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Dear Mr. Kumar

Confirmation of Award

Thank you for returning the award acceptance form for our offer of a Commonwealth Scholarship tenable at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Your scholarship will be funded by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, with the London School of Economics and Political Science making a contribution to your tuition fee. As you have now met all conditions expressed in our Notification of Award, I am able to confirm the Commission's offer of a scholarship. This letter informs the British Council that arrangements for your visa and travel to the United Kingdom may proceed.

Please find attached information to assist in applying for your Tier 4 visa including a visa checklist and your 'Confirmation of Financial Support' letter which must be submitted with this Confirmation of Award for your visa application. You will have received an email with the electronic copy of this letter which contains the contact details of the British Council Office which will be assisting you with your visa application and arranging your travel to the UK. Please contact your Programme Officer if you did not receive these details.

It is important that you familiarise yourself with what to expect when you arrive in the UK both through the 'pre-departure' materials the British Council will provide you with and the information available from your university. The Commission cannot advise you on securing accommodation, you are encouraged to speak to your university's accommodation office if you have not already. You can also find useful advice on finding accommodation, as well as other useful information on studying in the UK on the UKCISA website here: www.ukcisa.org.uk/International-Students/. It is highly recommended that you take advantage of any 'meet and greet' service that your university provides. Information may have been provided with your university offer letter or you can contact your International Office through the university's website for instructions on how to travel to your institution.

Enclosed is a *Mastercard Cash Passport* (cashcard) which will be loaded with your arrival allowance and first month's stipend and can be used at bank machines around the UK. Instructions on how to use your card are included within and you must ensure that the cashcard is activated before your arrival in the UK. We recommend that you carry some funds with you for your arrival in case of emergencies or any unforeseen problems with your cashcard. A sum of £150 should be sufficient for this purpose. If you have any enquiries regarding your finances on arrival please contact finance@cscuk.org.uk

By becoming a Commonwealth Scholar in the United Kingdom, you are following in a tradition of over 22,000 individuals since the scheme began, over fifty years ago. You can find out more about the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan, including the names of previous award holders, by visiting our web site at: www.dfid.gov.uk/cscuk. Your Commonwealth Scholarship is funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID). DFID supports our work as part of its strategy to develop people and skills that will contribute directly to the development of their countries. Throughout your award, we will help to encourage this by providing networks and discussion events which we hope will make you feel part of a 'Commonwealth scholarships community'.

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During and after your award, we will also ask you at various times for information about your progress, and what impact your award has had. Please make the most of these opportunities, and reply to such requests promptly. Please help us to publicise the scheme, too, by describing yourself as a 'Commonwealth Scholar' wherever possible. The more evidence and ambassadors that we have for the scheme, the stronger our case for ensuring that it continues to receive support.

We're keen that you become involved in the Commonwealth Scholarships community as quickly as possible; included with this confirmation is information on our online and regional networks as well as details of how to keep up to date with our events.

I enclose an invitation to our Welcome Day in November which I hope you will be able to attend. More information will be sent to you about this once you have arrived in the UK.

I also enclose an E mail contact list of Scholars already in the UK (either from your home country, at your UK institution or working in your broad subject area) and invite you to make contact with at least one person on the list for some general information on studying and living in the UK. I do hope that you will find this helpful.

I look forward to your coming to take up this award.

Yours sincerely



JOHN KIRKLAND
Executive Secretary

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Visa checklist

'Confirmation of Financial Support' letter

Mastercard Cash Passport (Cashcard) and letter

Welcome Programme information

Community Sheet

Email contact list

Handbook for Fellows and Scholars