
Commonwealth 2019 PhD Scholarship application (for high income countries) - Sample

Application Form for Reference only

All questions in the 2019 online application form are listed below. To apply go to <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/phd-scholarships-high-income-countries/>. Check the website for the application deadline.

*indicated a mandatory question

Candidate Information

Candidate's ID

Title *

Given Names *

Surname *

Address line 1 *

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

State/Province/Country

PostCode/Zip

Country

Mobile Phone number

Candidate's email address

Permanent Address (if different)

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 a difference. 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 long-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)

Please list all undergraduate and postgraduate university qualifications obtained. Do not include pre-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 * +

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 +

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 +

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 +

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.

University education outside home country and previous scholarships

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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

Add a second publication?

No Yes

Publication 2

Digital Object Identifier (doi) 2

Add a third publication?

No Yes

Publication 3

Digital Object Identifier (doi) 3

Add a fourth publication?

No Yes

Publication 4

Digital Object Identifier (doi) 4

Add a fifth publication?

No Yes

Publication 5

Digital Object Identifier (doi) 5

Add a sixth publication?

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No Yes

Publication 6

Digital Object Identifier (doi) 6

Add a seventh publication?

No Yes

Publication 7

Digital Object Identifier (doi) 7

Add a eighth publication?

No Yes

Publication 8

Digital Object Identifier (doi) 8

Add a ninth publication?

No Yes

Publication 9

Digital Object Identifier (doi) 9

Add a tenth publication?

No Yes

Publication 10

Digital Object Identifier (doi) 10

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



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

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

Add a fourth employment?

No Yes

Name of Employer 4

Employment 4 Job Title

Employment 4 Date From +

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Employment 4 Date To +

Employment 4 Country

Employment 4 Main Responsibilities
0/100 words

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

Did you take a Master's degree in the UK? *

- yes
 no

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 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. This individual should know you in a personal rather than academic 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 your referees are able to complete the references by the deadline and receive the reference requests.

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

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 *

Referee 1 Job Title *

Referee 1 Email Address *

Repeat Referee 1 Email Address *

Referee 1 relationship to you *

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

- yes
- no

Referee 2 Full Name *

Referee 2 Job Title *

Referee 2 Email Address *

Repeat Referee 2 Email Address *

Referee 2 relationship to you *

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

yes

no

Referee 3 Full Name *

Referee 3 Job Title *

Referee 3 Email Address *

Repeat Referee 3 Email Address *

Referee 3 relationship to you *

Do you give permission for referee 4 to see your application? *

yes

no

Referee 4 Full Name *

Referee 4 Job Title *

Referee 4 Email Address *

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Referee 4 relationship to you *

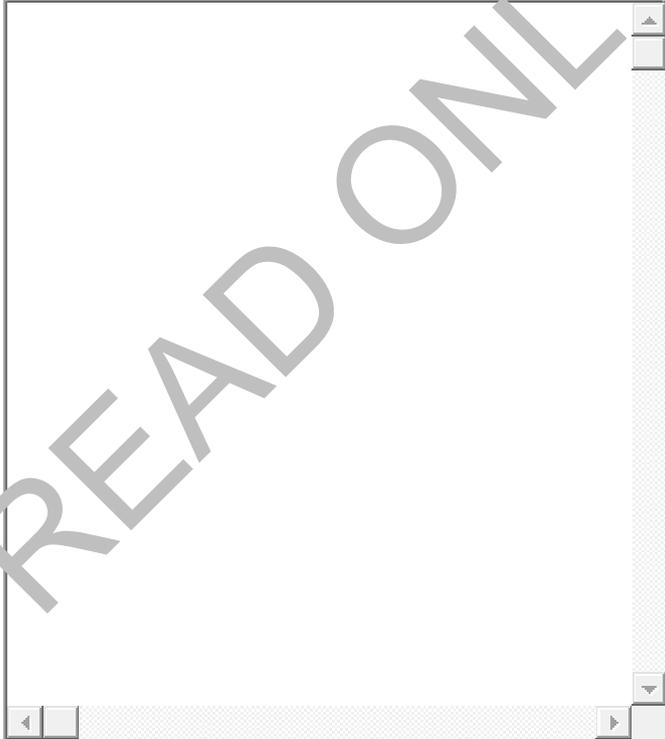
Impact Potential

Commonwealth Scholarships in the United Kingdom for high income Commonwealth countries receive funding from the UK Government and from the host university. An important selection criterion is the potential contribution that a candidate will make to world class research and scholarship as a result of the receipt of a Commonwealth Scholarship. In addition to attracting candidates of the highest academic quality, the UK Government is keen to support applicants whose research will (a) help sustain international recognition of the UK higher education system, (b) who

seek to become leaders in their chosen profession and (c) whose work is for the benefit of wider society. Candidates must provide a statement explaining how their proposed research relates to these objectives.

You are advised in your statement to describe how your research will develop knowledge, networks, international links or strategic relationships in your field of study. Please say how you will apply your new skills and qualifications on return to your country, and describe clearly the relevance of your plan of study to your career development. You should describe the outcomes that you envisage will come from your research, and argue their potential to expand the knowledge-based economy into successful public service outcomes, growth or social well-being. You should also suggest how the impact of the potential benefits of your work might be assessed. To demonstrate your motivation and ability to assume a leadership role, you may draw upon past work or voluntary experience as well as other non-academic achievements.

This section will be given a specific grade in assessing your application. You are advised to make use of, but not exceed, your limit of 500 words.



Impact potential *
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Future Career Plans

The Commission would like to get a clear idea of how the proposed qualification will assist you in your planned career. Please describe the skills that you expect to gain from this award and of your professional plans once you return home on completion of your award

Objectives during the award *

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Career plans in the 5 years following the award *

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Long-term Career Plans *

0/250 words

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Proposed Study (1)

List three proposed universities for your studies, starting with your first choice. You should select at least one three year PhD and you can propose a four-year PhD at Doctoral Training Centre but you must justify its added value compared with a three year PhD . You must research this option thoroughly and justify the additional benefit above a three-year PhD. The CSC will fund only a small number of four-year PhDs, so if you do choose this option you are strongly advised to propose at least one three-year PhD option as well.

The CSC will make the final decision on institution of study, and reserves the right to overrule any preferences indicated by the applicant.

You must name your proposed supervisor at each university. Your application will be considered ineligible unless it is accompanied by at least one supporting statement from a UK supervisor. You must seek prior permission from all the proposed supervisor(s) you list in your application. It is your responsibility to ensure that your proposed supervisor(s) are able to complete the supporting statement and have received the supporting statement request.

Please note that your prospective supervisor(s) will see all details that you have entered into your application form. They will not see any information under the Equity and Diversity Monitoring section, your address, nor the details of your other referees and proposed supervisor(s).

Proposed qualification *

Proposed Topic/Title of Study *

Subject of Study *

Preferred Institution 1 *

Proposed length of study 1 *

3 years 4 years

Proposed Supervisor 1 *

Supervisor 1 email *

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Preferred Institution 2

Proposed length of study 2

3 years 4 years

Proposed Supervisor 2

Supervisor 2 email

Repeat Supervisor 2 email

Preferred Institution 3

Proposed length of study 3

3 years 4 years

Proposed Supervisor 3

Supervisor 3 email

Repeat Supervisor 3 email

What factors led you to choose the above institutions? *

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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.

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Contact with the institutions *

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Would you be prepared to consider an alternative institution if recommended by the Commission?

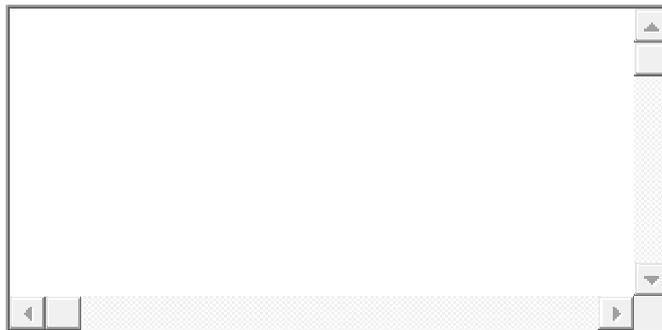
Alternative Institution *

Yes No

Has the following plan of study been discussed with, or produced in conjunction with, any prospective supervisor or host institution in the UK?

Plan of Study discussed

Yes No

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Details of the discussion

0/200 words

Proposed Study (2)

Provide a short outline of your proposed study/research for your first choice institution. 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 *

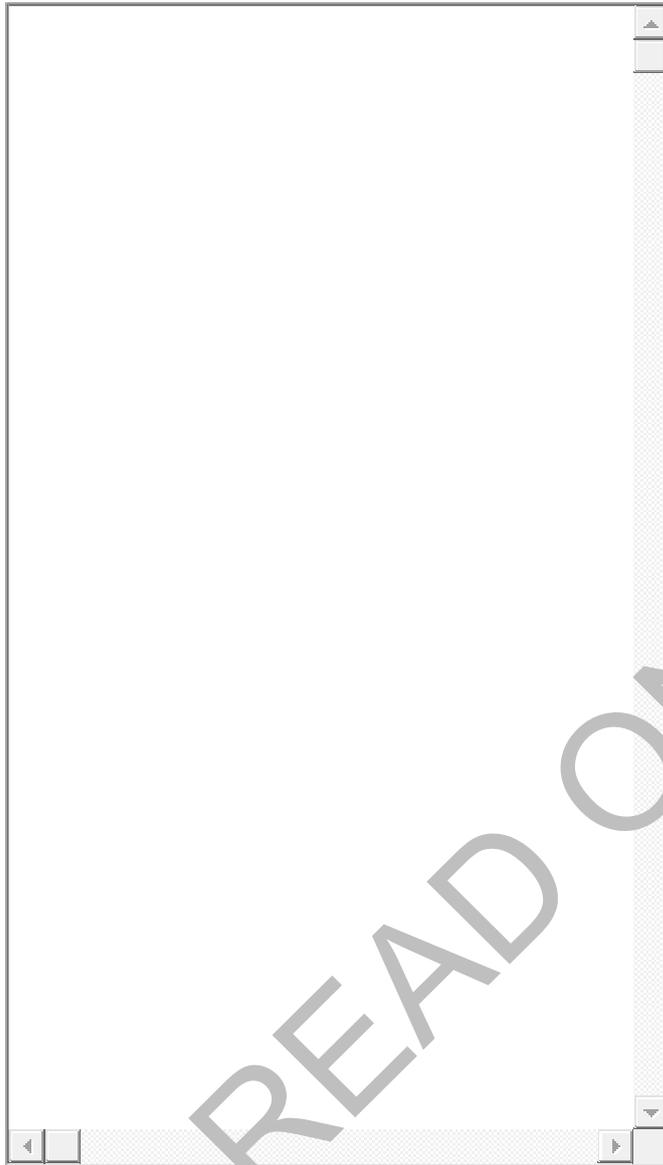
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Provide a detailed plan of your proposed research **for your first choice institution**. You should remember that, although the selection panel will be well informed, they are not likely to be specialists in your subject. It is important that you reference and provide links to relevant literature.

Describe clearly:

1. your research question
2. brief references to key literature that informs your proposed research
3. your research design and methodology
4. the potential significance of the study to your discipline

Detailed Plan of Research



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0/750 words

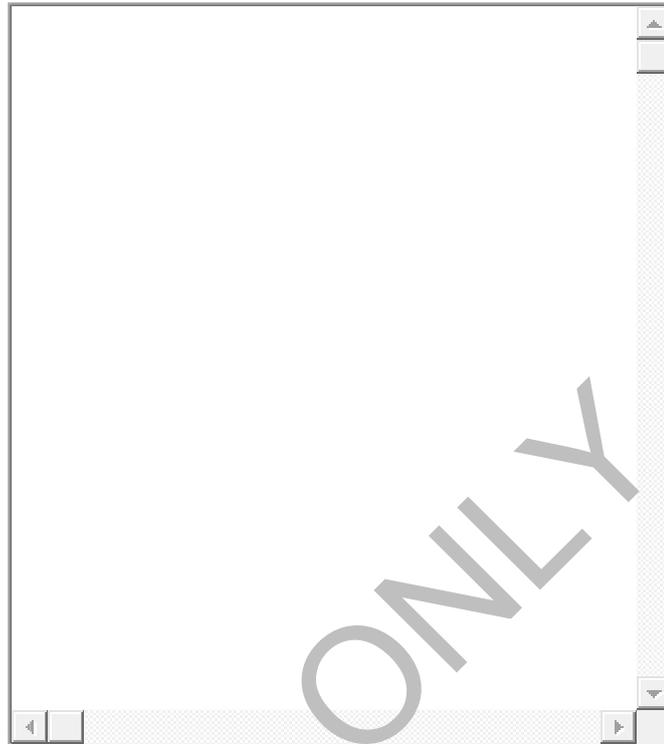
List 3 keywords that summarise your proposed study

Keyword 1 *

Keyword 2 *

Keyword 3 *

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

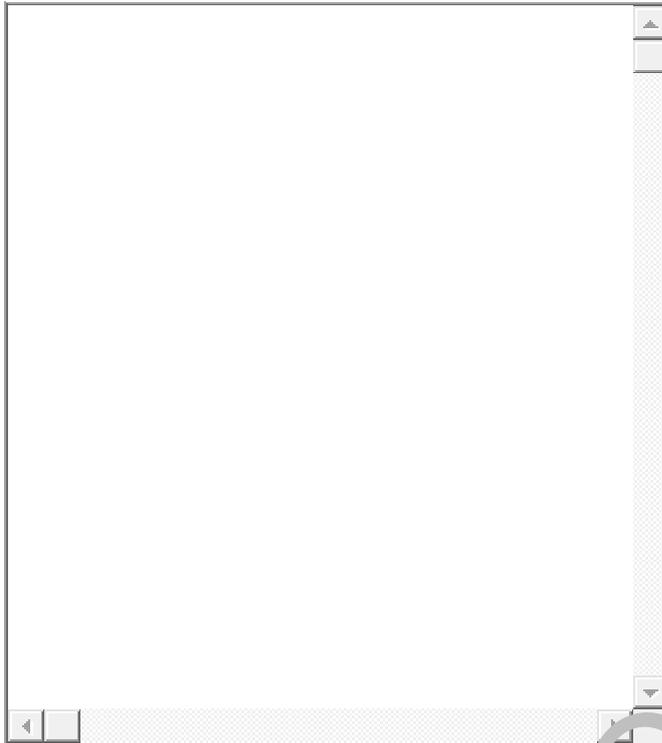


Personal Statement *
0/500 words

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

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Voluntary and Leadership Experience *



0/500 words

Attachments

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

1. A scan of the page of the personal information 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 your full transcripts detailing all your higher education qualifications listed on your online application form (with certified translations if not in English). All transcripts must be up to date at the time of submitting your application, including any transcripts to date for qualifications for which you are currently reading (merged into one file)
3. Scans of all your university degree certificates (merged into one file)
4. Scans of any conditional offer(s) from your chosen 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



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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 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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- Other Other

[Terms and Conditions](#) *

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

[Selection Criteria](#) *

- I have read and understood the Selection Criteria

Residence *

- I am a Commonwealth citizen or refugee permanently residing in

Country of Residence *

Citizenship *

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

Country of citizenship

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

Date * +

Submission (1)

When you submit your application automatic email requests will be sent to your named referees and prospective supervisors asking them to complete online references or supporting statements (as appropriate). Please ensure that you contact your referees and prospective supervisors in advance so that they are expecting the reference/supporting statement request.

You will receive an email when each reference and supporting statement is submitted.

Your application will be considered ineligible unless it is accompanied by at least two references and at least one supporting statement. It is your responsibility to ensure that your referees are able to complete the references by the deadline and receive the reference requests.

Reminders

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

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

Do you want to send/re-send Referee 4 an email requesting a reference when you submit?

- no
- yes

Do you want to send/re-send your proposed Supervisor 1 an email requesting a supporting statement when you submit?

- no
- yes

Do you want to send/re-send your proposed Supervisor 2 an email requesting a supporting statement when you submit?

- no
- yes

Do you want to send/re-send your proposed Supervisor 3 an email requesting a supporting statement when you submit?

- no
- yes

Submission (2)

Have you submitted this application before? *

- Yes
- No

Submission (3)

Are you sure you want to send emails to all those persons marked 'Yes' 2 pages above? *

- Yes
- No

Submission (4)

Then please go back and set to 'No' those you do not want to send another email to

Update

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 BST (15:00 GMT) on 28 August 2019

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