

INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES MANAGED/PROMOTED BY BRITISH COUNCIL PAKISTAN

Shell Centenary Scholarships

The Shell Centenary Scholarship Fund (SCSF) offers postgraduate students from developing countries the opportunity to study in the UK and gain skills that will make a long-term contribution to the further development of their countries. Each year over 60 students from all around the world are given one-year full-cost scholarships. Applicants need to have a Masters degree, excellent marks and an IELTS score of 7.5

DFID Shared Scholarships Scheme

This scheme is a joint initiative between the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and various UK universities, to jointly support scholarships for students from developing Commonwealth countries, who would not otherwise be able to study in the United Kingdom.

Awards are primarily for taught postgraduate courses. Support for undergraduate work is only available in exceptional circumstances, for example where the course is not available in the candidate's own country or at a nearby regional institution. There is no formal list of eligible subjects, however all courses undertaken must be demonstrably relevant to the economic, social or technological development of the candidate's home country.

Nottingham Developing Solutions

Nottingham's Developing Solutions Scholarship Scheme operates throughout the developing Commonwealth to encourage gifted students from developing nations to take advantage of Nottingham University's world-class research and taught courses in a number of scientific and technical disciplines. These scholarships enable students to apply and transfer their expertise and knowledge gained at Nottingham to the problems facing developing nations. Awards are for one-year postgraduate studies in Crop Sciences, Food & Nutrition, Engineering and Environmental Management.

Dorothy Hodgkins Scholarships

The Dorothy Hodgkin Postgraduate Awards are open to top quality science, engineering, medicine, social sciences and technology students from overseas to study for PhDs over a period of three to four years, at an average annual cost per student of £25,000 (up to an overall maximum of £75,000 per student) primarily to cover fees and maintenance. The overriding criterion of the scheme is excellence, and DHPA scholars should be easily recognisable as the 'best of the best'.

Approximately 130 students will be offered awards from October 2004. One Research Council and one industrial partner will jointly fund each scholarship. Full details of the scheme are available on the Research Councils UK website, together with a full list of eligible countries.

<http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/hodgkin/>

The website lists the eligible universities and gives a primary contact point to which applications should be made.

50th Anniversary Strathclyde

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Foundation of the State of Pakistan, the University of Strathclyde awards one or two scholarships from funds donated by Mr Yaqub Ali through the Scottish Pakistani Association to the University of Strathclyde Foundation.

The aim of the Fund is to provide an opportunity to well qualified but needy Pakistan nationals (living in Pakistan) to pursue a one-year MSc study course in the UK. Priority will be given to subjects in the areas of engineering, computing and business management or any other subject which the partners deem acceptable or which cannot be pursued adequately in

Pakistan. Applicants must have a First Class Honours degree from a recognised Pakistan University. Preference will be given to candidates who have relevant work experience and have not previously studied in the UK. *The Foundation will meet the full costs of the candidate's study, including return travel, maintenance and other allowances (excluding spouse or other dependants).*

Bank of England

In 2003/04, Trustees of the Bank of England offered to Pakistan two fellowships for one-year postgraduate (Master's) studies in the fields of banking, debt management, financial administration or a related subject. The fellowships cover return airfare, tuition fees, monthly stipend, books and warm clothing allowance, and are tenable at approved universities in the UK.

Applicants should be under 40 years of age, working in the field of banking and finance, have an indigenous Master's degree (preferably in Finance, Economics or Business Administration) and possess at least 3-5 years of banking experience, preferably from a Pakistani commercial bank. Employees of international banks are excluded from this programme.

Gates Foundation

In October 2000, the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) of Seattle, Washington, USA announced a donation to the University of Cambridge of \$210 million to establish the Gates Cambridge Trust.

This benefaction creates in perpetuity an international scholarship programme to enable outstanding graduate students from outside the United Kingdom to study at the University of Cambridge. The Trustees are required to award scholarships on the basis of a person's intellectual ability, leadership capacity and desire to use their knowledge to contribute to society throughout the world by providing service to their communities and applying their talents and knowledge to improve the lives of others.

About the scholarships

The Trust expects there to be of the order of 230 Gates Cambridge Scholars studying at the University at any one time, 100 of them coming from the United States of America. Although there may be variation in the actual number of awards made each year, the Trust seeks to elect approximately 100 new scholars annually.

In selecting Gates Cambridge Scholars, the Trust looks for students of exceptional academic achievement and scholarly promise for whom advanced study at Cambridge would be particularly appropriate. The Trust expects a good match to be made between the applicant's qualifications and aspirations and what Cambridge has to offer. Successful applicants will have the ability to make a significant contribution to their discipline while in Cambridge, with a strong aptitude for research, analysis and a creative approach to defining and solving problems.

Gates Cambridge Scholarships are awarded only to students who gain admission to the University through the University's regular procedures. They cover the full cost of study at Cambridge for a single person - namely, all approved University and College tuition fees, a maintenance allowance [which for 2004-05 will be £ 8,400], a further discretionary allowance for study-related activities [which for 2004-05 will be £1,600], and one return economy airfare between Cambridge and home.

Cambridge Commonwealth Trust

The Cambridge Trusts offer scholarships and part-cost bursaries to overseas students who have been accepted for admission at the University of Cambridge. Since there are many more applicants than there are awards available, candidates should apply for every other form of financial assistance open to them, including UK Government awards, Cambridge College awards and awards from sources in their home countries.

The Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, Cambridge Overseas Trust and Cambridge European Trust offer a number of scholarships and bursaries, under a multiplicity of schemes, to enable candidates of outstanding academic merit from around the world to pursue courses of study at the University of Cambridge.

Scholarships are normally attached to particular countries, levels of study and, in some cases, to specific areas of study. Details of scholarships for different countries, variations in application procedures and values of particular scholarships can be found in the '[Awards by Country](#)' section of this website.

NOTE: the Trusts do not provide maintenance allowances for dependants.

Bursaries are available to students irrespective of their nationality. Accordingly, applicants from countries where the trusts do not offer full cost awards will normally be eligible to be considered for a part-cost bursary. The value of a bursary, which is normally held in conjunction with awards from sources other than the Trusts, will be a partial contribution only towards the costs of study at Cambridge and is determined according to the financial circumstances of each candidate.

Rhodes Scholarships

The Rhodes Scholarships, the oldest international fellowships, were initiated after the death of Cecil Rhodes in 1902, and bring outstanding students from many countries around the world to the University of Oxford.

Rhodes Scholars are elected for two years of study at the University of Oxford, with the possibility of renewal for a third year. The Rhodes Trustees pay all educational costs, such as matriculation, tuition, laboratory and certain other fees, on the Scholar's behalf. Each Scholar receives in addition a maintenance allowance adequate to meet necessary expenses for term-time and vacations. The Rhodes Trustees cover the necessary costs of travel to and from Oxford, and upon application, may approve additional grants for research purposes or study-related travel.

The scholarship is advertised in Pakistan, every year in June. Further details are available from the Rhodes Committee, PO Box 2939, Islamabad.

Noon Educational Foundation

The Noon Educational Foundation was established in 1992 by Lady Viqarunnissa Noon to support bright young scholars from Pakistan to study at leading universities in the United Kingdom, notably the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

The trust seeks to make a number of full or partial awards every year, based on the following key criteria:

the demonstrated academic merit of the applicant (which will require evidence of prior admission to the Universities of Oxford or Cambridge); the financial need of the applicant; the evidence that the applicant has not previously had the opportunity to study abroad, and certainly not at a Western university; evidence of the intention of the student to return to Pakistan to pursue their career or further studies; the potential social and general contribution to be made by the applicant on his/her return to Pakistan following the completion of their chosen programme of study.

OSI/FCO Chevening Royal Holloway University Scholarships

The scholarships aim to provide opportunities for independent postgraduate study in the United Kingdom for students from Pakistan who are engaged in or intending to pursue postgraduate work in their own country and who have demonstrated both academic excellence and the potential to become leaders, decision-makers and opinion formers in their own country. Subject to satisfactory progress, the scholarships lead to the award of a Masters.

Scholarships are available for study for one of the following: M.Sc. in public sector studies, M.A. in politics of democracy, or M.Sc. in medical sociology.

Each scholarship provides tuition fees at the Royal Holloway, University of London, a stipend to cover living costs (for one person only) and return air travel from the scholar's home country.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants will normally be expected to:

- be nationals of, and normally resident in Pakistan during the academic year in which they apply for the award; applicants who are temporarily out of the country (for a total period of less than three consecutive months) may be treated as being resident;
- already hold (or expect to hold by the time of taking up the award) a degree equivalent to an upper second from a UK university;
- normally be between 23 and 35 years of age;
- have passed an appropriate English-language test by the time of taking up the award;
- have not already spent a full academic year or more studying in a higher educational institution in the West;
- return to their home country at the end of their scholarship period to continue their studies/work there.

Hornby Long Term Award

The A S Hornby Trust funds scholarships for ELT professionals from Pakistan (one scholar sent every year). The award is for a diploma (9 months) or MA (1 year) course. Placement will be made in one of the following UK universities, all of which have a high reputation in the field – University of Lancaster, University of Leeds, College of St Mark and St John, Plymouth, Stirling University, University of Warwick. Eligible courses for these scholarships are only full-time UK-based TEFL/TESL diploma or Masters programmes in these institutions. The scholarship covers tuition fees, a monthly stipend for accommodation and living expenses. Applicants should have more than three years of professional experience in ELT.

LSE Graduate Merit Awards

If you apply for admission to a master's programme which charges fees of £7,481 (at 2003/2004 fee levels) or above, you will be considered for a Graduate Merit Award. The most outstanding applicants who have impressed the selectors with the quality of their application and academic achievement will be offered an award, the value of these awards ranges from £3,000 to £8,000. If you are successful you will be notified in your offer of admission. There is no need to apply separately.