

Commonwealth PhD Scholarships (for low and middle income countries) 2018 selection criteria

	ACADEMIC MERIT	QUALITY OF RESEARCH PROPOSAL	DEVELOPMENT IMPACT
Grading criteria	<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"> • Academic prizes or awards • Other relevant academic achievements • Publications, where appropriate 	<p><i>Primary indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear abstract of what the candidate wants to research • Extent to which the work programme has been well researched, and the extent of engagement with the host supervisor • Quality of the research proposal, including innovation and relevance to current research in the chosen field <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 	<p><i>Primary indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extent of the need: how the plan of research relates to development in the sector and country (and institution, in the case of university nominations) • Expected outcomes and the projected timeframe leading to applied development • The way and extent to which the candidate proposes to apply their new skills and qualifications <p><i>Secondary indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference to a national development priority, capacity shortage, or objective • Reference to the selected CSC theme • Extent of the benefit: how the impact of the potential benefits of the work might be measured (e.g. a typical beneficiary from the research described, or potential number of beneficiaries from the research) • Past commitment to 'development' agendas through voluntary work, or leading or participating in relevant projects or programmes