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University Grants Commission of Bangladesh
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Commonwealth Scholarships in the United Kingdom (UK) tenable from September/October -2025

1. Applications are invited from Bangladeshi nationals for higher study under the Commonwealth Scholarships for MS/PhD in the United Kingdom (UK) tenable from September/October -2025 by following the mentioned terms and conditions below. **Please read all the terms and conditions carefully and fill up the Application Form as directions.**
2. **Category:** (a) One year Taught Masters (MS) course. (b) Doctoral (PhD) degree of up to three year's duration.
3. Applications are invited under six themes (mentioned below) for MS/PhD Program:
(i) Science and technology for development (ii) Strengthening health systems and capacity (iii) Promoting global prosperity (iv) Strengthening global peace, security and governance (v) Strengthening resilience and response to crises (vi) Access, inclusion and opportunity.
4. Candidates must mention the Broad Subject under the Six Themes (The Broad Subject means on which the applicant has obtained his/her first degree (Hons./Bachelor)/terminal degree (Master).
5. **(a) Qualification for Master's program:** Holding a first degree (Honours) of at least upper second class (2:1) honours standard/CGPA, or a second class degree (2:2) honours standard/CGPA and a relevant postgraduate Master's degree (terminal degree) in the same condition. **(b) Qualification for PhD program:** Holding a first degree of at least upper second class (2:1) honours standard/CGPA, or a second class (2:2) honours standard/CGPA degree and a relevant postgraduate qualification (a Master's degree) in the same condition.
6. **(a) For Master's Application:** Not have commenced and be currently registered for a Master's Degree or equivalent course leading to MPhil or PhD in the home country or abroad. **(b) For PhD Application:** Not have commenced and be currently registered for a PhD, or an MPhil leading to a PhD, in the home country or elsewhere.
7. Applicant/s must mention total and obtained marks/GPA/CGPA at the time of filling the Application Form. (If the result of any degree of an applicant is Distinction, Excellent, Very good, Good and Passed etc, the applicant must mention the total number and the obtained number with the percentage in the form)
8. Candidates for Medicine or Dentistry must show the year of passing of each prof/part of MBBS/BDS , marks obtained, total and average marks with percentage in the Application Form.
9. Only Short-listed candidates will be eligible for interview in person. Any attempt of persuasion regarding the Commonwealth Scholarships in the UK tenable from September/October – 2025 will disqualify the applicant automatically.
10. The applicant must submit the Unconditional Offer Letter from the United Kingdom Universities with the Application Form. The applicant having Conditional Offer Letter related to Language Proficiency or Finance will be eligible to submit the Application Form. In this regard, if anyone of the applicants is short listed for Interview, the applicant must show and submit a copy of Language Proficiency Certificate/Result Sheet (e.g. IELTS, TOEFL etc.) at the Interview Board. University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh will check the authentication of the Offer Letter/s.
11. All the information (Direction/s, Application Form/Short list/s, Interview date/s, Selection/s or nomination/s, result/s and other relevant information etc.) regarding the mentioned Scholarships will be uploaded at UGC website (www.ugc.gov.bd) under the heading of “**Notice Board/International Collaboration, Scholarship and Fellowship Box**” timely. The applicant must check and collect all the information from the UGC website by his/her own responsibility. No communication will be done with the applicant/s from UGC side.
12. The Application Form is editable and must be typed (not hand written) in the prescribed directions. Additional papers can be attached with the Application Form for the description of the publications (if necessary).
13. The applicant/s in service must submit the Application Form through proper channel or with the prior approval of the concerned authority (proper channel means the concerned authority who will permit the study leave to the applicant if the applicant is nominated for the mentioned scholarships).
14. Copies of certificates, mark sheets of examinations passed result sheets, Language Proficiency Certificate (e.g. IELTS, TOEFL etc. if needed) examination, Offer Letter/s and 1 (one) copy of passport-size attested photograph must be enclosed with the Application Form.
15. Incomplete, faulty and shortage of any documents attached with the Application Form will be rejected automatically.
16. **Completed Application Form (Only Hard Copy) must be submitted to “The Secretary, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207” within 18 September, 2024.** No Application Form will be received after the last date of submission. Name of Scholarship with category must be mentioned on the envelop and drop i into the Application Drop Box kept in front of the reception of UGC.

Dr. Ferdous Zaman
Secretary, UGC