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Department of Higher Education  
(Scholarship Division)  
ES.4 Section  
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Wing-6, R.K.Puram,  
New Delhi - 110 066.

Dated the 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2015

To,

(As per list attached),


Subject:- **'2016 Commonwealth Scholarship in the United Kingdom' offered by the Government of the United Kingdom - regd.**  
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Sir/Madam,

The Government of the United Kingdom has offered scholarships under the **2016 Commonwealth Scholarship in the United Kingdom'** to pursue Master's and PhD courses and invited nominations from India.

2. A copy of the offer of this scholarship is enclosed. It is requested that adequate publicity may kindly be given to the offer of this scholarship.
3. **The last date for online application is 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015 (till 03:00 PM)**

Yours faithfully,

  
(M. K. Kejriwal)  
Director (Scholarship)  
Tele. No. 26172932

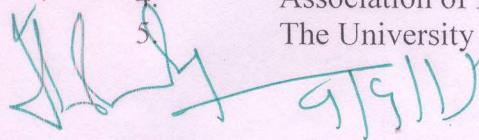
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1. Cabinet Secretariat, Rastrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Deputy Principal Information Officer, Room No.126, A-Wing, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.
3. The Directorate of Research Development, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi.
4. Association of Indian Universities, AIU House, 16 Kotla Marg, New Delhi-2.
5. The University Grants Commission, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi -2.

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6. Information Counter, Department of Higher Education, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.
7. British Council Division, 17, K. G. Marg, New Delhi-110001.
8. Mr. John Kirkland, Executive Secretary, Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom, Woburn House, 20-24 Tavistock Square, London – WC1H9HF, UK.

Yours faithfully,



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## List of Registrars/Directors of universities and institutions

1. The Secretary/ Member Secretary of UGC, New Delhi/ AIU, New Delhi/ AICTE, New Delhi/ ICHR, New Delhi/ ICSSR New Delhi/ ICPR, New Delhi/ NCRI, Hyderabad/ IIAS, Shimla/ PHISPC, New Delhi
2. The Registrars of Universities, deemed to be Universities and Agricultural Universities in India.
3. The Registrar/ Director of IITs, NITs, IIITs, IISERs of India.
4. The Education Secretaries of all States/Union Territories.
5. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (DARE), New Delhi
6. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi
7. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Trombay, Mumbai
8. Indian Council for Medical Research, New Delhi, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi-29
9. Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi
10. Indian Space Research Organisation, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
11. Indian Council of Historical Research, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi – 02.
12. All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi
13. Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh
14. National Academy of Science, New Delhi
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16. Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Azad Bhawan, New Delhi
17. Director, Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, 1- Woodburn Park, Kolkata -700 020
18. Director, Netaji Subhash Institute of Technology, Dwarka, New Delhi.

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**2016 COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**

**Last date for applying online in the Ministry: 8th October, 2015 (till 3:00 PM)**

Online application is invited from Indian national for the award of scholarship for Master's and Doctoral degree under '**2016 COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**'. The study is tenable in United Kingdom from September/ October 2016.

A maximum of 65 nominations are to be sent to the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in which nomination for doctoral courses will be up to 26.

*Note: Candidates must apply at the website of Ministry of Human Resource Development by 08.10.2015 (till 3:00 PM) as well as through CSC's Electronic Application System (EAS) by 19.11.2015. For links, visit the *important links* section provided at the end.*

**I. ELIGIBILITY**

(a) AGE: candidate age must not exceed 40 years (as on 08.10.2015).

(b) Minimum qualifications: as per para (IV) below.

(c) Others:

i) 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 after returning from abroad as on 08.10.2015.

ii) Applications of candidates who are already abroad will not be considered.

## II. Level of Course:-

### (i) TAUGHT MASTER'S COURSE (One year)

(Note: Master Degree programs which are less than 2 years in duration of foreign universities are not equivalent to Master Degree in India.)

### (ii) DOCTORAL DEGREE (up to three years duration)

## III. The application is invited in the following subjects: -

### (A) ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY:

1. Electronics/Electrical
2. Environmental Studies
3. Remote Sensing Technology
4. Communication Engineering
5. Biotechnology or Biochemical Engineering
6. Robotics
7. Computer Applications /Computer Science
8. Aerospace Engineering /Aeronautics
9. Civil Engineering/Architecture
10. Material Science
11. Mining Engineering and
12. Marine Engineering.

### (B) SCIENCE (PURE AND APPLIED)

1. Mathematics
2. Molecular Biology
3. Physics
4. Chemistry (including Pharmaceutical/Medicinal Chemistry).

### (C) AGRICULTURE

1. Agronomy & Forestry.

### (D) HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

1. History
2. Sociology
3. Management Studies

4. Economics
5. Philosophy
6. Psychology
7. Law
8. English (Literature/Linguistics)
9. Political Science with International Relations

Note: Application in more than one subject and one course will lead to disqualification of the candidature.

#### IV. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

##### (A) FOR MASTER'S DEGREE:

One should hold or expect to hold the certificate of Bachelor's Degree by October, 2016 in the subject field concerned (indicated above) securing 60% or above marks in Humanities and Social Science group and 65% or above marks in Engineering and Technology, Science and Agriculture groups.

##### (B) FOR Ph.D. DEGREE:-

One should hold or expect to hold the certificate of Master's Degree by October 2016 in the concerned subject fields (indicated above) securing 60% or above marks in Humanities and Social Science group and 65% or above marks in the relevant subjects in Engineering and Technology, Science and Agriculture groups.

Notes:

- i) The candidates must have completed tertiary education in English medium.
- ii) The Candidates whose native language is not English will be required to provide the evidence that they have sufficient competence in English to study in the United Kingdom.
- iii) Nominated candidates will be required to take the IELTS, for which they may contact local British Council Office.
- iv) **An IELTS test will only be considered valid if taken after 1st October 2015 and before 6th March 2016.**

## V. VALUE OF AWARD

Each scholarship provides: -

- Approved airfare to the United Kingdom and return at the end of the award (the CSC will not reimburse the cost of fares for dependents, nor usually the cost of journeys made before the award is finally confirmed).
- Approved tuition and examination fees.
- Stipend (living allowance) at the rate of £ 1,034 per month, or £ 1,268 per month for those at universities in the London metropolitan area (rates quoted at 2015-2016 levels)
- Thesis grant towards the cost of preparing a thesis or dissertation, where applicable.
- Warm clothing allowance.
- Study travel grant towards the cost of study-related travel within the United Kingdom or overseas.
- For PhD Scholars, fieldwork grant towards the cost of fieldwork undertaken overseas (usually the cost of one economy class return airfare to scholar fieldwork location).
- For PhD Scholars, paid mid-term visit (airfare) to their home country (unless they have claimed (or intend to claim) spouse and/or child allowances during their scholarship, or have received a return airfare to their home country for fieldwork).
- If scholarship is at least 18 months long, the following family allowances:
  - Spouse allowance of £222 per month if the scholar and his/her spouse are living together at the same address in the UK (unless his/her spouse is also in receipt of a scholarship)
  - Child allowance of £222 per month for the first child, and £109 per month for the second and third child under the age of 16, if scholar

are accompanied by his/her spouse and children and they are living with him/her at the same address in the UK.

- If scholar is widowed, divorced, or a single parent (irrespective of the length of her scholarship), child allowance of £444 per month for the first child, and £109 per month for the second and third child under the age of 16, if scholars are accompanied by their children and they are living with the him/her at the same address in the UK.
- The CSC's family allowances are intended to be only a contribution towards the cost of maintaining scholar's family in the UK. The true costs are likely to be considerably higher, and he/she must be able to supplement these allowances in order to support any family members who come to the UK with him/her.
- For more information, see the Handbook for Commonwealth Scholars and Fellows, available at <http://bit.ly/cscuk-handbook-forms>.

#### VI. NOMINATION AND FINAL SELECTION:

- Only shortlisted candidates would be called for interview and the Selection Committee consisting of subject experts will interview the candidates. Based on merit, the nomination would be made. The nomination will be sent to Commonwealth Scholarship Commission for the final selection.
- Nomination of a candidate by Government of India does not, in any way, guarantee final selection or placement. The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission will make its own selection out of overall nominees recommended by all the participating countries in the programme.

Note: Candidates are advised to go through the CSC's selection criteria. The specific link has been provided at the end.

## VII. IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Awards are tenable at any approved university or higher education institution with which the CSC has a part-funding agreement. A list of these institutions can be found at: <http://bit.ly/cscuk-uk-universities> .
- Candidates are expected to state at least one and preferably three institutions of study on their application form. The final decision on host institution will be made by the CSC.
- Candidates must submit independent applications directly to their preferred institutions in advance of their scholarship application. Where formal offers of admission have been obtained, these should be included with the application.
- Candidates applying for PhD Study must provide a supporting statement from a named supervisor from at least one of the UK universities to which they are applying. Applications without any statements will be considered ineligible. Candidates are strongly advised to provide a supporting statement from a supervisor at their first choice university. If they do not provide such statement, the CSC reserves the right to select the scholars for placement at another university for which they have provided a supporting statement.
- **Supporting statement/letter from supervisor is required at the time of interview which will be conducted by Ministry of Human Resource Development. No candidate, for PhD, will be allowed to appear before the interview without such supporting statement/letter.**
- Candidates are advised to submit their plan for study/research proposals (minimum in 100 words for Master's and 500 for PhD). A research proposal must contain Title, Abstract, Introduction, Methodology, Outcome etc.

VIII. Documents required for verification at the time of Interview (if shortlisted for interview):

- Original Certificates along with mark sheets of Class X, XII and Transcripts of Degree (s).
- NOC/ Cadre clearance (in case of Government Servant)
- In case applying for PhD, candidate must provide evidence of support from a prospective supervisor.

Note: In case where grades are awarded, the candidates are required to furnish exact percentage of marks and indicate the conversion formula.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Candidates who do not possess the essential qualification need not apply.
2. Applicants who have already been registered for PhD or completed/ about to complete PhD will not be considered.
3. Canvassing in any form will be a disqualification.
4. Candidate will not be allowed to appear for interview if he/she does not submit NOC from the Employer. In case of Government Servant, clearance of the Cadre Controlling Authority is mandatory.
5. 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 organisation that on the final selection by the CSC, they will be granted sufficient leave to complete the study. In general, a candidate undertaking research for a Ph.D. can be expected to need 36 months study in the United Kingdom even though in the first instance, the award will only be offered for one or two years.

