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PREFACE

IPCD has been committed to helping each and every student who hopes to study abroad. We have worked hard over the years to maintain good relations with foreign institutions to serve the need for internationalisation which is of paramount importance in today's global economy.

Going abroad to study is a big commitment towards one's career. There is a lot of information out there pertaining to different colleges and programmes, but sifting through all that information to find what is relevant can be a daunting task. This is the reason why team IPCD decided to compile information about different countries: Universities, Programmes, Funding Options, Scholarships, and much more. Students will get all the important information in one place and they can keep these newsletters for future reference.

This document is our second newsletter, on The United Kingdom, with more on the way.

TOP UNIVERSITIES IN UK

(All are eligible for Sem Abroad Program according to current Rankings)

By clicking the Universities, you will be able to see the stats of the university: course-specific ranking, research-based ranking, overall ranking, etc. By clicking the links under Finances, you will be forwarded to the University specific funding options.

S.NO.	NAME OF ELIGIBLE INSTITUTES	SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID
1	University of Cambridge	All Scholarships
2	University of Oxford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding and Finances • All Scholarships provided by the University
3	King's College London	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees and Funding for Postgraduates • Scholarships and Bursaries
4	University of Bristol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide For Indians • All Scholarships
5	University of Southampton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merit-based scholarships • Region-based Scholarships
6	Durham University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Scholarships • Country Specific Scholarships
7	University of Aberdeen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgraduate (Taught) Funding • Scholarship Search
8	Newcastle University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Scholarships • Country Specific
9	Queen Mary University of London	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master's Funding • PhD Funding
10	Queen's University Belfast	International Scholarships
11	Imperial College London	All Scholarships
12	UCL	Region-Based Scholarships
13	London School of Economics and Political Science	Region-Based Scholarships
14	University of Edinburgh	Funding and Finances
15	University of Manchester	Country-Specific Scholarships
16	University of Warwick	Funding and Finances

S.NO.	NAME OF ELIGIBLE INSTITUTES	SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID
17	<u>University of Glasgow</u>	<u>Scholarship Search</u>
18	<u>University of Birmingham</u>	<u>All Scholarships</u>
19	<u>University of Sheffield</u>	<u>India Specific</u>
20	<u>University of York</u>	<u>India Specific</u>
21	<u>Lancaster University</u>	<u>Merit and Need-based funding.</u>
22	<u>University of Nottingham(MoU)</u>	<u>All Scholarships</u>
23	<u>University of Leeds(MoU)</u>	<u>Funding.</u>
24	<u>University of Sussex</u>	<u>Fees and Funding.</u>
25	<u>University of Liverpool</u>	<u>All Scholarships</u>
26	<u>University of Leicester</u>	<u>International Scholarships</u>
27	<u>University of Exeter</u>	<u>Finances And Funding.</u>
28	<u>Cardiff University(MoU)</u>	<u>International Scholarships</u>
29	<u>University of East Anglia</u>	<u>Fundings</u>

STUDY IN UK TIMELINE

There are two intakes, one in January and the other in September. Most people apply for September intake because it is more suitable for them.

For applying to universities in the UK in 2022, you must start the process a year early, that is 2021.

First steps: April 2021 to September 2021

- Start early and by August, shortlist 8-12 universities that you will apply to. Visit university websites and note application requirements, deadlines etc.
- By September, be familiar with bank loan options and scholarships to fund your studies.
- Start working on individual college applications (for PG courses).
- Do some initial research on various accommodation options.

Crack the exams: June 2021 to December 2021

- Prepare for required standardized tests like GMAT, GRE, UKCAT, TOEFL or IELTS - depending on the course and university.
- By June-July or three months before the test date, register for GMAT or GRE.
- Register for TOEFL/IELTS at least a month before the test date.
- Take the required tests around September. Plan for buffer time in case you need to retake the test. Check the test-taking and re-exam process and guidelines.

It is application time: August 2021 to November 2021

- Shortlist the colleges and prepare for your application. Think hard about what makes you unique as an applicant and sketch out your strengths and self-assessment.
- Contact your professors and direct managers for the required 2-3 reference letters, at least a month before your application deadline. Check the deadline timetable!
- Begin drafting your SOP and essays. Give a month's time to structure these documents properly.
- Apply before the deadline!

December 2021 to April 2022

- Do not delay replying to college emails. And there will be quite a few!
- Appear for personal/video interviews. These are scheduled around January to March.
- Once you get acceptance letters, make your decision as soon as possible.
- Depending on the deadline, notify the universities of your decision.
- You would need to pay a non-refundable deposit to confirm your admission.

Visa and funding: May 2022 to July 2022

- Search for and begin applying for external scholarships (if applicable).
- Apply for a student loan, after you get your acceptance letter.
- Gather paperwork for your student visa.
- Apply for a student visa in time. Keep in mind the time taken for visa processing!

Get ready to fly: July 2022 to August 2022

- Book airline tickets.
- Arrange for an International Debit/Credit card.
- Collect all the documents and their photocopies, to take along.
- Check out the Pre-departure checklist!

SCHOLARSHIPS IN UK

Chevening Scholarship

Organization Funding: British High Commission and Embassies

Eligibility

- Be a citizen of a Chevening-eligible country or territory.
- Return to your country of citizenship for a minimum of two years after your award has ended.
- Have completed all components of an undergraduate degree that will enable you to gain entry onto a postgraduate programme at a UK university by the time you submit your application. This is typically equivalent to an upper second-class 2:1 honours degree in the UK but may be different depending on your course and university choice.
- Have at least two years (equivalent to 2,800 hours) of work experience.
- Apply to three different eligible UK university courses and have received an unconditional offer from one of these choices by 15 July 2021 (will be different for new applicants)

Stipend

Your Conditional Award Letter will indicate your monthly stipend rate. Your stipend is intended to cover reasonable living costs in the UK while you are studying full time and is calculated to cover your basic expenses only. These include such expenses as accommodation, meals, personal expenses, phone bill, daily travel, and any required course resources. You should also use your stipend to cover the cost of NHS charges for prescriptions, dental treatment, and opticians. Once your award is confirmed your Final Award Letter will confirm your monthly stipend rate and any other allowances you are eligible to receive.

Application Deadline

3rd November 2020 for last year. For next term, you can expect applications to open from September-November

To know more [click here](#).

Commonwealth Scholarship

Organization Funding: Department for International Development (DFID)

Eligibility

- Be a citizen of or have been granted refugee status by an eligible Commonwealth country, or be a British Protected Person.
- Be permanently resident in an eligible Commonwealth country.
- NOT be registered for a PhD, or an MPhil leading to a PhD, at a UK university before September/October 2021
- By October 2021, hold a first degree of at least upper second class (2:1) honours standard, or a second class degree and relevant postgraduate qualification (usually a Master's degree).

Stipend

£1,084 per month, or £1,330 per month for those at universities in the London metropolitan area.

Application Deadline

18th January 2021 (For next term it will be closed near the same time next year)

To know more [click here](#).

GREAT Scholarships

Organization Funding: UK Govt's Great Britain Campaign and British Council

Eligibility

- Be a citizen of India.
- Have an undergraduate degree that will enable you to enter a postgraduate (taught) programme in a UK university.
- Be motivated and academically able to follow a UK postgraduate course
- Active in the field with work experience or proven interest in the subject area.
- Meet the English language requirement of the UK university.

Stipend

Minimum of £10,000 total

Application Deadline

University-specific.

To know more [click here](#).

Scotland Saltire Scholarship

Organization Funding: Scottish Government

Eligibility

- Have a conditional or unconditional offer of a place at a Scottish university on an eligible course.
- Be a citizen of Canada, India, Japan, USA, Pakistan, or China (Hong Kong citizens are also eligible as it is a Special Administrative Region of China).
- Be able to demonstrate that they can meet the costs of living in Scotland and the remaining tuition fees.
- Not have previously studied in Scotland.
- Not have previously received a Saltire Scholarship.
- Meet the language requirements of the course.
- Complete an application form and submit it by the closing date of 31 July 2020.

Stipend: £8,000

Application Deadline

28th May 2021

To know more [click here](#).

Charles Wallace India Trust Scholarships

Organization Funding: Charles Wallace India Trust

Eligibility

- Be an Indian citizen living in India
- Be aged between 28 and 38
- Have not received a CWIT grant within the last five years
- The applicants must be artists or heritage professionals (includes some engineering disciplines)
- Have a first degree, diploma, or professional qualification in their specialization. CWIT prefers applicants with significant working experience.

Stipend

The awards, which are generally from 2–3 months up to a maximum of a year, cover accommodation and living costs in the UK, fees, and a contribution to international fares

Application Deadline

The application deadline is expected to be around December 2021.

To know more [click here](#).

JN Tata Endowment

Organization Funding: JN Tata for the Higher Education of Indians

Eligibility:

- A resident of India below 45 years of age and has at least 60% in his/her undergraduate degree from a recognized Indian University.
- One can apply in the 2nd year of their master's course given that the course duration is at least 2 years.

Stipend:

₹1,00,000 to ₹10,00,000 loan at 2% p.a. simple interest.

Application Deadline

Applications for the Loan Scholarship will be open every year from December/January onwards.

To know more [click here](#).

Global Study Electricity Partnerships

Organization Funding: Global Electricity Sustainable Partnerships

Eligibility:

To be eligible for this scholarship, prospective applicants must:

- Undertake master's-level studies in the fields of zero-carbon energy, smart grids, electric transportation, energy storage, advanced electricity technologies, public policy, economics, law, political science, or other relevant fields.
- Pursue full-time studies for at least one full school year (two or three semesters). Students in the second year of a two-year program are eligible to apply if they meet this requirement.
- Be a citizen of a developing country/territory on the List of official development aid recipients identified by the Development Co-operation Directorate (DAC) of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (India is included in the list)
- Be committed to contributing to their home country's development after their studies
- Be an outstanding student
- Graduates with excellent grades in the top 20% of their class
- Is committed to sustainable energy development
- Has a history of community involvement
- Is determined to advance their knowledge and understanding. The academic panel ensures that the yearly selection respects geographical and gender diversity.

Stipend: Up to \$21,000 per year for a maximum of 2 years

Application Deadline: The application period for the 2021-2022 scholarship will open in early January 2021.

To know more [click here](#).

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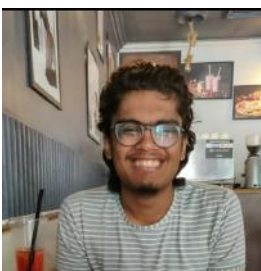


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