



# Welcome to the Alumni Community Engagement Fund (ACEF)

## 2026-2027 application form

The CSC's Alumni Community Engagement Fund (ACEF) is an annual fund which seeks to support Commonwealth Alumni in raising awareness of key development issues at the community level through the organisation of an engagement activity.

Each year, the CSC selects one or more themes which activities must address. Alumni are expected to draw on their knowledge and skills in areas related to one of the themes to develop and deliver a community engagement activity.

This year's themes are:

- **Artificial intelligence for development**
- **Strengthening blue economies in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)**
- **Women entrepreneurs: catalyst for change**

You can only submit **one** application for **one** theme.

To apply, please read the **2026-27 Alumni Community Engagement Fund - Terms and Conditions** and complete the online application form no later than **23:59 (BST)** on **Sunday 26 July 2026**.

Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

Applications will be reviewed by colleagues from the CSC Secretariat and officers in British High Commissions in: Cameroon, Fiji, The Gambia, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Mauritius, and Pakistan. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Alumni Team at [alumni@cscuk.org.uk](mailto:alumni@cscuk.org.uk).

If successful, there is no guarantee that you will receive funding for all the cost items listed in your application and/or you may be advised to revise some aspects of your proposed activity.

Good luck!

Best wishes,

### **Alumni Team**

If you have any queries or require any further information about the application form, please contact the CSC at [alumni@cscuk.org.uk](mailto:alumni@cscuk.org.uk).

The CSC 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.

## Guidance for completing the application form

► You have the option to complete this application form on a computer, tablet, or smartphone device.

► Application form text and questions have been adapted to improve accessibility for as many users as possible, including those using assistive technologies. Should you wish to access a plain version of this , please use the link provided at the top of the page.

► To navigate forwards and backwards, please use the navigation buttons at the bottom of the page. Do not use the browser navigation buttons as it may result in loss of information.

For enquiries or if you have a problem with the application form, please contact the Alumni Team at: [alumni@cscuk.org.uk](mailto:alumni@cscuk.org.uk)

### Section one- your details

**First name:**

**Last name:**

**Email address:**

**Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY):**

Your date of birth will be used to verify your Commonwealth Scholarship or Fellowship where we are unable to do so using the name and email address provided.

**Country in which the activity will be delivered. If you intend to deliver a regional or multi-country activity, please list all countries.**

**If you will not be based in the country in which you intend to deliver the activity, please outline how you will plan, coordinate, and manage the activity. You should include any in-country support or partnerships.**

**Please indicate if you are applying as an individual or part of a group:**

- Individual Commonwealth Alumnus
- CSC Alumni Association
- Group of Commonwealth Alumni not part of an existing association

**Please provide the name of the CSC Alumni Association and fellow alumni represented in this application.**

**Please provide the name(s) of the Commonwealth Alumni represented in this application.**

### Section two- activity proposal

**Please select the ACEF theme of your activity (you can only select one).**

Please note, the theme Strengthening blue economies in SIDS is only open to Commonwealth Alumni who are living/working in a Commonwealth SIDS.

- Artificial intelligence for development
- Strengthening blue economies in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)
- Women entrepreneurs: catalyst for change

**Title of the proposed activity**

**This can be a draft/working title; we recommend a short, clear, and impactful title with a word count of 3-8 words.**

**Activity proposal**

**In no more than 300 words, please describe your proposed activity. This should include how it aligns with the ACEF objectives and selected theme, the local challenge it addresses (supported by relevant data or statistics, where possible), and why your proposed activity is important in addressing this challenge for your intended audience or participants.**

**Intended audience**

**In no more than 300 words, please describe your intended community audience/participants and explain how the activity will be relevant and beneficial to them.**

You should refer to the ACEF Terms and Conditions for guidance on what constitutes a "community" within ACEF.

**Planned date(s) for delivery**

**If not known, you may enter the planned month for the activity to take place. Please note, the activity should be completed by 31 March 2027.**

**Knowledge and expertise**

**In no more than 300 words, please provide information on how your knowledge, skills, and/or work experience are relevant to the chosen theme and how they will support the activity.**

**If you are applying on behalf of a CSC Alumni Association or group of Commonwealth Alumni, please also outline the relevant expertise and work experience of key members involved in delivering the activity.**

## Key outputs

**Please list up to four outputs or learning outcomes associated with your activity.**

These should clearly outline what participants are expected to takeaway, learn, or gain as a result of your the activity.

1.

2.

3.

4.

## Section three- measuring success

**ACEF seeks to support alumni and communities in implementing 'small changes for big impact'.**

**In no more than 300 words, please outline how your activity will introduce small, practical changes at the community level, and how these changes could lead to meaningful long-term impact for your target audience.**

**In no more than 300 words, please provide information on how you will measure the success of the activity, including any indicators or methods you will use. For example, the number of people reached, reported increase in awareness, or participant commitments to change.**

## Ongoing impact

**In no more than 300 words, please describe how your activity could be sustained, replicated, or scaled up to extend its impact beyond the initial delivery.**

Your response may include opportunities for adapting the activity to other communities, engaging additional partners, or building on initial outcomes to achieve longer-term impact.

## Section four- funding

Please provide a list of identified activity cost items or areas and actual/estimated costs. If you need to add more cost items, please use the open text box below.

You can request a maximum of £1,200 equivalent (£1,400 for activities in SIDS) for your activity. Please refer to the ACEF Terms and Conditions regarding funded and non-funded items.

Local currency:

**Cost Item/Description**

Cost Item 1

Cost Item 2

Cost Item 3

Cost Item 4

Cost Item 5

**Estimated/Actual**

Cost Item 1

Estimated  
Actual

Cost Item 2

Cost Item 3

Cost Item 4

Cost Item 5

**Amount (local currency)**

Cost Item 1

Cost Item 2

Cost Item 3

Cost Item 4

Cost Item 5

**Amount (GBP)**

Cost Item 1

Cost Item 2

Cost Item 3

Cost Item 4

Cost Item 5

**Any additional cost items and information.**

**Section five- risk assessment**

**Please outline up to four key risks associated with the activity and the likelihood of these risks occurring (i.e. Low, Medium, High).**

**You must specify the control measures you will put in place to reduce and manage the risks identified, and outline further actions needed if the control measures identified do not reduce the risk sufficiently.**

**Please refer to the guidance in the ACEF Terms and Conditions.**

**Key risk**

Key risk 1

Key risk 2

Key risk 3

Key risk 4

Key risk 5

**Likelihood of risk**

Key risk 1

- Low
- Medium
- High

Key risk 2

Key risk 3

Key risk 4

Key risk 5

**Control measures**

Key risk 1

Key risk 2

Key risk 3

Key risk 4

Key risk 5

**Further actions**

Key risk 1

Key risk 2

Key risk 3

Key risk 4

Key risk 5

**Submission**

**I declare that the information provided on this form is, to the best of my belief, true, complete, and correct. I agree to keep the CSC informed of any changes in my circumstances.**

**I confirm I have read and understood the 2026-27 CSC Alumni Community Engagement Fund Terms and Conditions for this activity and the role and responsibility of organisers, should the application be successful.**

**Applications will be reviewed after the deadline. Applications received with minimal detail will not be considered.**

**Signed**

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**Date:**

Please click on the **Submit** button to complete and send your application to the Alumni Team. Once the submit button has been clicked you will be taken to the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission website. You will **NOT** receive a confirmation mailing upon submission.