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2027/2028 Commonwealth Master's Scholarship in the United Kingdom

The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK (CSC) provides the UK government's Commonwealth scholarship scheme led by international development objectives. Since 1960, the CSC has funded over 30,000 individuals to study in the UK and gain skills, acquire knowledge and build networks to tackle global development challenges.

The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC) will open applications for the 2027/2028 intake from **08 September 2026 to 20 October 2026**. The Ministry of Education and Training (MET), as the **nominating agency for the Commonwealth Scholarship in the UK**, will also accept applications during this period.

How to apply

- Candidates must apply using the CSC's online application system which can be found on the [CSC website](#). Each scholarship has a 'How to apply' section which will have information and guidance on the application process and the link to the online application system. **The CSC is unable to accept any applications that are not submitted via the online application system or after the closing date listed above.**

[Click here to apply for a Master's Scholarship](#)

CSC Eligibility Criteria for Commonwealth Master's and PhD Candidates

To apply for these scholarships, you must:

- Be a citizen of or have been granted refugee status by an eligible Commonwealth country, or be a British Protected Person
- Be permanently resident in an eligible Commonwealth country
- Be available to start your academic studies in the UK by the start of the UK **academic year in September 2027**.
- By September 2026, hold a first degree of at least upper second class (2:1) honours standard, OR a second-class degree (2:2) and a relevant postgraduate qualification (usually a Master's degree). The CSC would not normally fund a second UK Master's degree. If you are applying for a second UK Master's degree, you will need to provide justification as to why you wish to undertake this study
- Be unable to afford to study in the UK without this scholarship
- Provide full transcripts detailing **all** your higher education qualifications including to-date transcripts for any qualifications you are currently studying (with certified translations if not in English) – uploaded to the online application system
- Provide references from at least two individuals.



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Information Sessions for Tongan Applicants

The Scholarships Unit, Ministry of Education and Training, will be holding weekly information sessions to support Tongan citizens with enquiries about the Commonwealth Master's Scholarship application process.

Tongatapu: Information sessions will be held **every Tuesday at 4:00pm**, from **September 2026 until Tuesday, 20 October 2026**, at the **Scholarships Unit, Ápimataka**.

Outer Islands: Applicants in the outer islands are encouraged to **contact the Scholarships Unit** to confirm the time and venue for their local information session.

For questions or further assistance, please contact:

Scholarships Unit, Ministry of Education and Training, Ápimataka, Tofoa

Phone: **7401280**

Email: naififita@gmail.com or sptelefoni@gmail.com

Website: www.education.gov.to

Contact CSC:

- Visit their [website](#)
- Find them on [LinkedIn](#)

Please note that all applicants are recruited in line with the CSC's anti-fraud policy and procedure which can be viewed [here](#).

Further general conditions, information and guidelines can be found on the [CSC website](#).



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