

**Selection criteria for assessment of applications for 2018 Commonwealth Scholarships for citizens of high income Commonwealth countries (funded by the Department for Education (DfE)) tenable in the United Kingdom**

	<b>PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC BACKGROUND</b>	<b>IMPACT POTENTIAL</b>	<b>QUALITY OF RESEARCH PLAN (doctoral study)</b>
<b>Grading criteria</b>	<p>Candidates will be assessed on:</p> <p><i>Primary indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination results</li> <li>• Academic transcripts</li> <li>• Tutors' and referees' reports</li> </ul> <p><i>Secondary indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any academic prizes or awards</li> <li>• Other relevant academic achievements</li> <li>• Publications, where appropriate</li> <li>• Personal statement</li> </ul>	<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"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Develop long-term research networks between the candidate's home country and the UK, i.e. build strategic relationships</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul> <p><i>Secondary indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestion of how the impact of the potential benefits of the work might be assessed</li> <li>• Extent to which the candidate appears motivated and able to assume leadership roles, and to become involved in wider society or professional affairs</li> </ul>	<p>Proposals will be assessed on:</p> <p><i>Primary indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear abstract of what the candidate wants to research</li> <li>• Quality of the research proposal, including innovation, relevance to current research in the chosen field, and likelihood of internationally competitive work</li> <li>• Extent to which the work programme has been well researched, and the extent of input from and engagement with the host supervisor</li> </ul> <p><i>Secondary indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarity of expression</li> <li>• Feasibility of proposed research</li> <li>• Likelihood of completion within three years</li> </ul>