**UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)**

**Commonwealth Shared Scholarship – University Bids**

https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/scholarships/commonwealth-shared-scholarships/

**About**

Funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), Commonwealth Shared Scholarships enable talented and motivated individuals to gain the knowledge and skills required to support sustainable development and are aimed at those who could not otherwise afford to study in the UK.

**Overview**

**Scholarship Type:** Merit and need-based

**Number Of Scholarships To Award:** Multiple

**Grant:** £1,652 per month and other benefits

**Scholarship Coverage:**

* Tuition fee reduction
* Living expenses
* Accommodation
* Travel expenses

**Description**

Commonwealth Shared Scholarships are for candidates from low- and middle-income Commonwealth countries, for full-time Master’s study in the UK on selected one-year courses, jointly supported by UK universities.

**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.
* Be available to start their academic studies in the UK by the start of the UK academic year in September/October 2024.
* By October 2024, hold a first degree of at least upper second class (2:1) standard, or a second-class degree and a relevant postgraduate qualification (usually a Master’s degree).
* Not have studied or worked for one (academic) year or more in a high-income country (for CSC purposes this is classified as a country which does not appear on the DAC list of ODA recipients).
* Be unable to afford to study in the UK without this scholarship (note the university may be asked to state its procedures for verifying applicants’ financial status).
* Commit to return to their home country within one month of the end date of the scholarship.

**Scholarship Requirements**

**Disciplines:** Any

**Locations:** United Kingdom

**Nationality:** 47 nationalities

**Study Experience Required:** High school

**Age:** Not Specified

**Application**

**Application Deadline:** Not specified

Applications for 2024/25 Commonwealth Shared Scholarships are scheduled to open in early November 2023 and close in mid-December 2023. Exact opening and closing dates will be given nearer the time along with the full timetable for the nominations process taking place in early 2024.

**Benefits**

* Stipend (living allowance) at the rate of £1,347 per month, or £1,652 per month for Scholars at universities in the London metropolitan area; this must be paid for the full duration of the scholarship.
* Warm clothing allowance of £522.