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Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education
ES.4 Section

2021 COMMONWEALTH MASTER'S SCHOLARSHIP IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Online applications are invited from Indian nationals for '2021 COMMONWEALTH MASTER' SCHOLARSHIP TENABLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM' for pursuing one year Master's Degree Courses commencing from September/October 2021. The Scholarships are offered by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC), UK.

Online Applications:

Candidates are required to apply online at the following portals:

- **Ministry of Education portal:**

Link for online application: <http://proposal.sakshat.ac.in/scholarship/>. The portal would be active from 24 December 2020 to 21 February 2021.

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

Link for OAS: <https://fs29.formsite.com/m3nCYq/agyhpf9d2p/index.html> The OAS is active from 14 December 2020 to 18 January 2021 (16:00 GMT).

Note 1: It is compulsory for the applicant to apply on both the portals before their respective deadline, failing which his/her candidature would be deemed ineligible.

Note 2: The last date for applying on CSC OAS is 18 January 2021. Candidates are also required to upload supporting documents. Please note that candidates who have applied on or before 18 January 2021 on the OAS must also upload supporting documents latest by 01 February 2021 (16:00 GMT). Otherwise, their candidature will be deemed to be ineligible. Supporting documentation uploaded to the OAS must be uploaded as files which are no more than 5 MB in size and must be in one of the following formats: PDF, .doc, .docx, .odt, .jpg, .jpeg. Files submitted in any other format (including Zip files and PDF Portfolios) will NOT be accepted.

Note 3: Master's Degree Courses which are less than two years in duration, are not equivalent to a Master's Degree in India

Note 4: CSC does not offer scholarship for pursuing MBA.

Number of nominations:

20 nominations would be made to the CSC.

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 2021.
- (iv) The applicant should have completed or is expected to complete his/her Bachelor Degree by October 2021.
- (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 have already been 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 21 February 2021 after returning from abroad.
- (vii) Candidates must have an offer from admission from a UK University for the September/October 2021 intake at the time of applying to be considered for this scholarship. Candidates who have an offer of admission for the 2020 September/October academic session are also eligible to apply if they have decided to defer their offer by a year and the University has accepted their request to defer.

Commonwealth Master's Scholarship is offered under the following 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.

Nomination Criteria

- (i) Candidates who have received an offer of admission from any UK University must upload a copy of the same on the Ministry's 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 2021' would be taken to draw up the merit list.
- (iii) Nominations would be made in a development theme wise proportional basis.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Candidates who do not possess the eligibility criteria need not apply.
2. Canvassing in any form will be a disqualification.
3. 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.
4. 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 you may call on the number 011-26172492.
5. The nominated candidates will be informed through a public notice on the Ministry's website.

Important links:

- For applying online to Ministry of Education: <http://proposal.sakshat.ac.in/scholarship/>.
- For applying to CSC through OAS: <https://fs29.formsite.com/m3nCYq/agyhpt9d2p/index.html>
- Terms and conditions for the 2021 Commonwealth Master's Scholarship: <https://escuk.fcdo.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/masters-terms-and-conditions-masters-scholarships-2021.pdf>



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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 includes legal action. The Ministry will ensure in developing, implementing and maintaining adequate systems of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.

In case of actual, attempted or suspected fraud one should report his/her concerns in the first instance to the Director (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>.