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FROM: Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of the Public Service, Governance and Disaster Risk Management

TO: Office of the Governor General, Chief Justice, Auditor General, Solicitor General, Financial Secretary, Cabinet Secretary, Chief Executive Officers and Heads of Department

SUBJECT: COMMONWEALTH MASTER SCHOLARSHIPS TENABLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM – 2026/2027

Date: 18th August 2025

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.

Nominations are invited from suitable qualified candidates from Belize wishing to pursue master's degree programmes in the United Kingdom commencing in September 2026. The award is being offered in either of the following six (6) categories:

1. Science and technology for development
2. Improving population health, health systems and capacity
3. Promoting innovation and entrepreneurship
4. Strengthening peace, security and governance
5. Strengthening resilience and response to crises
6. Access, inclusion and opportunity

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY:

- Candidates must be Citizens of Belize or have refugee status in Belize.
- Candidates must be a permanent resident of Belize.
- Candidates should hold or expect to hold, by September 2026, a first degree of upper second-class honors level or a second-class degree and a relevant postgraduate qualification.
- Candidate must be unable to afford to study in the UK without this scholarship.
- Candidate must provide all supporting documentation in the required format.
- Candidates should be able to take up their awards by the start of the UK academic year in September 2026.

Awards are tenable at any UK institution of higher education which has part funding agreement with the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC). For a *list of universities that have agreed to part-fund Commonwealth Scholarships*, visit: <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/uk-universities/part-funding/>.

Candidates are strongly encouraged to submit independent applications to their chosen institutions in the UK prior to, or at the time of their submission, without waiting for the results of the selection procedures.

HOW TO APPLY

All nominated candidates **must apply using** the CSC's Online Application System. Information on how to use the online application system is available at:

<https://cscuk.fcdof.gov.uk/scholarships/commonwealth-masters-scholarships/>.

OPENING AND CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION

The CSC's Online Application System will open on **Tuesday, 2nd September 2025** Greenwich Meridian Time (GMT). All completed applications must be submitted online prior to deadline of 14th October 2025 at 4:00 p.m. All supporting documentation must be uploaded with the application.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Academic merit of the candidate.
- Quality of the candidate plan of study.
- Potential impact of the work on the development of the candidate's home country.
- Level of community involvement (national requirement)

Applicants can access this link for further guidance: <https://cscuk.fcdof.gov.uk/advicetoapplicants>

SELECTION PROCESS

The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC) will submit the list of eligible candidates to the Nominating Agency (Ministry of the Public Service, Constitutional and Political Reform and Religious Affairs).

The Nominating Agency through its National Selection Panel will conduct an interview with each eligible candidate. The top two (2) candidates will be Belize Nominations for onward submission to CSC by 9th December 2025.

The final selection period at the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC) level is from January – June 2026. Kindly note: Do not contact this Ministry for results; the **CSC will directly contact successful candidate**.

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Please note that all applicants are recruited in line with the CSC's anti-fraud policy and procedure which can be viewed at [CSC anti-fraud policy and procedure - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/csc-anti-fraud-policy-and-procedure).



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