

- be an Indian citizen residing in India
- have completed tertiary education in English medium
- hold a doctorate (or other postgraduate qualifications accepted as sufficient for the career you are in)

- have been awarded your doctorate no less than five and no more than ten years from the date of taking up the Fellowship
- have at least two-years experience as a staff member of a university or similar institution in your home country

The UGC sends circulars to all universities in July or August every year for nominations for the awards beginning the following academic year.

To be selected, you must be an academic staff member of staff and get nominated by the executive head of the university you work full time at. This is followed by shortlisting of applications and personal interviews in New Delhi.

Selection

Scholarship

The preliminary selection of candidates for scholarships is carried out in India by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Department of Education, and Government of India.

The preliminary selection is done through a process of shortlisting of applications, followed by personal interviews in New Delhi.

Fellowship

The preliminary selection of candidates for Academic Staff Fellowships is carried out in India by University Grants Commission (UGC). The Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) London does the final selection on the basis of the nominations sent by the UGC.

The interviews are normally held in November or December for the awards beginning September in the following year.

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External Scholarship Division

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Fellowships

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Do not write to the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) in London, as they cannot allocate individual scholarships. Contact the Commonwealth Scholarship Agency in your own country. If you are already in the UK, the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) can help you with general information concerning the scheme, but it cannot issue application forms to international students.