



Commonwealth Master's and PhD Scholarships

The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK (CSC) provides the UK government's Commonwealth scholarship scheme led by international development objectives. Since 1960, the CSC has funded over 30,000 individuals to study in the UK and gain skills, acquire knowledge and build networks to tackle global development challenges.

The CSC is open for applications between 05 September 2023 and 17 October 2023. Interested candidates are advised to visit the following website for more information and application procedures

[Click here to apply for a Master's Scholarship](#)

[Click here to apply for a PhD Scholarship](#)

CSC Eligibility Criteria for Commonwealth Master's and PhD Candidates

To apply for these scholarships, you must:

- 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 your academic studies in the UK by the start of the UK academic year in September 2024
- By September 2024, hold a first degree of at least upper second class (2:1) honours standard, OR a second class degree (2:2) and a relevant postgraduate qualification (usually a Master's degree). The CSC would not normally fund a second UK Master's degree. If you are applying for a second UK Master's degree, you will need to provide justification as to why you wish to undertake this study
- Be unable to afford to study in the UK without this scholarship
- Provide full transcripts detailing **all** your higher education qualifications including to-date transcripts for any qualifications you are currently studying (with certified translations if not in English) – uploaded to the online application system
- Provide references from at least two individuals.

For PhD candidates only:

- NOT be registered for a PhD, or an MPhil leading to a PhD, at a UK university or in your home country before September/October 2024

- Provide a supporting statement from a proposed supervisor in the UK from at least one of the institutions named on your application form.

Agency selection criteria:

- A Malawian;
- A Public Servant;
- She /he must have 4 years work experience and be confirmed in his or her position;
- Must have obtained the current certificate with a credit and distinction;
- Be on the organization's priority training plan;
- The officer must agree to sign a training bond and an undertaking prior to proceeding on training after being offered a scholarship;
- Consideration of scholarship **shall not** be given to project staff and Public Servants hired on contract/non-permanent terms;
- No officer shall proceed on another long-term training programme without serving the full training bond of the previous long-term training programme that has been funded by the Government or any other Development Partner;
- **Women and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply; and**
- Copy of application should be submitted to the Department of Human Resource Management and Development with a covering letter from the controlling Officer.

Agency deadlines:

- Applicants are requested to bring hard copies of their application together with accompanying documents and a letter of from their employing organization supporting their application to this Department by **1st December, 2023**.

How to apply

- Candidates must apply using the CSC's online application system which can be found on the [CSC website](#). Each scholarship has a 'How to apply' section which will have information and guidance on the application process and the link to the online application system. **The CSC is unable to accept any applications that are not submitted via the online application system or after the closing date listed above.**

Please note that all applicants are recruited in line with the CSC's anti-fraud policy and procedure which can be viewed [here](#).



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