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CIRCULAR

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The information in respect of the scholarship is available on the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission’s website: <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/applicants/>.

The weblink for online application : <http://proposal.sakshat.ac.in/scholarship/>. The deadline for the online application on MHRD portal is on 10.01.2019. Detailed instructions, Eligibility, etc. are attached in the next page.

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To
All Deans of campuses
All Directors and HODs (With a request to display on notice board)
PA to Registrar

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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education
ES.4 Section

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Online applications:

Candidates are required to apply online at the following portals:

- **Ministry of Human Resource Development portal by 10th January, 2019.**

Link for online application: <http://proposal.sakshat.ac.in/scholarship/>

- **Commonwealth Scholarship Commission's Electronic Application System (EAS) by 19.12.2018 by 16:00 (GMT)**

Link for EAS: https://fs29.formsite.com/m3nCYq/form62/form_login.html

Note:

- It is **compulsory** for the applicant to apply on both the portals before their cut-off dates, failing which would make his/her candidature ineligible.
- Sometimes the link does not open after click or after copying to the address bar. You are required to type the link in the address bar to go to the link.

Number of nomination:

52 nominations would to be made, out of which 13 nominations would be for PhD.

The specific terms and conditions in respect of Master's and Ph.D. scholarships are available on the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission's website at the following url:

Master's: <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/terms-conditions-masters-scholarships-low-and-middle-incomes-2019.docx-1.pdf>

PhD: <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/terms-conditions-phd-scholarships-low-middle-income-countries-2019.pdf>

Eligibility:

(i) The candidates who have received the offer of admission, from any of the university listed with the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission are only eligible to apply. The list of university may be found at url: <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/uk-universities/part-funding/> .

(ii) The applicant must be a permanent resident in India.

(iii) The applicant must be available to start his/her academic studies in the UK by the start of the UK academic year in September/October 2019

(iv) The applicant must NOT be registered for a PhD, or an MPhil leading to a PhD, at a UK university or India university or elsewhere before September/October 2019

(v) The applicant must not be able to afford to study in the UK without this scholarship. *(Candidates are compulsorily required to sign a declaration that they do not have access to sufficient funds to study in the UK).*

(vi) Candidates who have already been abroad for studies/training/ specialization either on scholarships or on their own, for a period exceeding six months are eligible to apply, if they have been in India for at least two consecutive years as on 10th January, 2019 after returning from abroad.

Minimum qualifications:

(i) For Master's course:

One should have completed or is expected to complete the Bachelor Degree by October, 2019. The academic qualification must have direct and applied relevance to the development theme selected by the candidate.

(ii) For Ph.D. degree:-

One should have completed or is expected to complete the Master Degree/Qualifying Exam, by October, 2019. The academic qualification must have direct and applied relevance to the development theme selected by the candidate.

Level of course:-

(i) Master's Course (one year)

(Note: Master Degree programs which are less than 2 years in duration, are not equivalent to Master Degree in India.)

(ii) Doctoral degree (up to three/four years' duration)

- **Scholarship would be offered under following development themes and the candidates who have taken admission in UK university must apply under one of the themes:**

- Science and technology for development
- Strengthening health systems and capacity
- Promoting global prosperity
- Strengthening global peace, security and governance
- Strengthening resilience and response to crises
- Access, inclusion and opportunity.

- **Selection and nomination:**

- ❖ The candidates who have received an offer of admission from any participating universities, must **upload a copy of the same** on the Ministry's portal at the time of online application, failing which their candidature will not be considered.
- ❖ The system would automatically generate the subject/theme wise list of students along with the name of the University.
- ❖ In case, there are more number of students than the available nominations, in that scenario, ranking of the institution as per the 'QS Ranking 2019' would be taken to draw the merit list.

Anti-fraud Policy

- The CSC is committed to administering and managing its scholarships and fellowships in a fair and transparent manner. For further information, see the CSC anti-fraud policy and the DFID guidance on reporting fraud available on CSC's website at the following url:

CSC anti-fraud policy: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/csc-in-the-uk-anti-fraud-policy-and-procedure>

DFID guidance on reporting fraud:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development/about#reporting-fraud>

- The Ministry's anti-fraud policy is enclosed and may be seen as ANNEXURE-I.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Candidates who do not possess the eligibility criteria need not apply.
2. Canvassing in any form will be a disqualification.
3. It is very important that applicants who are in employment to which they wish to return after completion of their studies in UK should have an assurance from their organization that on the final selection by the CSC, they will be granted sufficient leave to complete the study. In general, a candidate undertaking research for a Ph.D. can be expected to need 36/48 months' study in the United Kingdom even though in the first instance, the award will only be offered for one or two years.
4. All announcements will be made available on the website of the Ministry of Human Resource Development i.e. www.mhrd.gov.in/scholarships .
5. The nominated candidates will be informed through e-mail and public notice on the Ministry's website.

Important links:

- For applying online to Ministry of Human Resource Development:
<http://proposal.sakshat.ac.in/scholarship/>
- For applying to CSC through EAS:
https://fs29.formsite.com/m3nCYq/form62/form_login.html
- 2018 Commonwealth Scholarship terms and conditions:
Master's: <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/terms-conditions-masters-scholarships-low-and-middle-incomes-2019.docx-1.pdf>

PhD: <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/terms-conditions-phd-scholarships-low-middle-income-countries-2019.pdf>
- The list of UK universities: <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/uk-universities/part-funding/>
- Details of the CSC's selection criteria:
<http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/selection-criteria-phd-scholarships-low-middle-income-countries-2019.pdf>
- Handbook for Commonwealth Scholars and Fellows at:
<http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/award-holders/handbook-forms>



23.10.2018

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Under Secretary (Scholarship)
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Anti-fraud Policy

Definition of fraud (in respect to the scholarship)

Use of deception to deprive, cause loss to another person or party; or secure unwarranted personal gain.

Falsely claiming academic and other achievements, false documentation, concealing/distorting information/ material whether it is in electronic form, signature, photograph will be treated as fraud and action would be taken accordingly.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development will investigate all the issues relating to fraud and will take appropriate action which includes legal action. The Ministry will ensure in developing, implementing and maintaining adequate systems of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.

In case of actual, attempted or suspected fraud one should report his/her concerns in the first instance to the Under Secretary, Scholarship. There is also an online 'Centralized Public Grievance Redress And Monitoring System (CPGRAM)' where complaint can be made. The link of the grievance portal is <https://pgportal.gov.in> .