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Building Commonwealth
connections through higher education

A photograph of three students sitting on a wooden bench. The student on the left is wearing a blue hoodie and jeans. The student in the middle is wearing a red cardigan over a white shirt and dark jeans, holding a tablet. The student on the right is wearing a pink shirt and blue jeans with a tear, holding a laptop. The background is slightly blurred, showing greenery.

What are the Queen Elizabeth Commonwealth Scholarships?

Queen Elizabeth Commonwealth Scholarships provide unique opportunities to study for a Master's in leading universities in low and middle-income countries throughout the Commonwealth.

Through this experience you will travel to a new country, develop an appreciation and understanding of a new culture, work in a new academic environment and build a global network that will last a lifetime.

Queen Elizabeth Commonwealth Scholars help effect positive change across the globe and create solutions to the shared challenges we face. As an active part of the Commonwealth network, scholars will help shape its future.

To date, more than 35,000 individuals have benefitted from a Commonwealth Scholarship.

‘Studying in Sri Lanka has been amazing. The university surpassed my expectations in many ways – from the dedicated team of tutors to the well-equipped laboratories. Apart from gaining academic knowledge, the experience has changed the way I view the world.’
Steven (Malawi)



Why apply?

Queen Elizabeth Commonwealth Scholarships are part of one of the most prestigious international scholarship schemes in the world – the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan.

No other international programme gives you the opportunity to study in as many locations across the Commonwealth. Through a Queen Elizabeth Commonwealth Scholarship you will be supported to develop your knowledge and skills within your academic field, and learn how to apply this so you can create solutions to global challenges.

You will also benefit from the following allowances:

- Fully-funded tuition fees
- Living expenses allowance for duration of award
- Return economy flights to host country
- One-off arrival allowance
- Research support grant

‘Commonwealth Scholarships are one of a kind. After receiving a scholarship to study in Kenya, I can already see a big change in myself. I can achieve my dreams because I can acquire the knowledge and skills I need to achieve my career goals.’

Judith (Uganda)

Why study in a Commonwealth country?

The Commonwealth, consisting of 53 countries, is a voluntary organisation that promotes international cooperation and is underpinned by a set of values that advocate democracy, tolerance, respect, equality – and much more.

Studying in a Commonwealth country will expose you to the opportunities of this unique network, transform your learning experience and broaden your global network. Building deeper and stronger links across the Commonwealth will benefit your future career, and have a positive impact on your communities and the Commonwealth as a whole, as you help define its future.

‘We know that young people are the future of the Commonwealth. You will be the ones most affected by the global challenges that face us all, but you are the leaders that are creating the solutions.’

HRH The Duke of Sussex, speaking at the University of the South Pacific, October 2018

Why are there two application cycles?

The academic years differ across the globe with some starting in July-October and others starting in January-February. The country you wish to study in will determine when you need to submit an application.

The host countries and universities can change each cycle, so keep an eye on the ACU website or follow us on Twitter and Facebook for further details.

‘Through my studies in Kenya, I was able to make friends from right across Africa. These friends became my family away from home and made my Kenyan experience exceptional.’

Abdur (Bangladesh)

Am I eligible?

You need to meet the following requirements to be eligible to apply:

- Be a citizen of (or hold refugee status in) a Commonwealth country
- Have completed an undergraduate degree at a 2:1 equivalent level

How do I apply?

- Check the website to see which universities and countries offer courses in your subject
- Identify a host and course to learn when the application window will open
- Identify two referees for your application
- Apply online at www.acu.ac.uk/qecs

‘Studying in Papua New Guinea helped me to recognise my full potential and believe in myself. I gained interpersonal skills by interacting with people from different cultures, and acquired professional skills that will help me address the challenges I may face in my career.’

Puso (Botswana)





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