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Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education
External Scholarship Division

2022 COMMONWEALTH MASTER'S SCHOLARSHIP IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Online applications are invited for the '**2022 COMMONWEALTH MASTER'S SCHOLARSHIP TENABLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**' for pursuing full time Master's Degree Courses commencing from September/October 2022. The Scholarships are offered by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC), UK.

2. The Scholarship is broadly offered under six developmental themes:

- Science and technology for development
- Strengthening health systems and capacity
- Promoting Global Prosperity
- Strengthening global peace, security and governance
- Strengthening resilience and response to crises
- Access, inclusion and opportunity

3. The entire application process is **ONLINE**. Interested Candidates must submit their applications on the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission's Online Application System as well as on the Ministry of Education's SAKSHAT Portal

- **Commonwealth Scholarship Commission's Online Application System (OAS):**

Link for OAS: <https://fs29.formsite.com/m3nCYq/tblglqacxe/index.html>. The OAS is active from **20 September 2021** to **01 November 2021 (21:30 IST)**. References and supporting documentation must be submitted by **22 November 2021 (21:30 IST)**.

- **Ministry of Education portal (SAKSHAT Portal):**

Link for online application: <http://proposal.sakshat.ac.in/scholarship/>. The portal would be active from **01 October 2021** to **07 December 2021**.

4. **ELIGIBILITY:**

- (i) The applicant must be a Citizen of India.

(ii) The applicant must be a permanent resident of India.

(iii) The applicant must be available to start his/her academic studies in the UK by the start of the UK academic year in September/October 2022.

(iv) By September 2022, hold a first degree of at least upper second class (2:1) honours standard (**in the Indian context, this means a minimum of 60% marks in graduation**), or a second-class degree (2:2) (**in the Indian context, this means 50-59% marks in graduation**) and a relevant postgraduate qualification (a Master's degree). The CSC would not normally fund a second UK Master's degree. If you are applying for a second UK Master's degree, you will need to provide justification as to why you wish to undertake this study. MBA program is not covered under this scholarship.

(v) The applicant must not be able to afford to study in the UK without this scholarship. (*Candidates are compulsorily required to sign a declaration that they do not have access to sufficient funds to study in the UK*).

(vi) Candidates who were abroad for studies/training/specialization either on scholarships or on their own, for a period exceeding six months are eligible to apply, if they have been in India for at least two consecutive years as on 07 December 2021 after returning from abroad.

(vii) Candidates **must** have an offer from admission from a UK University partnered with the CSC for the September/October 2022 intake at the time of applying on the SAKSHAT Portal to be considered for this scholarship. Candidates who have an offer of admission for the 2021 September/October academic session OR the January/February 2022 academic session are also eligible to apply if they have decided to defer their admission to the September/October 2022 academic session and the University has accepted their request to defer (proof required). List of Universities partnered with the CSC may be seen at: <https://cscuk.fdo.gov.uk/uk-universities/>

5. **39 Nominations** will be made to the CSC for the 2022 Commonwealth Master's Scholarship. Candidates are informed that nomination does not mean selection for the scholarship. The decision to select students for this scholarship rests with the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission. Deadline for submitting nominations is 22 December 2021. List of nominated candidates will be uploaded on the Ministry website after this date.

6. **NOMINATION CRITERIA:**

(i) Candidates who have received an offer of admission from any UK University partnered with the CSC must upload a copy of the same on the SAKSHAT portal at the time of online application, failing which their candidature will not be considered.

(ii) In case there are more applications than the number of nominations to be made, ranking of the UK University from where the candidate has secured an offer of admission as per the ‘QS Ranking 2022’ would be taken to draw up the merit list.

(iii) Nominations would be made in a development theme wise proportional basis i.e. the more no. of applications received under a particular theme; the more will be the share of that theme under the overall ceiling of 39 nominations.

(iv) In case of a tie within a theme, the following criterion is to be adopted to break the tie:

“The merit list for nominating candidates would be drawn by giving priority to candidates who have completed their last qualifying exam either from Institutes of National Importance (INI)/Central Universities (CU)/Centrally funded Technical Institutes (CFTI)/National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) accredited institutions “.

7. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- Candidates who do not possess the eligibility criteria need not apply.
- Canvassing in any form will be a disqualification.
- It is very important that applicants who are in employment to which they wish to return after completion of their studies in UK should have an assurance from their organization that on the final selection by the CSC, they will be granted sufficient leave to complete the study.
- Candidates are requested to frequently visit the Ministry Website www.education.gov.in/en/scholarships as all further announcements will be uploaded there. Queries via e-mail may be directed to es3.edu@nic.in or by telephone at 011-26172492.
- The nominated candidates will be informed through a public notice on the Ministry’s website.
- Candidates are advised to apply first on the CSC OAS and save a copy of their submitted application in pdf as they would be required to upload this when applying on the SAKSHAT Portal.
- **Candidates must ensure that a valid email ID is given for their referees** when applying on the CSC OAS as the referees will be sent an email request to submit the reference online.
- Anti Fraud Policy is enclosed at annexure for information.

8. IMPORTANT LINKS:

- For more details please visit: <https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/scholarships/commonwealth-masters-scholarships/>

- Link for CSC OAS: <https://fs29.formsite.com/m3nCYq/tblglqacxe/index.html>
- Link for SAKSHAT Portal: <http://proposal.sakshat.ac.in/scholarship/>
- CSC Anti-Fraud Policy: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/esc-in-the-uk-anti-fraud-policy-and-procedure>
- For any further information on this scholarship please visit www.education.gov.in/en/scholarships



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Dated the 30 September 2021

Anti-fraud Policy

Definition of fraud (in respect to the scholarship)

Use of deception to deprive, cause loss to another person or party; or secure unwarranted personal gain.

Falsely claiming academic and other achievements, false documentation, concealing/distorting information/ material whether it is in electronic form, signature, photograph will be treated as fraud and action would be taken accordingly.

The Ministry of Education will investigate all the issues relating to fraud and will take appropriate action which may include legal action.

In case of actual, attempted or suspected fraud one should report his/her concerns at the first instance to the Deputy Secretary (Scholarships). There is also an online 'Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS)' where complaint can be made. The link of the grievance portal is <https://pgportal.gov.in>.