

Commonwealth Scholarships

Opportunities for Commonwealth citizens

The Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan (CSFP) is a unique programme. Since its establishment in 1959, it has provided opportunities for citizens of all Commonwealth countries to study in other member countries. Destinations include the obvious, such as the UK, Canada, India, and New Zealand, and also less well-known and emerging ones, such as Jamaica, South Africa and Brunei.

Now, as part of a new initiative to mark the 50th anniversary of the CSFP, these opportunities are expanding further still. A new endowment fund, set up through the generosity of alumni, governments and other supporters, will support Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowships in a range of countries which could not previously afford to host them.

Scholarships and fellowships currently on offer are listed overleaf. Some of these are funded by the endowment fund, others by the host university. Most are for postgraduate study, with one – a Commonwealth Fellowship at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria – aimed at academics who have already established their career. The list will almost certainly contain destinations that you have never considered previously! Most of these institutions offer niche courses which are of international interest. Some already have international research reputations. It's important to research these universities and countries. They will each offer a very different experience.

By becoming a Commonwealth Scholar or Fellow, you'll be taking part in one of the largest and most prestigious international scholarship schemes. Over 27,000 individuals have held Commonwealth Scholarships or Fellowships, from all over the world. Alumni studies show that many have gone on to reach the very highest levels of their profession – as cabinet ministers, Nobel Prize winners, central bank governors, Supreme Court judges, ambassadors, permanent secretaries, or university vice-chancellors. Many more have had a critical impact on the development of the societies around them. Former Scholars and Fellows have the opportunity to retain their links with the scheme through an active alumni programme and subject specific professional networks.

CSFP endowment fund

Established in 2009, under the patronage of HRH The Prince of Wales, the CSFP endowment fund specifically aims to support Commonwealth Scholarships hosted by low and middle income countries. By so doing, it offers unique opportunities for citizens of developed countries to study in developing countries, provides a new channel for south-south collaboration, and ensures that the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan is genuinely Commonwealth-wide.

Although active fundraising coincided with the 50th anniversary of the CSFP, the fund still welcomes contributions. For information on how to donate, visit www.csfp-online.org/fund.html

We hope that you'll consider these opportunities carefully. For more information, please visit www.csfp-online.org/countries.html or contact your national nominating agency – contact details are available at www.csfp-online.org/agencies.html



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Kenya

Commonwealth Scholarship

Tenable at: University of Nairobi

Eligible courses: Any one or two-year Master's degree programme – www.uonbi.ac.ke

Tenable from: August 2011

Value: Full tuition fees, an agreed stipend and research costs, one return airfare, and a one-off relocation allowance of USD 500

Nomination deadline: 31 May 2011

Mauritius

Commonwealth Scholarship

Tenable at: University of Mauritius

Eligible courses: Any two-year (part-time) Master's degree programme – www.uom.ac.mu

Tenable from: August 2011

Value: Full tuition fees, an agreed stipend, one return airfare, and a one-off relocation allowance of USD 500

Nomination deadline: 31 May 2011

Nigeria

Commonwealth Fellowship

Tenable at: University of Ibadan

Eligible subject areas: Any in which the University of Ibadan is engaged – www.ui.edu.ng

Length: Three months

Value: One return airfare, a monthly stipend of USD 3000, and agreed local research costs – to a total maximum value of GBP 10,000

Nomination deadline: 31 May 2011

South Africa

University of Pretoria Commonwealth Doctoral and Postdoctoral Scholarships

Tenable at: University of Pretoria

Eligible subject areas: Any – www.up.ac.za

Length: Doctoral scholarship: 3 years; postdoctoral scholarship: 2 years

Tenable from: January 2012

Value: Doctoral scholarship: ZAR 100,000 per annum; postdoctoral scholarship: ZAR 150,000 per annum

Nomination deadline: 10 June 2011

South Pacific

Commonwealth Scholarship

Tenable at: University of the South Pacific

Eligible courses: Any full-time Master's degree programme offered by the university at Emalus (Vanuatu) or Alafua (Samoa) campuses – www.usp.ac.fj

Tenable from: February 2012

Value: Full tuition fees, an agreed stipend, one return airfare, and a one-off relocation allowance of USD 500

Nomination deadline: 31 May 2011

Tanzania

Commonwealth Scholarship

Tenable at: University of Dar es Salaam

Eligible courses: Any one or two-year Master's degree programme – www.udsm.ac.tz

Tenable from: August 2011

Value: Full tuition fees, an agreed stipend and research costs, one return airfare, and a one-off relocation allowance of USD 500

Nomination deadline: 31 May 2011

For more information on any of these study opportunities, or to find out more about the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan, visit www.csfp-online.org



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