

# Dr Manmohan Singh Scholarships



The University of Cambridge has long and strong ties with India. Many of India's leading politicians, businessmen and scientists are Cambridge alumni. St John's College, one of the largest of the Colleges in Cambridge, has had particularly extensive links over many years.

Dr Manmonhan Singh, the Prime Minister of India, is a graduate and Honorary Fellow of St John's College. He is widely acknowledged as the architect of the economic reforms that have helped propel India onto the World Stage. In honour of Dr Singh St John's College has launched the Dr Manmohan Singh Scholarships. These awards will enable academically outstanding Indian students to come to St. John's College, University of Cambridge to study for doctoral degrees in subjects like Science & Technology, Economics and Social Sciences.

Applications in Aerospace Engineering and Energy Studies will be of particular interest.

## **Value of the Award**

The scholarships are fully funded, and cover:

- academic fees
- international airfare
- monthly stipend to cover living expenses
- UK visa.

***This programme is now closed for applications. We will continue to update this space with information.***

## **Eligibility criteria**

**The applicant should be:**

- An Indian national with a valid Indian passport and currently based in India.

- Below 35 years of age, as on 15 January 2014.
- Not already had significant exposure to UK education or received UK government funding.
- Should hold a Master's (postgraduate) degree from a reputed/recognised India university/institution with a First Class award (UG and PG) in the relevant subject/field.
- Evidence of leadership qualities (to be assessed from personal statements e.g. extracurricular activities and/or evidence of having made a difference to the country/society/participation in symposia in the relevant subject, or peer reviewed publication in the area).
- Keen to pursue and should have identified a **full time Doctoral Research degree** from the University of Cambridge commencing **September/October 2014**
- Fluent in spoken and written English.
- Able to fulfil any other admission criteria laid down by the University.

### Application process

**It is the responsibility of the applicants to identify a suitable Doctoral programme and supervisor at the University of Cambridge, apply for a place for September/October 2014 and secure admission.**

- Identify a suitable doctoral programme and supervisor at the University of Cambridge.
- Applicants to visit the Board of Graduate Studies (BoGs) website: <http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/students/gradadmissions/prospec/> and make formal application to the University at the same time as to the Dr Man Mohan Singh Scholarships.
- Applicants to select St John's College as their first choice College on their BoGs application form.
- Applicants to indicate on their BoGs form that they are applying for the Dr Manmohan Singh Scholarships, but also to complete the section applying for funding from the University.
- Apply for the Scholarship on the prescribed format by 15 January 2014 and submit it to the British Council

#### Notes:

- Only those applicants who get an offer of admission at St John's College will be eligible for the award of the Scholarship.
- Candidates should NOT approach St John's College directly at this stage.

### Selection

Candidates for these scholarships are selected through a process of short listing from the applications received by the British Council, followed by personal interviews, which will be held in New Delhi .

Subsequent to the interviews the selection committee identifies the required number of candidates for the awards. The decision of the selection committee will be final. Selection results will be communicated within a month following the interview.

#### Post selection

Pre-departure briefings, UK visa and travel arrangements for the selected candidates will be co-ordinated by the British Council.

#### General Notes

The British Council will acknowledge receipt of applications through the emails provided on the application form. For this purpose, applicants are requested to provide their latest email ids. However, the British Council will not be responsible for failure of on-line delivery.

The British Council will further contact only the short-listed candidates inviting them for interviews. Applicants are requested not to contact the British Council office directly.

Short-listed candidates will be interviewed in New Delhi. Candidates will be expected to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

## DOWNLOADS

- [Dr Manmohan Singh Scholarship application form](#)(ADOBE PDF 127KB)
- [Dr Manmohan Singh Scholarship application form](#)(MICROSOFT WORD 183KB)