

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

2023 COMMONWEALTH MASTER'S SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Online applications are invited for the '**2023 COMMONWEALTH MASTER'S SCHOLARSHIPS TENABLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**' for pursuing full time Master's Degree Courses commencing from September/October 2023. The Scholarships are offered by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC), UK.

2. The Scholarships are 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, as notified by Ministry's Notification of even number dated 17 October 2022.

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

Link for online application: <https://proposal.sakshat.ac.in/scholarship/>. **The portal would be receiving applications till 16.00 hrs of 6th December 2022.**

4. ELIGIBILITY:

- (i) Applicant must be a Citizen of India.
- (ii) Applicant must be a permanent resident of India.
- (iii) Applicant meets all the qualification norms specified by the CSC,
- (iv) Applicant must be available to start academic studies in the UK by the start of the UK academic year in September, 2023.
- (v) By September 2023, hold a first degree of at least upper second class (2:1) honours standard, or a second class degree (2:2) and a relevant postgraduate qualification (usually 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
- (vi) Applicant is unable to afford to study in the UK without this scholarship

5. **39 Number of nominations will be made to the CSC** for the 2023 Commonwealth Master's Scholarships. 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. **The Ministry of Education does not have any role in selection of candidates by the CSC.**

6. **NOMINATION CRITERIA:**

- A. Applicants who can provide proof of receiving confirmed offer of admission till 16.00 hrs of 6th December 2022 in any UK University listed at the CSC website <https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/uk-universities/> shall be considered for nomination. The cut-off date 6th December has been kept, so that the final list of nominated candidates can be sent to the CSC by their deadline (14th December 2022 16.00 hrs).

Among the candidates satisfying criteria A above, points based on the following parameters will be awarded to each candidate, which will be used for further shortlisting for nomination from India.

- (i) Candidates choosing the option to return to India after completion of the course and work in India for at least 2 years: 4
Undecided/no: 0
- (ii) Candidate is from a disadvantaged background or to promote diversity:
ST/ SC/ NC-OBC/ PwD/ EWS: 4
Female/ Transgender: 2
Others: 0

EWS: Annual family income Rs. 4.5 lakhs or below, which is same as the income criteria for the PM-USP Central Sector Scholarship Scheme for College and University Students.

- (iii) Academic merit:
UK University QS Ranking 10 on below: 4
QS Ranking 10-20: 2
QS Ranking 20-50: 1
QS ranking above 50: 0

Note: overall ranking / subject ranking as per latest ranking year will be considered

7. **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

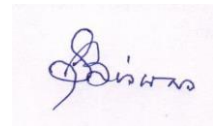
- Candidates who do not possess the eligibility criteria need not apply.
- Canvassing in any form will be a disqualification.
- It is very important that applicants who are in employment to which they wish to return after completion of their studies in UK should have an assurance from their organization 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 <https://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 of the CSC is enclosed at Annexure for information. Candidates should ensure that all the information provided by them in Sakshat Portal conforms to this Policy.**

- Candidates must upload a signed copy declaring that she/he shall abide by the Anti Fraud Policy, which shall also be forwarded to the CSC.

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: <https://proposal.sakshat.ac.in/scholarship/>
- CSC Anti-Fraud Policy: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/csc-in-the-uk-anti-fraud-policy-and-procedure>
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(Sunil Kumar Biswas)
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India
Dated the 21st October 2022

ANNEXURE

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 declaration, 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>.