

## Programmes



**Commonwealth  
Scholarship Split-site PhD  
form  
CSSSPHDF**

Closing Date: 16/12/2024 16:00 GMT

# Enter your details

Title\*

Given Names (as in your passport or official ID) \*

Preferred Name (if different)

Last Name (as in your passport or official ID) \*

Date of Birth \*

 

Gender \*

Gender Self Identification

Country Code \*

Mobile \*

Email ID \*

Enter the Country of which you are Citizen or you have Refugee Status \*

Other Nationality (if you are a dual national)

By September 2025, you must hold either a first university degree of at least upper second class (2:1) honours standard or a second class (2:2) university degree and relevant postgraduate qualification (usually a Master's degree) to meet the academic eligibility criteria for this scholarship.

Your personal information will be used to conduct necessary due diligence checks to CSC's satisfaction before CSC proceeds with any type of formal agreement or contractual relationship. In most cases, the due diligence checks will be straightforward, however further information may be requested, so we ask for your full co-operation to speed up the process.

If you do not agree to your personal data being used for the purpose of conducting due diligence, unfortunately you will not be able to proceed further with the application process.

Do you meet the academic eligibility criteria and agree to the due diligence checks?

No  Yes

Are you registered for a PhD at a university in an eligible Commonwealth country or will you be by September 2025?

No  Yes

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### Personal details

**Title \***

Select a title

**Given Names \***

as it appears on your passport or official ID

**Preferred name (if different)****Surname \***

as it appears on your passport or official ID

### Contact Address

**Address line 1 \*****State/Province/County****Address line 2****PostCode/Zip****Address line 3****Country**

Select a country

**Town/City****Mobile Phone Number**

### Permanent Address (if different)

**Address line 1****State/Province/County****Address line 2****PostCode/Zip****Address line 3****Country**

Select a country

**Town/City**

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### Qualifications

#### Qualification 1 (current or most recent)

**Institution**

If your institution is not listed, please add the name here

**Country \***

**Date Attended From \***



Select a country

**Date Attended To (please enter expected completion date if not yet completed) \***



**Subject \***

**Qualifications Awarded or sought \***

**Class of Award (if completed)**

**Date of Award (please enter expected date if not yet completed)**



#### Qualification 2

**Institution**

If your institution is not listed, please add the name here

**Country**

**Date Attended From**



Select a country

**Date Attended To**



**Subject**

**Qualifications Awarded or sought**

**Class of Award**

**Date of Award**



#### Qualification 3

**Institution**

If your institution is not listed, please add the name here

**Country**

**Date Attended From**



Select a country

**Date Attended To**



**Subject**

**Qualifications Awarded or sought**

**Class of Award**

**Date of Award**

 

**Qualification 4**

**Institution**

If your institution is not listed, please add the name here

**Country**

**Date Attended From**

 

Select a country

**Date Attended To**

 

**Subject**

**Qualifications Awarded or sought**

**Class of Award**

**Date of Award**

 

**Qualification 5**

**Institution**

If your institution is not listed, please add the name here

**Country**

**Date Attended From**

 

Select a country

**Date Attended To**

 

**Subject**

**Qualifications Awarded or sought**

**Class of Award**

**Date of Award**

 

**University education outside home country and previous scholarships**

Please declare any previous academic scholarships that you have held and any university education you have carried out outside of your home country

If you have studied at any universities outside your home country, explain how this was funded and how the education you received differed from that in your home country.(up to 100 words)

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Qualifications



### Publications and Prizes

List up to 10 of your publications, including titles of any theses submitted. You should rank them with the first in the list being the publication that you think is most important. For journal articles, list the names and initials of all authors, followed by the year of publication, article title, journal title, volume number, and first and last page numbers. For books, list the names and initials of any editors, place of publication, publisher, and year. If the publication is available online, include the digital object identifier (doi).

#### Publication 1

Name

Digital Object Identifier (DOI) 1

#### Publication 2

Name

Digital Object Identifier (DOI) 1

#### Publication 3

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Digital Object Identifier (DOI) 1

#### Publication 4

Name

Digital Object Identifier (DOI) 1

#### Publication 5

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Digital Object Identifier (DOI) 1

#### Publication 6

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Digital Object Identifier (DOI) 1

#### Publication 7

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Digital Object Identifier (DOI) 1

#### Publication 8

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Digital Object Identifier (DOI) 1

#### Publication 9

Name

Digital Object Identifier (DOI) 1

#### Publication 10

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**Academic distinctions and prizes**

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List any academic or professional prizes, awards, or distinctions that are relevant to your application.(up to 250 words)

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[PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND](#)

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### Employment

Please provide details of the general sector and area of your professional background.

Sector \*

Area \*

If Other, please give details

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List up to five jobs you have held and outline how the experience gained supports and is relevant to your application, starting with the most recent.

#### ▼ Employment 1 (current or most recent)

Employer Name

Job Title

Date From



Date To



Country

Select a country

Main Responsibilities(up to 100 words)

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#### ▼ Employment 2

Employer Name

Job Title

Date From



Date To



Country

Select a country

Main Responsibilities(up to 100 words)

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#### ▼ Employment 3

Employer Name

Job Title

Date From



Date To



Country

Select a country

Main Responsibilities(up to 100 words)

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### ▼ Employment 4

Employer Name

Date From

 

Country

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Select a country

Job Title

Date To

 

Main Responsibilities(up to 100 words)

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### ▼ Employment 5

Employer Name

Date From

 

Country

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Select a country

Job Title

Date To

 

Main Responsibilities(up to 100 words)

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[REFERENCES](#)

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### Referees

List the names and positions of three referees who are qualified to comment on both your capacity to benefit from your proposed study in the UK and your ability to deliver development impact afterwards. You are expected to provide references from your current/most recent employer, your most recent academic study and you are required to provide the details of someone to be a 'personal' referee. The individual should know you in a personal rather than a professional capacity and should not be related to you.

If you took a Master's degree in the UK you should include a fourth referee from your study in the UK.

You will be asked to upload the references, on institutional letterhead or an email clearly showing the sender's details, at the end of the application form.

Your application will be considered ineligible unless it is accompanied by at least two references. It is your responsibility to ensure that each of your referees is able to complete the reference by the deadline. Some examples of a referee's relationship to you are Supervisor at work, Personal referee and Master's supervisor.

#### ▼ Referee 1

Full Name \*

Job Title \*

Email Address \*

Repeat Referee's Email Address \*

Relationship of the Referee to you \*

#### ▼ Referee 2

Full Name \*

Job Title \*

Email Address \*

Repeat Referee's Email Address \*

Relationship of the Referee to you \*

#### ▼ Referee 3

Full Name \*

Job Title \*

Email Address \*

Repeat Referee's Email Address \*

Relationship of the Referee to you \*

#### ▼ Referee 4 (if you have taken a Master's degree in the UK)

Full Name

Job Title

Email Address

Repeat Referee's Email Address

Relationship of the Referee to you

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[DEVELOPMENT IMPACT](#)

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### Development Impact

Which CSC development theme are you applying under? \*

--- Select a Value ---

Select up to three Sustainable Development Goals that relate to your future development impact, starting with the most relevant.

First Sustainable Development Goal \*

--- Select a Value ---

Second Sustainable Development Goal

--- Select a Value ---

Third Sustainable Development Goal

--- Select a Value ---

Commonwealth Scholarships in the UK are funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). An important selection criterion is the potential contribution that you will make to international development if you are awarded a scholarship.

Provide a Development Impact statement in 4 parts explaining:

#### Development Impact part 1

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How your proposed study relates to: a) development issues at the global, national and local level? b) development issues connected to your chosen CSC development theme and the wider sector?(up to 200 words)

#### Development Impact part 2

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How you intend to apply your new skills and qualification when you return home? You may wish to reference innovation and application of knowledge at a global, national or local level, and to include intended methodologies and implementation strategies.(up to 100 words)

#### Development Impact part 3

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What you expect will change in development terms following your studies, including: a) the outcomes that you aim to achieve? b) the timeframe for their implementation? c) who the beneficiaries will be?(up to 250 words)

#### Development Impact part 4

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How will the impact of your work be best measured and evidenced? Please include details of what indicators are used to measure this impact. You may wish to detail small and incremental changes as well as more significant goals.(up to 100 words)

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[CAREER PLANS](#)

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### Career Plans

The selection panel will want to understand how your proposed study will assist you in your career.

Describe the skills that you expect to gain from this scholarship, and your career plans once you return home afterwards.

#### ▼ Objectives during the award(up to 250 words)

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#### Career plans in the 5 years following the award(up to 250 words)

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#### Long-term Career Plans(up to 250 words)

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PROPOSED STUDY IN THE UK

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### Proposed Study in the UK

**Subject of Study \***

**Proposed Topic/Title of Study \***

**Award will be undertaken as (subject to CSC agreement)\* \***

- One period of study of 12 months
- Two periods of study totalling 12 months

Your application will be considered ineligible unless it is accompanied by supporting statements from both your Home Supervisor and your proposed UK Supervisor.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your proposed supervisor(s) are able to complete the supporting statements by the deadline.

You will be asked to upload the supporting statements on institutional letterhead at the end of the application form.

**Home Institution**

**If your home institution is not listed, please add the name here**

**Home Supervisor \***

**Home Supervisor Email \***

**UK Institution**

**If your UK institution is not listed, please add the name here**

**UK Supervisor \***

**UK Supervisor Email \***

It is very important that you provide details of the link in the section below and that both your supervisor in your home country and your proposed supervisor in the UK provide supporting statements that highlight institutional links. You are advised to speak to both your supervisors to ensure you have up to date information on the link. Applications which do not detail a link already in operation or currently under negotiation will be considered ineligible.

**Is there an institutional or departmental link already in operation or currently under negotiation between your home university and your proposed UK university? \***

- Yes
- No

**if Yes, please provide further details(up to 200 words)**

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Research

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Proposed Study in the UK



### Research

Provide a short outline of your proposed study/research. This should be written for an audience that does not have any prior knowledge of the subject, and must not be overly technical. Any abbreviations or specialist terms must be explained.

**Research outline (125 words) \***

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Provide a detailed plan of your proposed research. You should remember that, although the selection panel will be well informed, they are not likely to be specialists in your subject. It is important that you reference and provide links to relevant literature.

Describe clearly:

1. Your research question
2. Brief references to key literature that informs your proposed research
3. Your research design and methodology
4. The potential significance of the study to your discipline and to development policy
5. A timetable outlining the work that will be completed before you come to the UK and the work that will be undertaken at your proposed UK institution
6. If relevant, justification for why you would require less than 6 months between visits (for awards of two periods of study totalling 12 months).
7. If relevant, justification for why it would be beneficial for you to undertake a period of study in the UK in the first 6 months of your PhD registration
8. A timetable for the completion of your PhD when you return home
9. The additional benefit that the time in the UK will contribute to your PhD

You should note the Commonwealth Split-site Scholarship General Conditions, which outline the type of activities that the CSC expects to be undertaken as part of Split-site study in the UK.

**Detailed Plan of Research (650 words) \***

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**Keyword 1 \***

**Keyword 2 \***

**Keyword 3 \***



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### Personal Statement

The CSC encourages applications from candidates who have faced significant disadvantage or personal barriers to higher education or are under-represented in their field of study/workplace. Please summarise the ways in which your personal background has encouraged you to want to make an impact in your home country. You may wish to highlight any areas where you have already made significant contributions, including overcoming personal or community barriers in accessing higher education or within your field. (500 words)

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Summarise the ways in which you have engaged in voluntary activities and the opportunities you have had to demonstrate leadership.(up to 500 words)

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### Checklist

#### How did you find out about Commonwealth Scholarships?\*

- Nominating agency or body in your home country
- University in your home country
- University in the UK
- Supervisor/tutor in your home country
- Supervisor in the UK
- A current or former Commonwealth Scholar/Fellow
- Print or online media advertisement
- CSC website
- CSC social media channels
- Other

(select all options that apply)

#### What sources did you use to find out more about Commonwealth Scholarships?

- Nominating agency or body in your home country
- University in your home country
- University in the UK
- Supervisor/tutor in your home country
- Supervisor in the UK
- A current or former Commonwealth Scholar/Fellow
- Print or online media advertisement
- CSC website
- CSC social media channels
- Other

(select all options that apply)

In submitting this application, you are confirming that all information and documents submitted are, to the best of your knowledge, genuine and accurate. The CSC reserves the right to suspend, withhold or withdraw any subsequent award at any time, should it have reasonable evidence that this is not the case.

#### General Conditions\*

- I have read and understood the 'General Conditions'

#### Selection Criteria\*

- I have read and understood the 'Selection Criteria'

Due to financial risk regulations and requirements, the CSC is required to undertake due diligence checks on all potential scholars to follow best practice in mitigating risk and protecting the CSC from reputational damage, corruption or other harms.

Answers to the following questions are only used to facilitate the due diligence checks. The information provided will not be shared with nominating bodies or selection panels and will not affect selection decisions. If you do not wish to answer these questions you may select the 'prefer not to say' option, however in some instances further may be requested following these checks and prior to confirming a scholarship.

#### Do you have any spent or unspent criminal convictions?\*

- No
- Yes
- Prefer not to say

If yes, please provide details(up to 200 words)

A Politically Exposed Person (PEP) is someone who's been appointed by a community institution, an international body or a state. PEPs can be:

heads of state, heads of government, ministers, and deputy or assistant ministers

- heads of state, heads of government, ministers, and deputy or assistant ministers
- members of Parliament
- members of courts of auditor or the boards of central banks
- ambassadors, charges d'affaires and high-ranking officers in the armed forces
- members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies of state-owned enterprises
- members of supreme courts, constitutional courts or other high-level judicial bodies whose decisions are not generally subject to further appeal, except in exceptional circumstances

A relation of yours is a direct relative, which means spouse, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, children, siblings, nieces or nephews, whether by blood, adoption or marriage.

**Are you, or is any relations of yours, a Politically Exposed Person (PEP)? \***

- No
- Yes
- Prefer not to say

**If yes, please provide details(up to 200 words)**

**Funds \***

- I confirm that I am unable to study in the UK without this scholarship

**Own work \***

- I confirm that all information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and, unless otherwise stated, is my own work

**Date \***

 

The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission is committed to protecting your personal information and to being transparent about the information we are collecting about you and what we do with it.

To find out more, see our privacy notice at <https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/privacy-notice/>

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### Information

The CSC aims to attract talented individuals who have the potential to make change. We are committed to a policy of equal opportunity and non-discrimination and encourage applications from a diverse range of candidates.

Answers to the following questions will not be seen by the selection panel or taken into account when offering scholarships. The questions are not compulsory to answer.

Information you provide will be used for research and statistical purposes only. The data will be anonymised when selections are complete.

You may choose not to provide this information, known as special category data, and there will always be a 'Prefer not to say' option. No information that could identify you as an individual will be published.

#### Years in country of residence

(please leave blank if you prefer not to say)

#### Ethnicity

(please leave blank if you prefer not to say)

#### Religion or Belief

--- Select a Value ---

#### Marital Status

--- Select a Value ---

#### Do you have children?

- Yes  
 No  
 Prefer not to say

#### Will any be accompanying you to the UK?

- Yes  
 No

#### Do you have any caring responsibilities?

- No caring responsibilities  
 Primary carer of a child or children (under 18 years)  
 Primary carer of a disabled child or children  
 Primary carer or assistant for a disabled adult (18 years and over)  
 Primary carer or assistant for an older person or people (65 years and over)  
 Secondary carer (another person carries out main caring role)  
 Prefer not to say

(select all that apply)

#### Do you have a longer-term physical, mental or sensory impairment that has a significant impact on your ability to carry out day-to-day tasks?

- No known impairment, health condition, or learning difficulty
- A longstanding illness or health condition, such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, or epilepsy
- A mental health difficulty, such as depression, schizophrenia, or anxiety disorder
- A physical impairment or mobility issues, such as difficulty using your arms or using a wheelchair or crutches
- A social/communication impairment, such as a speech and language impairment or Asperger's syndrome/other autistic spectrum disorder
- A specific learning difficulty, such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, or AD(H)D
- Blind or have a visual impairment uncorrected by glasses
- Deaf or have a hearing impairment
- An impairment, health condition, or learning difficulty that is not listed above (specify if you wish)
- Other impairment
- Prefer not to say

(select all that apply)

**Occupation of your father/guardian**

--- Select a Value ---

**Highest level of education of your father/guardian**

--- Select a Value ---

**Occupation of your mother/guardian**

--- Select a Value ---

**Highest level of education of your mother/guardian**

--- Select a Value ---

**Compared to others in your local community, do you consider your family to be**

--- Select a Value ---

**Have you ever been granted refugee status?**

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

**Have you been granted refugee status in the country in which you currently reside?**

--- Select a Value ---

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### Upload Attachments

Please upload the following documents as six separate files. You should ensure you wait until each file is uploaded before adding the next. On the summary page you can check that the files are added correctly. All files must be no more than 5MB in size.

Name	Description	Document
Passport	A scan of the personal information page of your passport or national identity card which has a photograph as proof of your citizenship or refugee status in an eligible Commonwealth country. If this is not provided your application will be considered ineligible	UPL
Transcripts	Scans of full transcripts (covering all years of study) detailing all your higher education qualifications with certified translations if they are not in English (merged into one file). You do not need to upload transcripts relating to secondary schooling. If full transcripts are not provided your application will be considered ineligible	UPL
Degree Certificates	Scans of all your university degree certificates (merged into one file)	UPL
University Offer Letters	Scans of any offer letters from the UK universities to which you have applied (merged into one file)	UPL
References	Scans of your references, each on institutional letterhead or an email clearly showing the sender's details (merged into one file). If references are not provided your application will be considered ineligible	UPL
Supporting statements from your UK and home supervisors	Scans of your supporting statements from both your home and UK supervisors, each on institutional letterhead (merged into one file). If supporting statements are not provided your application will be considered ineligible	UPL

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