

Commonwealth Scholarships

The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom (CSC) is inviting nominations from Anguilla for Scholarships tenable from the start of the UK academic year October, 2016.

The awards are open to all subjects of study and may be in either of the following categories:

- Taught Master's courses (one Year)
- PhDs

The prospectus and selection criteria, along with full details of the scholarships and information on how to apply are available on the website at <http://bit.ly/cscuk-scholarships-developing-cw> . Candidates interested in split-site study (as in the case of the PhD studies) can apply directly to the CSC for the Commonwealth Split-site Scholarships and should visit <http://bit.ly/cscuk-split-site-scholarships> for more information.

Deadline

Interested applicants must apply by 19th November, 2015 using the Electronic Application System (EAS).

A copy of this application should also be submitted to Public Administration by 19th November, 2015.

Eligibility

- Candidates must hold, or expect to hold by October 2016, a first degree of at least upper second class (2.1) honours standards or a second class degree and a relevant postgraduate qualification.
- Candidate must be able to take up their award in October 2016, deferments are granted in only the most exceptional circumstances, and will not be considered for start dates beyond January 2017.
- Master's candidates who have undertaken any of their university education outside their home country, will be asked to state how it was funded and how the education differed from that in their home country.
- All PhD candidates must provide a supporting statement of a named supervisor from at least one of the UK universities to which they are applying. If a supporting statement is not provided for their first choice university, the CSC reserves the right to place the candidate at another institution for which they have a supporting statement.
- Awards may be offered to complete PhD study already underway in the UK only at the discretion of the host university.

- Candidates are expected to state at least one and preferably three institutions of study on their application form. The final decision on host institution will be made by the CSC. Candidates must submit independent applications directly to their preferred institutions in advance of their scholarship application. Where formal offers of admission have been obtained, these should be included with the application and any subsequent correspondence should be copied to the CSC. Placement of successful candidates can sometimes be delayed by the process of gaining admission to their host university.

Selection Criteria

The selection committees will grade the applications on the following criteria:

- Academic merit of candidate
- Quality of the proposal
- Potential impact of the work on the development of the candidate's home country.

They will also particularly favour candidates of the highest academic quality and who have demonstrated a real capacity to make a difference to their home country on completion of their award.