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COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM -2014


I enclose herewith a copy of letter dated 16 August 2013 along with the guidelines for nomination received from the Executive Secretary of the Commonwealth Scholarships Commission in the United Kingdom concerning the above.

The universities are requested to forward up to **THREE** nominations each in order of priority as per the guidelines set out by the Commonwealth Scholarships Commission. Application form and connected information can be downloaded from the UGC website (www.ugc.ac.lk). Nominations should be received by the Office of the Vice Chairman not later than 31 October 2013.

Once the University Grants Commission shortlists the candidates, they will be asked to submit their applications to the Secretariat of the Commonwealth Association in UK through the Electronic Application System (EAS).

Please instruct all the candidates NOT to submit applications through EAS directly to Commonwealth until they are advised to do so by the UGC. They may refer to the Commonwealth Scholarships website <http://bit.ly/cscuk-apply> for further information in this regard.

Your early attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.


Prof. Ranjith Senarathne
Vice Chairman

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Encl: Letter call for nomination
Guidelines for nomination
Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowships Plan

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Dear Chairman

Commonwealth Scholarships in the United Kingdom - 2014

I am writing to invite you to take part in the nomination process for Commonwealth Scholarships in the United Kingdom, tenable from October 2014. Full details of the competition, including the number of nominations sought from you, can be found in the 'Guidelines for Nomination' which are enclosed. Copies of the 2014 Prospectus are enclosed with this letter, and it is available on our website for you and your candidates to access by following the appropriate link at: <http://bit.ly/cscuk-apply>.

The closing date for your nominations to reach the Commission is 17 December 2013, but please note that all candidates you wish to nominate must have applied using our Electronic Application System (EAS) before it closes on the 3 December 2013.

The continued success of Commonwealth Scholarships depends on our ability to attract candidates of the highest quality, including an increasing percentage of women. Nominating bodies such as yourselves play a vital role in this process, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your colleagues for your on-going support. The results of our selections will be sent to you in April 2014.

Further information on the current work of the Commission can be found in our most recent Annual Report, which is available on our website at: <http://bit.ly/cscuk-annual-reports>. I hope that you will find this interesting, and welcome any comment on our work, or suggestions for future activity. If you should have any questions about this invitation or the nomination process, please contact my colleague Deborah Bennett (deborah.bennett@cscuk.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

Dr John Kirkland
Executive Secretary

Encs: Guidelines for Nomination
Copies of 2014 Scholarships Prospectus
Table showing how the EAS works



COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS

Table to Show the Options for Handling Applications and Nominations for Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowships through the EAS in 2014: University Nominations

	University uses EAS to select and nominate to CSCUK	University uses hard-copy of EAS applications to select and nominate to CSCUK	University selects using own application procedure and then asks selected candidates to complete EAS
Candidates' deadline for completing EAS application and submitting to nominator	Determined by the nominating University; it must be no later than 23:59 GMT on 03-Dec-13	Determined by the nominating University; it must be no later than 23:59 GMT on 03-Dec-13	Determined by the nominating University; to give selected candidates sufficient time it has should be at least 2 weeks before 23:59 GMT on 03-Dec-13
University's deadline for submitting nominated candidates to CSCUK	23:59 GMT on 17-Dec-13	23:59 GMT on 17-Dec-13	23:59 GMT on 17-Dec-13
University sends list of selected candidates to CSCUK	Yes	Yes	Yes
Candidates' referees asked to complete references on-line	Yes	Yes	Yes
Candidates asked to send hard-copy of EAS application to nominating University	Yes	Yes	Yes
References	Visible to nominating University in the EAS application. If the nominator wishes to see signed copies on headed paper of references completed using the EAS, please email cas@cscuk.org.uk	Referees must send as hard-copy to nominating University	Referees must send as hard-copy to nominating University
Photograph	Visible to nominating University in the EAS application	Candidates must send as hard-copy to nominating University	Candidates must send as hard-copy to nominating University
Birth Certificate and Transcripts	Visible to nominating University in the EAS application (but not on the hard-copy)	Candidates must send as hard-copy to nominating University	Candidates must send as hard-copy to nominating University

Notification of candidates whether or not they have been nominated to CSCUK	Candidates can track the progress of their application on the EAS. Candidates not nominated to CSCUK automatically receive an email telling them so	By nominating University	By nominating University
University Nominators' deadline for receipt of applications from candidates earlier than 23:59 GMT on 03-Dec-13 can be set in the EAS	Yes	Yes	No
University Nominator can seek on-line comments on an application from an external referee	Yes	No	No
University Nominator can enter comments on an application for CSCUK to see	Yes	No	No

Notes:

1. Do allow referees time to complete references. Although the EAS sends an email to each referee with a link to the candidate's application, the email is only sent when the candidate submits his/her application. So that if a candidate submits just before the deadline and if the Nominator's deadline for its candidates is the latest possible, the references may not be written in time to influence the Nominator's selection procedure. You may therefore want to have a deadline for receipt of applications that is earlier than 23:59 GMT on 03-Dec-13

Guidelines for nomination: University Grants Commission, SRI LANKA
Scheme: Commonwealth Scholarships
Nominations invited for 2014: 14 specifically for Split-Site Study.

I am pleased to confirm that the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom is able to invite nominations from **University Grants Commission, SRI LANKA** for scholarships to be held in the United Kingdom from October 2014. Full details of the awards are contained in our 2014 Prospectus, copies of which are enclosed for your reference. An electronic version is available on our Website and we kindly request that you refer all interested candidates to our Website at: <http://bit.ly/cscuk-apply>

Number and Type of Nominations

14 nomination(s) should be candidates who wish to undertake one year research on a split-site basis, towards a PhD registered at the candidate's home institution. It is not a requirement that these candidates hold full-time university teaching posts.

Split-site doctoral candidates should be **registered at their home university (not the UK institution)**, and should wish to undertake a period of study in a UK university as an integral part of their home PhD. It is hoped that this method will assist in the development of viable doctoral programmes at the candidate's home university and reduce the risk of brain drain by shortening the Scholars' absence from service in their own countries. Please note that award holders will not be permitted to register for separate, UK based academic qualifications during their scholarships. Awards are for one academic year and are designed to fund the UK year of the PhD programme in the full-time mode, providing for one year's tuition fee to the UK institution in return for specialised training and supervision as well as laboratory facilities perhaps not available at home. The scholars' return airfare and maintenance for the year is also covered. Further information is available in the prospectus.

As in previous years, we are inviting substantially more nominations than scholarships available. In view of this, we will not be able to consider or acknowledge any nominations beyond the number requested. I would be grateful if you could make it clear to all nominees that to be nominated does not in any way guarantee selection or placement. The Commission will not be able to process any nominations submitted in excess of the number invited above.

Eligibility

Eligibility requirements are outlined in the Scholarship Prospectus. I would particularly draw attention to the following:

- candidates should hold, or expect to hold by October 2014, a first degree of at least upper second class honours level or a degree of second class and a relevant postgraduate degree.
- candidates should be able to take up their awards in October 2014; deferments are only granted in the most exceptional circumstances, and in any event will not be considered for start dates beyond January 2015.
- Applications for split-site study must be made in context of an institutional link between the institution where the candidate is registered in their home country and the one at which they are applying to study in the UK. Candidates must provide the Commission with evidence of support from their prospective supervisor at the UK institution as well as from their home supervisor at the time of application.
- Awards are tenable at any UK institution of higher education with which the Commission has a part-funding agreement; a list of these institutions can be found at:

<http://bit.ly/cscuk-uk-universities>, and in any subject area that you consider meets the selection criteria.

- In addition the Commission requires that your nominated candidates provide evidence of their competence in English by means of an overall IELTS score of no less than 6.5 overall with no less than 5.5 in each band, in an academic IELTS test taken no earlier than 01 October 2013 and no later than 06 March 2014. You should therefore liaise with the relevant British Council office to arrange IELTS testing of your nominees. It will be necessary for you to supply the British Council with a list of your nominees. The Commission will meet the cost of testing the nominees on this list and no more. Only those candidates who submit an eligible IELTS report, taken between 01 October 2013 and 06 March 2014, will be eligible for a scholarship. All others will be deemed ineligible.

The Commission will not normally offer awards to scholars already close to completing a doctorate in their home country, though awards may be tenable to complete doctoral studies already underway in their home country or in the UK. It is in any case very important that we are told explicitly if any nominees are already registered for higher degrees. Omission of this information may prejudice any offer we may make.

In addition, the Commission remains concerned at the modest number of women proposed by many participating nominators. We are keen to ensure an equitable division of awards, and would ask you to particularly take this into account in selecting your nominations this year.

Candidates are expected to state at least one and up to three preferred institutions on the application form, but the final decision on host institution will be made by the Commission. In recent years, placement of successful candidates has sometimes been delayed by the process of gaining admission to their host university. For this reason, we expect candidates to submit independent applications directly to their preferred institutions. Where offers of admission have been obtained, these should be included with the nomination, and any subsequent correspondence should be copied to us. In this way, we hope both to speed up the process, and ensure that an even higher proportion of successful candidates secure places at the most appropriate institutions.

Selection Criteria

Final selection of candidates and host institutions will be made by the Commission. We seek candidates of the highest academic quality who demonstrate a real capacity to make a difference to their home country on completion of their award. In order to maximise your institution's opportunities we advise you to note that the selection committees will grade applications on:

- their academic merit
- the quality of their study plan
- the likely development impact that a candidate will have after their award.

Details of the Commission's selection criteria are available on our Website at <http://bit.ly/cscuk-scholarships-developing-cw> and we would recommend you take these into account when making your selections and draw these to the attention of your applicants.

We would particularly draw attention to the fact that whilst awards remain open to all subjects of study, our Selection Committee will particularly favour applications that demonstrably link to the development priorities of your institution (where applicable) and your country. Candidates should be encouraged to make any such links explicit in their applications. Nominating institutions are also encouraged to state their own priorities, and make any comment on the future employment prospects of applicants.

In addition, the Committee will have regard for any priority areas that have already been agreed between the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and authorities in your country. Candidates should address the general priorities of DFID which include:

- Education
- Health
- Economic Growth and the Private Sector
- Governance and Conflict
- Climate and Environment
- Water and Sanitation
- Food and Nutrition
- Humanitarian Disasters and Emergencies

The Commission does, however, recognise that development objectives can be pursued through a wide variety of subject areas, and encourages candidates to specify the potential benefits that will arise from their application, whatever field of study is proposed.

Arrangements for Submitting Nominations

We request that all candidates who are being nominated for a Commonwealth Scholarship use our Electronic Application System (EAS). There are three options available to Nominators:

1. to ask all candidates to complete the EAS and to assess and then nominate them using the EAS – you will need to ask the Commission to set you up as a nominator in order to do this.
2. to use a printed PDF copy of the EAS application form to assess candidates – in which case you should ask all candidates complete the EAS form and print and send a hard copy of it to you. You can then opt to be set up on the EAS to nominate candidates to the Commission or can nominate them to us by sending a list of their names (as detailed below).
3. to use your own application form to make your selections and then to ask only those candidates you are nominating, to complete the EAS form to be submitted to the Commission. You can then opt to be set up on the EAS to nominate candidates to the Commission or can nominate them to us by sending a list of their names (as detailed below).

Details of the different procedures can be seen in the enclosed table. **The most important of which is that all candidates nominated to the Commission must have completed their EAS applications by 3 December 2013.** Universities in South Asia are not in the EAS and consequently, candidates apply directly to the nominating body (e.g. UGC or HEC as appropriate).

Please note that when a candidate submits his/her application, an email will automatically be sent to the university's Vice-Chancellor/Rector/Executive Head. The email contains a link to the candidate's application enabling the Vice-Chancellor/Rector/Executive Head to view the candidate's application and to enter comments that support the university's nomination of the candidate. The candidate cannot see the comments of the Vice-Chancellor/Rector/Executive Head. Please note that the Commission does not want the Vice-Chancellor/Rector/Executive Head to be one of the candidate's referees. A consequence of the new arrangement is that any member of staff of the university can nominate a candidate using the EAS and it no longer needs to be the Vice-Chancellor/Rector/Executive Head. Each of the candidate's 3 referees will also receive an email with a link to the candidate's application.

Institutions proposing to nominate using the EAS can see what is involved by looking at the Assessment guide on one of the pages linked to <http://bit.ly/cscuk-eas-agencies>. Although you can set the deadline for receipt of applications, the EAS Team will do this if you email the information together with the first and last name and email address of the Nominator Contact. Support will be provided to Nominators using the EAS to nominate by means of email (eas@cscuk.org.uk)

The EAS asks each candidate to upload a scanned passport-size photograph, scanned transcripts, a scanned birth certificate and a scan of any offer letter received from a UK institution they have listed in their application form. In addition, the EAS puts the onus on the candidate to ensure that references are provided through the EAS.

Nominating agencies should not send hard copies of the application; but we request that you do send us copies of all documentation that candidates have not been able to scan into their application but have been requested to submit to us (transcripts/university offer letters/proof of UK citizenship) as well as any original references you might receive in hard copy.

All nominators are required to confirm the name(s) of their nominated candidate(s) either by using the EAS or by letter sent direct to the Commission in hard copy and by e-mail to Deborah Bennett (deborah.bennett@cscuk.org.uk) with the EAS nomination or e-mail to reach by the 17 December 2013. Please include the six digit EAS application reference number next to the name of each candidate in your letter.

Further Information

Your contact details for candidates are given on our Website at: <http://bit.ly/cscuk-developing-cw-countries>; I would be grateful if you could check your entry and e-mail my colleague, Deborah Bennett (deborah.bennett@cscuk.org.uk) if you would like us to make any additions or amendments.

Finally, I would like to express the gratitude of the Commission for your help in ensuring that Commonwealth Scholarships continue to attract applicants of the very highest standards. I look forward to receiving your nominations in due course, and in the meantime would be grateful if you acknowledge receipt of this letter, quoting Ref:CS2014UN, as soon as possible. If you would prefer, confirmation (and any queries) can be sent by e-mail, to deborah.bennett@cscuk.org.uk

JOHN KIRKLAND
Executive Secretary

Commonwealth Scholarships

United Kingdom Awards 2014



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INTRODUCTION

Since their inception in 1959, some 27,500 individuals have benefited from the award of Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowships to pursue advanced academic study in other Commonwealth countries. About two thirds of awards have been tenable in the United Kingdom. The vast majority of award holders have returned to make a significant contribution to their home countries, in many cases at the highest level, making the award scheme one of the largest and most prestigious in the world.

This prospectus describes the Commonwealth Scholarships offered by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom for citizens of other Commonwealth countries in 2014-2015. Separate programmes and prospectuses exist for the scholarships offered by distance learning and on a shared funding basis, and for short mid-career fellowships, both academic and professional, offered by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission. Please visit the CSC website at www.dfid.gov.uk/cscuk for details of these programmes. For information on Commonwealth Scholarships offered by other Commonwealth countries, please visit the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan (CSFP) website at www.csf-online.org.

The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission'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.

ELIGIBILITY

To apply for the awards covered in this prospectus, candidates should:

- Be Commonwealth citizens, refugees, or British protected persons
- Be permanently resident in a developing Commonwealth country (a full list is available at <http://bit.ly/cscuk-developing-cw-countries>)
- Be available to commence their academic studies in the United Kingdom by the start of the UK academic year in September/October 2014
- Hold, by October 2014, a first degree of upper second class Honours standard (or above); or a second class degree and a relevant postgraduate qualification, which will normally be a Master's degree

AND

- For awards to enhance clinical skills in the fields of medicine and dentistry, have qualified as a doctor or dentist between 1 October 2004 and 30 September 2009. Please see <http://bit.ly/cscuk-apply> for fellowship opportunities if you qualified before October 2004.

The Commission wishes to promote equal opportunity, gender equity and cultural exchange. Applications are encouraged from a diverse range of candidates.

WHAT TYPES OF AWARD ARE AVAILABLE AND HOW CAN I APPLY?

The Commission invites the nomination of candidates for Commonwealth Scholarships from a number of sources. These are described below. Candidates may choose any of these 'nominating routes' for any category of award, subject to the exceptions noted. Candidates must apply locally in the first instance. The Commission does not accept direct applications.

For the following categories of award...

- 12-36 months' support towards completion of either a full-time taught or a doctoral postgraduate qualification at an eligible UK institution. These awards are open to those candidates nominated either by the Vice Chancellor/Executive Head of their employing institution or by the appointed agency in their home country. Please note that the Commission offers awards for one-year Master's programmes only, and does not fund MBAs
- 12 months' non-degree study in the United Kingdom on a Split-Site basis to aid the completion of a doctoral degree undertaken at a university in the candidate's home country
- Up to 6 months enhancing clinical skills in medicine or dentistry (available only to candidates from developing countries). These awards are open to candidates nominated by their Vice Chancellor/Executive Head or by the appointed agency in the home country

... nominations are invited through the following channels

- The candidate's national Commonwealth Scholarship agency. This is the main route of application and a full list of Commonwealth Scholarship agency addresses can be obtained from the CSC website
- The Executive Head of an eligible developing country university on whose staff the applicant serves. (In the case of Bangladesh and India, nominations are made through the University Grants Commission; in Pakistan, through the Higher Education Commission; and in Sri Lanka, through the Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education)
- Selected non-governmental organisations, charitable bodies and development partnerships

Candidates can apply to study at doctoral (including split-site) and Master's level at UK institutions with which the Commission has a part funding agreement. A list of institutions that have agreed to offer part funded scholarships in 2014-2015 is available at <http://bit.ly/cscuk-uk-universities>. Agreement to part fund scholarships is at the discretion of individual institutions.

In addition, the Commission offers:

- Support for study towards an undergraduate degree in the United Kingdom for citizens of the Falkland Islands, Maldives, St Helena and the Seychelles. Nominations are through the national Commonwealth Scholarship agency

A full list of universities and other organisations invited to nominate can be found on the CSC website. Those wishing to be considered for inclusion in the list of universities and other organisations invited should contact the Executive Secretary of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (c/o The Association of Commonwealth Universities, Woburn House, 20-24 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HF).

Applications must be submitted using the Commission's Electronic Application System (EAS), which is available on our website by following the appropriate links at <http://bit.ly/cscuk-apply>. All applications must be submitted to and endorsed by one of the approved nominating bodies detailed previously. Please note that all Scholarship candidates must complete their application using the EAS by 3 December 2013.

Awards made by the Commission are subject to the ongoing endorsement of the nominating body. The Commission regrets that it is unable to accept nominations from other organisations or applications directly from individuals, and that these cannot be acknowledged.

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Awards are tenable at any approved UK university or higher education institution with whom the Commission has a part funding agreement (i.e. those on the list mentioned previously) for a specific programme of study or research and are not restricted to particular subject areas. Awards are to obtain one degree and funding will not be extended to enable candidates to complete an additional or higher qualification than that for which the selection was made. Scholarships are made in respect of full-time study only and no other courses of study may be undertaken at the same time.

It is important that candidates make clear at the point of application the qualification for which they are applying, especially if they wish to be considered for a Scholarship intended to lead to a doctoral degree. This will enable the Commission to consider the application in the correct category.

The final decision on institution of study will be made by the Commission, which reserves the right to overrule any preferences expressed by the candidate at the application stage. The Commission will consider the suitability of the course and its value for money when considering any overrule. Tuition fees for at least the current academic year are published on university websites. Applicants are, however, expected to identify at least one and up to three institutions and courses (or supervisors for research degree applicants) that they consider most appropriate on the application form, and explain the reasons for their selection. This is important since the Commission will not change the institution or course for which the candidate has been provisionally selected after the Commission's selection committee has met, unless exceptional information becomes available that could not have been foreseen at the time of application. Many courses have strict admission deadlines and candidates must take the necessary steps to secure admission to their preferred institutions in advance of any Scholarship application to the Commission. Please note that applicants for doctoral study must provide a statement of support from at least one of the UK institutions to which they are applying, in order for their application to be eligible. Candidates in business, management, economics and other related fields should note that a number of university departments will require a candidate to demonstrate a valid GMAT or GRE score before an offer of admission can be made. Candidates should check admission requirements carefully at the time of application.

Applications for 12 months' study in the United Kingdom on a Split-Site basis must be made in the context of a departmental/institutional link with a UK university already in operation or currently under negotiation and must include a letter of invitation from the proposed UK host department. Candidates will have the option of one full 12 month period of study or two six month periods with a period not greater than 12 months elapsing between each term. Those candidates who have not yet commenced their home PhD at the time of application will be eligible to spend a maximum of six months in the UK in the first year of their studies.

Please note that where the Commission selects a candidate who will have already started their PhD study by the time of their selection, their Scholarship will commence at the start of the next academic year (i.e. in September/October following the selection) and will end after the Scholar has been registered for their PhD for 36 months, in line with the Commission's policy on PhD length. Agreement on part funding in these circumstances is at the discretion of the institution, and candidates should check with the institution(s) at which they wish to study before applying for a scholarship. The Commission is reviewing its policy on

candidates who have already started their PhD study; please check <http://bit.ly/cscuk-uk-universities> for updates.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

Nominations for 2014 Commonwealth Scholarships tenable in the United Kingdom are required to arrive with the Commission no later than 17 December 2013 in electronic format. All nominating authorities will have organised their own competitions in advance of this, with earlier deadlines and local rules for application, that you are strongly advised to check.

In order to ensure a competitive process in the United Kingdom, the Commission normally seeks approximately three times more nominations than there are Scholarships available. Following this deadline, each nomination is first considered by a member of the Commission's panel of advisers with expertise in the subject area concerned and then by the Commission's selection committee in competition with other applicants.

Applications are considered according to the following selection criteria:

- Academic merit of the candidate
- The quality of the proposal
- The likely impact of the work on the development of the candidate's home country

VALUE OF AWARDS

Each Scholarship provides:

- Student concessionary or other approved airfare to the United Kingdom and return on expiry of the Scholarship (the cost of journeys made before final award confirmation will not normally be reimbursed, nor can fares be paid for a Scholar's dependants)
- Approved tuition and examination fees
- A personal maintenance allowance at the rate of £917 per month (£1,134 per month for those studying at institutions in the London Metropolitan area) – rates quoted at 2012-2013 levels
- A grant towards the expenses of preparing a thesis or dissertation, where applicable
- An initial arrival allowance, incorporating an initial clothing grant for Scholars from tropical countries
- A grant for expenses for approved travel within the United Kingdom or overseas
- A grant towards fieldwork costs for those Scholars undertaking doctoral studies for whom a case has been made for fieldwork outside the United Kingdom. This shall not normally exceed one economy class return airfare to the fieldwork location
- A paid mid-term fare to their home country for Scholars on three year doctoral awards. Scholars for whom fieldwork fares are provided to their home country shall not be entitled to a mid-term fare home, nor Scholars who have claimed (or intend to claim) spouse or child allowances for more than 12 months during their award
- For Scholars selected by the Commission for awards exceeding 18 months, a spouse allowance of £220 per month is payable provided that the Scholar and spouse are residing together at the same address in the United Kingdom. It is not paid when the spouse is also in receipt of an award. For Scholars accompanied by their spouse and children, a child allowance is payable at the rate of £138 per month for the first child, and £108 per month for the second and third child under the age of 16, provided they are residing with their

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parents. The Commission's spouse and family allowances represent only a contribution towards the costs of family maintenance in the UK and Scholars should expect and be able to supplement these allowances to support family members who choose to come to the UK.

Irrespective of the length of the award, a Scholar who is widowed, divorced or a lone parent will receive an allowance in respect of the first accompanying child and child allowances for the second and third accompanying children.

More information can be found about the terms and conditions of the Scholarships in the Handbook for Commonwealth Scholars and Fellows, available on the CSC website.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF AWARD

Applicants should be aware of the following general conditions:

- The Commission reserves the right to publish the names of candidates provisionally selected for awards on the CSC website. By applying for an award, the candidate gives consent for such publication in the event that his/her application is successful.
- Candidates will be notified of their provisional selection by the Commission; that is, selection for award subject to the Commission agreeing the terms of admission to the university/institution.
- Candidates will be given a formal Notification of Award – the offer of a Scholarship – as soon as terms of admission to the university/institution have been agreed.
- Formal confirmation of the award will be issued when all conditions of the Notification of Award have been met.
- Scholars will be expected to take up the award from the date specified by the Commission in the Notification of Award.
- A Commonwealth Scholarship covers the cost of the award and the award holder's maintenance while in the United Kingdom. It does not cover the cost of travel to and from the United Kingdom.
- Similar awards may not be held concurrently.
- Candidates must be able to provide evidence of sufficient funds to support themselves and any dependants while in the United Kingdom. Prior approval for any proposed part-time employment must be obtained from the Commission.
- The Commission will require a formal report before an award is confirmed.
- Scholars must be prepared to undertake to return to their home country at the end of their award, unless they are able to provide evidence of sufficient funds to support themselves and any dependants while in the United Kingdom.
- The Commission will only consider requests for extension to the award if the award holder is able to provide evidence of sufficient funds to support themselves and any dependants while in the United Kingdom.
- The Commission will only consider requests for extension to the award if the award holder is able to provide evidence of sufficient funds to support themselves and any dependants while in the United Kingdom.

support which might be required by an award holder to stay on to work in the UK.

- All terms and conditions of award are subject to UK local law and practices, and are subject to change by the Commission.
- All regulations concerning immigration and visas are set by the UK immigration authority. The Commission has no control over these; please note that they are subject to change.
- Candidates from Commonwealth countries which require a Tier 4 visa to come to the UK for study may be required to take an approved English language test and/or be screened for tuberculosis in order to obtain their visa. The regulations on this could change at any point. You are advised to check the UK immigration authority website at www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk for updates.
- In line with the UK Bribery Act which came into effect on 1 July 2011, it is Commission policy that any candidate convicted of bribery will be banned from reapplying for a Commonwealth Scholarship for a period of up to five years.
- A Scholarship may be terminated at any time for reasons of unsatisfactory conduct, progress, or attendance.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The Commission may require candidates to undertake the academic IELTS English language test as a condition of eligibility. It is the responsibility of the candidate to check with their nominating agency whether they are required to take the test and to note that an IELTS test will only be accepted if taken on or after 1 July 2013 and before 6 March 2014. The Commission of awards, the Commission, or a host institution in the United Kingdom, may require a candidate to provide evidence of a particular level of English language proficiency.

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