

Selection criteria for assessment of applications for 2017 Commonwealth Scholarships for developed Commonwealth country citizens (funded by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS)) tenable in the United Kingdom

	ACADEMIC MERIT	STRATEGIC POTENTIAL	QUALITY OF RESEARCH PLAN (doctoral study)
Grading criteria	<p>Candidates will be assessed on:</p> <p><i>Primary indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination results • Academic transcripts • Tutors' and referees' reports <p><i>Secondary indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any academic prizes or awards • Other relevant academic achievements • Publications, where appropriate 	<p>Impact potential will be judged on the extent to which the proposed work will:</p> <p><i>Primary indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the excellence of UK teaching and research, to help sustain recognition of the UK higher education system as world-class and internationally competitive • Develop long-term research networks between the candidate's home country and the UK, i.e. build strategic relationships • Generate and expand a knowledge-based economy, with argued potential for translation of knowledge and ideas into successful public service outcomes, growth, or social wellbeing <p><i>Secondary indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion of how the impact of the potential benefits of the work might be assessed • Extent to which the candidate appears motivated and able to assume leadership roles, and to become involved in wider society or professional affairs 	<p>Proposals will be assessed on:</p> <p><i>Primary indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear abstract of what the candidate wants to research • Quality of the research proposal, including innovation, relevance to current research in the chosen field, and likelihood of internationally competitive work • Extent to which the work programme has been well researched, and the extent of input from and engagement with the host supervisor <p><i>Secondary indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity of expression • Feasibility of proposed research • Likelihood of completion within three years