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UKIERI Doctoral Scholarships: Guidelines

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Under the UK-India Education and Research Initiative up to 10 Scholarships will be available over the period 2007-2008 for Indians who have excellent academic background to carry out **doctoral research leading to PhD, DPhil in UK institutions.**

Applications are welcome from candidates in all disciplines although the majority of the awards are likely to be in areas related to science and technology.

Eligibility

The applicant should be:

- An Indian national with a valid Indian passport
- Below 35 years of age as on 15 May 2007
- Should hold a Master's (postgraduate) degree from a reputed/recognised university/institution with a First or Upper Second Class award in the relevant subject/field. **(Note: exemption to Masters degree: Certain UK universities do admit candidates without a Masters degree for doctoral research if they consider the candidate's graduate qualification and academic track record acceptable)**
- Keen to pursue a **full time Doctoral Research (PhD, DPhil) degree** from a UK university commencing by **September/October 2007**
- Fluent in spoken and written English
- Able to fulfil any other admission criteria laid down by the university

Value of award

The scholarships are fully funded:

- Academic fees
- International airfare
- Monthly stipend to cover living expenses
- Gratis Visa

Application process

Identify a suitable Doctoral programme and supervisor in a UK university of your choice, apply for placement beginning by September/October 2007 and secure admission.

Notes:

1. Scholarship application should be accompanied by either confirmed or conditional offer letters. Preference will be given to those with confirmed offers. Applications with neither confirmed nor conditional offer letters will not be considered
2. Candidates who have already started on a doctoral programme in a UK university are eligible to apply provided their start date is not prior to the current (2007-8) financial year
3. Admission to MPhil programme, which if successfully completed can lead to admission to a PhD, DPhil will **not be** taken as admission to doctoral studies
4. Candidates who are already recipient of partial funding from other sources are not eligible to apply
5. Everything else being equal, candidates who have not had exposure to UK education or UK government funding will be given preference

Apply for a scholarship on the prescribed format (available on the website www.ukieri.org and send to the Scholarships Section, British Council, Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai or Kolkata by the closing date – i.e. 15 May 2007

Notes:

1. Candidates from North India should send their applications to British Council Delhi, from South India to British Council Chennai, from West India to British Council Mumbai and from East India to British Council Kolkata – for address please see page 5 below)
2. Complete all the sections on the application form. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATION FORMS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.** If some sections in the form are not relevant to the programme you are applying for, you must mention N.A (not applicable) as your response instead of leaving blank.
3. Attach all the necessary documents and attachments including 2 passport size photographs as mentioned in the application form (see check list on page 6 of the application form)
4. Two references on the prescribed format available on the UKIERI website must be attached **in sealed and signed envelopes** with the application form. Applications not accompanied by references will be disqualified.
(Those who do not have work experience may submit two academic references. Those who are working can either submit one academic and one professional or two Professional references. Same form can be used for academic and professional references)
5. Enclose application in an envelope clearly marking 'UKIERI Doctoral Scholarships 2007/8' and ensure delivery at the British Council Office in your region not later than 15 May 2007.

Selection

Candidates for these scholarships are selected through a process of short listing from the applications received by the British Council, followed by personal interviews, which will be held in New Delhi or in one of the British Council regional offices in Chennai, Kolkata or Mumbai.

Subsequent to the interviews the selection committee identifies the required number of candidates for the awards. **The decision of the selection committee will be final.** Selection results will be communicated within a month following the interview.

Post selection

Pre-departure briefings, gratis visa and travel arrangements for the selected candidates will be co-ordinated by the British Council.

General notes

- The British Council will acknowledge receipt of applications through the emails provided on the application form. For this purpose, applicants are requested to provide their latest email ids. However, the Council will not be responsible for failure of on-line delivery.
- The British Council will further contact only the short-listed candidates inviting them for interviews. Applicants are requested **not to** contact the British Council office directly.
- Short-listed candidates will be interviewed in New Delhi or in one of the regional offices of the British Council in the **last week of July 2007**. Candidates will be expected to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. The British Council will not reimburse any costs incurred in this respect.
- Applicants should ensure that their respective programmes will commence in the UK by September/October 2007

Further Information

For further information and clarification please contact:
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