

Commonwealth 2020 Master's Scholarship application (for low and middle income countries) - Sample

Application Form for Reference only

All questions in the 2020 online application form are listed below. To apply go to <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/masters-scholarships/> Check the website for the application deadline.

*indicates a mandatory question

Eligibility

Enter the Country of which you are a Citizen or you have Refugee Status *

Do you, or will you by October 2020, hold either a first university degree of at least upper second class (2:1) honours standard or a second class (2:2) university degree and a relevant postgraduate qualification (usually a Master's degree)? *

no yes

Nominating Agency

PLEASE NOTE that it is your responsibility to research your eligibility to apply via this agency. Check the CSC [website](#) for details of all agencies and contact the individual agency for their specific eligibility criteria. If you do not choose the correct agency neither the agency nor the CSC is under any obligation to consider your application.

Nominating Agency *

Candidate Information

Candidate's ID

Title *

Given Names (*as it appears on your passport or official ID*) *

Surname (as it appears on your passport or official ID) *

Address line 1 *

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

State/Province/County

PostCode/Zip

Country

Mobile Phone number

Candidate's email address

If your permanent address is different to that entered above, please enter the details

Permanent address line 1

Permanent address line 2

Permanent address line 3

Permanent Town/City

Permanent State/Province/County

Permanent PostCode/Zip

Permanent Country

If your country does not appear in the list below, you are not eligible to apply for this scholarship

Nationality/Citizenship (or country in which you have been given refugee status) *

Other Nationality/Citizenship

Date of Birth *

Gender *

Gender self-identification

Equity and Diversity Monitoring

The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK (CSC) aims to attract talented individuals who have the potential to make change. We are committed to a policy of equal opportunity and non-discrimination and encourage applications from a diverse range of candidates. The information collected in this section will be used for monitoring purposes only and will not be seen by the selection panel.

Special category data is sensitive personal data, such as information about your health or ethnic origin. The condition for processing the special category data you provide when applying for a Commonwealth Scholarship is for research and statistical purposes. The data will be anonymised when selections are complete.

The information you provide will not have any influence on the outcome of your application. You may choose not to provide this information - there will always be a 'Prefer not to say' option. No information that could identify you as an individual will be published. To find out more, see our [privacy notice](#).

Years in country of residence *(please leave blank if you prefer not to say)*

Ethnicity *(please leave blank if you prefer not to say)*

Religion or Belief

Other religion or belief

Marital Status

Do you have children?

Yes No Prefer not to say

Will any be accompanying you to the UK?

yes no

Ages of accompanying children

Do you have any caring responsibilities? *(select all that apply)*

- No
- Primary carer of a child or children (under 18 years)

- Primary carer of a disabled child or children
- Primary carer or assistant for a disabled adult (18 years and over)
- Primary carer or assistant for an older person or people (65 years and over)
- Secondary carer (another person carries out main caring role)
- Prefer not to say

Do you have a longer-term physical, mental or sensory impairment that has a significant impact on your ability to carry out day-to-day tasks? *(select all that apply)*

- No known impairment, health condition, or learning difficulty
- A longstanding illness or health condition, such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, or epilepsy
- A mental health difficulty, such as depression, schizophrenia, or anxiety disorder
- A physical impairment or mobility issues, such as difficulty using your arms or using a wheelchair or crutches
- A social/communication impairment, such as a speech and language impairment or Asperger's syndrome/other autistic spectrum disorder
- A specific learning difficulty, such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, or AD(H)D
- Blind or have a visual impairment uncorrected by glasses
- Deaf or have a hearing impairment
- An impairment, health condition, or learning difficulty that is not listed above (specify if you wish)
- Other impairment
- Prefer not to say

Other impairment

How long have you been affected by this impairment?

Any further information about the impairment you wish to add

0/100 words

Occupation of your father/guardian

Highest level of education of your father/guardian

Occupation of your mother/guardian

Highest level of education of your mother/guardian

Compared to others in your local community, do you consider your family to be

Have you ever been granted refugee status?

Yes No Prefer not to say

Have you been granted refugee status in the country in which you currently reside?

Academic Record (1)

Are you currently registered for a university qualification? *

no yes

Academic Record (2)

Country of current Institution *

Name of current Institution *

Current Institution Subject *

Current Institution Qualification Sought *

Current Institution Date started *

Current Institution expected Completion Date *

Have you previously obtained a university qualification? *

no yes

Academic Record (3)

Enter up to 5 **university** qualifications

Country of institution 1 *

Name of Institution 1 *

Institution 1 Dates Attended (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) *

Institution 1 Subject *

Institution 1 Qualifications Awarded *

Institution 1 Class of Award *

Institution 1 Date of Award *

Do you wish to add a second university qualification?

No Yes

Country of institution 2

Name of Institution 2

Institution 2 Dates Attended (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY)

Institution 2 Subject

Institution 2 Qualifications Awarded

Institution 2 Class of Award

Institution 2 Date of Award

Do you wish to add a third university qualification?

No Yes

Country of institution 3

Name of Institution 3

Institution 3 Dates Attended (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY)

Institution 3 Subject

Institution 3 Qualifications Awarded

Institution 3 Class of Award

Institution 3 Date of Award

Do you wish to add a fourth university qualification?

No Yes

Country of institution 4

Name of Institution 4

Institution 4 Dates Attended (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY)

Institution 4 Subject

Institution 4 Qualifications Awarded

Institution 4 Class of Award

Institution 4 Date of Award

Do you wish to add a fifth university qualification?

No Yes

Country of institution 5

Name of Institution 5

Institution 5 Dates Attended (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY)

Institution 5 Subject

Institution 5 Qualifications Awarded

Institution 5 Class of Award

Institution 5 Date of Award

Please declare any previous academic scholarships that you have held and any university education you have carried out outside of your home country

If you have studied at any universities outside your home country, explain how this was funded and how the education you received differed from that in your home country.

If you have completed a Master's degree in the UK, please provide justification as to why you wish to study for a second Master's

University education outside home country and previous scholarships

0 / 100 words

Publications and Prizes

List up to 10 of your publications, including titles of any theses submitted. You should rank them with the first in the list being the publication that you think is most important. For journal articles, list the names and initials of all authors, followed by the year of publication, article title, journal title, volume number, and first and last page numbers. For books, list the names and initials of any editors, place of publication, publisher, and year. If the publication is available online, include the digital object identifier (doi).

Publication 1

Digital Object Identifier (doi) 1

Do you wish to add a second publication?

No Yes

Publication 2

Digital Object Identifier (doi) 2

Do you wish to add a third publication?

No Yes

Publication 3

Digital Object Identifier (doi) 3

Do you wish to add a fourth publication?

No Yes

Publication 4

Digital Object Identifier (doi) 4

Do you wish to add a fifth publication?

No Yes

Publication 5

Digital Object Identifier (doi) 5

Do you wish to add a sixth publication?

No Yes

Publication 6

Digital Object Identifier (doi) 6

Do you wish to add a seventh publication?

No Yes

Publication 7

Digital Object Identifier (doi) 7

Do you wish to add a eighth publication?

No Yes

Publication 8

Digital Object Identifier (doi) 8

Do you wish to add a ninth publication?

No Yes

Publication 9

Digital Object Identifier (doi) 9

Do you wish to add a tenth publication?

No Yes

Publication 10

Digital Object Identifier (doi) 10

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List any academic or professional prizes, awards, or distinctions that are relevant to your application

Academic distinctions and prizes

0/250 words

Employments

List up to five jobs you have held that are relevant to your application, starting with the most recent

Name of Employer 1

Employment 1 Job Title

Employment 1 Date From

Employment 1 Date To

Employment 1 Country

Employment 1 Main Responsibilities

0/100 words

Do you wish to add a second employment?

No Yes

Name of Employer 2

Employment 2 Job Title

Employment 2 Date From

Employment 2 Date To

Employment 2 Country

Employment 2 Main Responsibilities

0/100 words

Do you wish to add a third employment?

No Yes

Name of Employer 3

Employment 3 Job Title

Employment 3 Date From

Employment 3 Date To

Employment 3 Country

Employment 3 Main Responsibilities

0/100 words

Do you wish to add a fourth employment?

No Yes

Name of Employer 4

Employment 4 Job Title

Employment 4 Date From

Employment 4 Date To

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Employment 4 Country

Employment 4 Main Responsibilities

0/100 words

Do you wish to add a fifth employment?

No Yes

Name of Employer 5

Employment 5 Job Title

Employment 5 Date From

Employment 5 Date To

Employment 5 Country

Employment 5 Main Responsibilities

0/100 words

References

List the names and positions of three referees who are qualified to comment on both your capacity to benefit from your proposed study in the UK and your ability to deliver development impact afterwards. You are expected to provide references from your current/most recent employer, your most recent academic study and you are required to provide the details of someone to be a 'personal' referee. The individual should know you in a personal rather than a professional capacity and should not be related to you.

You must seek prior permission from all the referees you list in your application

Your application will be considered ineligible unless it is accompanied by at least two references. It is your responsibility to ensure that each of your referees has received the request for a reference and that each is able to complete the reference by the deadline.

You are asked if you give each of your referees permission to view your application

If you select "Yes", your referee will see all details that you have entered into the application form, except for the Equity and Diversity Monitoring questions, your date of birth, your gender, your address and the details of your other referees and supervisor

If you select "No", your referee will only see your name, your phone number and email address

Some examples of a referee's relationship to you are Supervisor at work, Personal referee and Master's supervisor

Do you give permission for referee 1 to see your application? *

- yes
- no

Referee 1 Full Name *

What is the Job Title of Referee 1? *

Referee 1 Email Address *

Repeat Referee 1 Email Address *

What is the relationship of Referee 1 to you? *

Do you give permission for referee 2 to see your application? *

- yes
- no

Referee 2 Full Name *

What is the Job Title of Referee 2? *

Referee 2 Email Address *

Repeat Referee 2 Email Address *

What is the relationship of Referee 2 to you? *

Do you give permission for referee 3 to see your application? *

- yes

no

Referee 3 Full Name *

What is the Job Title of Referee 3? *

Referee 3 Email Address *

Repeat Referee 3 Email Address *

What is the relationship of Referee 3 to you? *

Development Impact

Which CSC theme are you applying under? *

Select up to three Sustainable Development Goals that relate to your future development impact, starting with the most relevant

First Sustainable Development Goal *

Second Sustainable Development Goal

Third Sustainable Development Goal

Commonwealth Scholarships in the UK are funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID). An important selection criterion is the potential contribution that you will make to international development if you are awarded a scholarship. Provide a Development Impact statement in 4 parts explaining:

1. How your proposed study relates to:
 - a) development issues at the global, national and local level?
 - b) development issues connected to your chosen CSC theme and the wider sector?

Development Impact part 1 *

0/200 words

2. How you intend to apply your new skills and qualification when you return home?

Development Impact part 2 *



0/100 words

3. What you expect will change in development terms following your studies, including:

- a) the outcomes that you aim to achieve?
- b) the timeframe for their implementation?
- c) who the beneficiaries will be?

Development Impact part 3 *



0/250 words

4. How the impact of your work could be best measured?

Development Impact part 4 *



0/100 words

Career Plans

The selection panel will want to understand how your proposed study will assist you in your career.

Describe the skills that you expect to gain from this scholarship, and your career plans once you return home afterwards.

Objectives during the award *

0/250 words

Career plans in the 5 years following the award *

0/250 words

Long-term Career Plans *

0/250 words

Proposed Study in the UK (page 1)

List up to three courses, starting with your first choice.

Applications are considered based on the proposed universities, courses and order of preference stated and these cannot be amended later.

Preferred Institution 1 *

Proposed Course 1 *

Preferred Institution 2

Proposed Course 2

Preferred Institution 3

Proposed Course 3

The selection panel will pay particular attention to any contact that you have had with your proposed universities. Provide details of any applications submitted or acceptances obtained.

Contact with the proposed universities *

0/100 words

Would you be prepared to consider an alternative institution if recommended by the Commission?
Answering 'no' will not negatively affect the assessment of your application

Alternative Institution *

Yes No

Proposed Study in the UK (page 2)

Provide a short outline of your proposed study/research. This should be written for an audience that does not have any prior knowledge of the subject, and must not be overly technical. Any abbreviations or specialist terms must be explained.

Study outline *

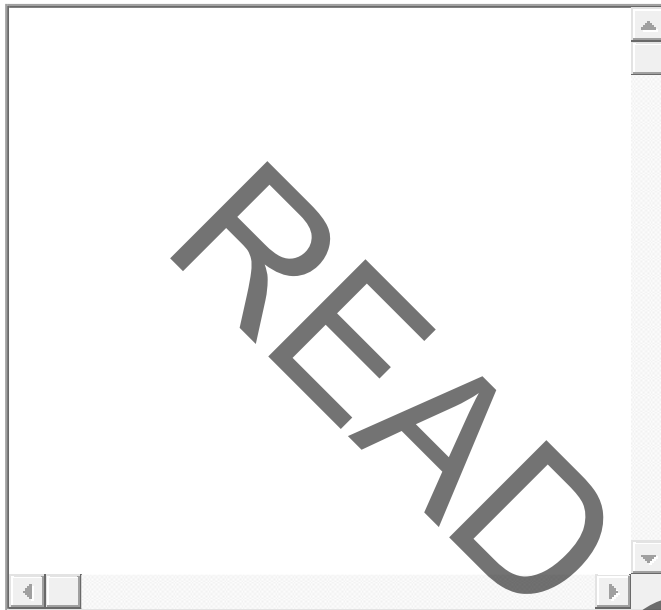
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Provide a detailed plan of your proposed study. The selection panel will want to understand why you have selected your proposed courses and universities. You should remember that, although the selection panel will be well informed, they are not likely to be specialists in your subject.

Describe clearly:

- why you have chosen your proposed courses and universities and why you want to undertake this study in the UK
- what it is that you are looking for in a course and how your chosen courses relate to your objectives
- any dissertation topic you have in mind

Detailed Plan of Study *



0/300 words

List 3 keywords that summarise your proposed study

Keyword 1 *

Keyword 2 *

Keyword 3 *

Personal Statement and Voluntary and Leadership Experience

Summarise the ways in which your personal background has encouraged you to want to make an impact in your home country. You should indicate areas in which you have already contributed, such as having overcome any personal or community barriers to or in higher education

Personal Statement *

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0/500 words

Summarise the ways in which you have engaged in voluntary activities and the opportunities you have had to demonstrate leadership

Voluntary and Leadership Experience

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Attachments

You must submit the following supporting documents as 4 separate files:

1. A scan of the personal information page of your passport or national identity card which has a photograph as proof of your citizenship or refugee status in an eligible Commonwealth country. **If this is not provided your application will be considered ineligible**
2. Scans of full transcripts detailing all your higher education qualifications, including to-date transcripts for any qualifications you are currently studying, with certified translations if they are not in English (*merged into one file*). **If full transcripts are not provided your application will be considered ineligible**
3. Scans of **all** your university degree certificates (*merged into one file*)
4. Scans of any offer letters from the UK universities to which you have applied (*merged into one file*)

Each file must be no more than 5 MB in size and must be in one of the following formats: PDF, .doc, .docx, .odt, .jpg, .jpeg, .png. Files submitted in any other format (including Zip files and PDF Portfolios) will not be accepted

Passport

Transcripts

Degree Certificates

University Offer Letters

Checklist and Confirmation

How did you find out about Commonwealth Scholarships? (*select all options that apply*) *

- Nominating agency or body in your home country
- University in your home country
- University in the UK
- Supervisor/tutor in your home country
- Supervisor in the UK
- A current or former Commonwealth Scholar/Fellow
- Print or online media advertisement

- CSC website
- CSC social media channels
- Other

What sources did you use to find out more about Commonwealth Scholarships? *(select all options that apply)*

- Nominating agency or body in your home country
- University in your home country
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- CSC social media channels
- Other

[Terms and Conditions](#) *

- I have read and understood the 'Terms and Conditions'

[Selection Criteria](#) *

- I have read and understood the Selection Criteria

Citizenship *

- I confirm that I am a Commonwealth citizen/ of or have been granted refugee status in

Country *

Funds *

- I confirm that I am unable to study in the UK without this scholarship

In submitting this application, you are confirming that all information and documents submitted are, to the best of your knowledge, genuine and accurate. The CSC reserves the right to suspend, withhold or withdraw any subsequent award at any time, should it have reasonable evidence that this is not the case.

Own work *

- I confirm that all information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and, unless otherwise stated, is my own work

Note: if you submit more than one application, the CSC will only consider the application which your Agency nominates to CSC

The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission is committed to protecting your personal information and to being transparent about the information we are collecting about you and what we do with it.

To find out more, see our privacy notice: cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/privacy-notice

Date *

Submission

When you submit your application automatic email requests will be sent to each of your named referees asking them to complete an online reference. Please ensure that you contact your referees in advance so that they are expecting the reference request.

Your application will be considered ineligible unless it is accompanied by at least two references. It is your responsibility to ensure that each of your referees receives a request for a reference and that each is able to submit the reference by the deadline.

You will receive an email when each reference is submitted.

Reminders

This page allows you, if necessary, to send reminders to your referees to submit their references. To do this, you will need to re-submit this form by clicking "Submit" below. Select "No" if the reference has already been submitted. If you leave "Yes" selected a request/reminder will be sent to that referee.

Do you want to send/re-send Referee 1 an email requesting a reference when you submit?

no yes

Do you want to send/re-send Referee 2 an email requesting a reference when you submit?

no yes

Do you want to send/re-send Referee 3 an email requesting a reference when you submit?

no yes

You can logout by closing your browser window but do click
on **Save Progress** first

The deadline for submitting the Commonwealth Scholarship
application

is 16:00 hours GMT on 30 October 2019

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