

Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom

Remote Learning Agreement: Scholars undertaking virtual study from their Home Country in 2021 – for Scholars commencing their award from September 2021

Full Name:

CSC Reference:

In response to the unprecedented situation caused by Covid-19 and delays in visa processing time, the CSC acknowledges that some Scholars have not been able to arrive in the UK to start their award on their planned start date (as detailed in their Notification of Award), for reasons beyond their control.

The Commission has therefore agreed to pay local rate stipend to 2021 Scholars who have been studying remotely in their home country until they are able to arrive in the UK. Scholars will receive stipend at the local rate, automatically backdated to the date of the start of their award, once they arrive in the UK. The local rates have been determined relative to the GDP within a Scholar's home country and have been approved by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) for all UK Government Scholarship Schemes (and not by the Commission).

Stipend will be paid at the normal UK rate set out in their Notification of Award for all periods of award spent in the UK, provided they remain registered at the university detailed in their Notification of Award.

For the CSC to pay your stipend to you at local rate, for the period you were working remotely, you are asked to confirm and agree to the following conditions:

- 1. I am/was registered and working full time from the start of my award (as detailed in my Notification of Award letter) in my home country**

Date you started studying remotely:

- 2. I am/was not able to come to the UK due to reasons out of my control, I will arrive/have arrived in the UK as soon as I possible once I receive(d) my visa**
- 3. I am aware that no additional time can be added to my award tenure due to a period of remote study**

By signing this Remote Learning Agreement, you are agreeing to the conditions set out within it.

Please return this form to your Programme Officer; any local rate stipend already paid to you will be deducted from your next stipend payment if you do not return this agreement and/or you were found to not be studying full time from the start of your award in your home country.

Signature

Date