

Commonwealth Master's and PhD Scholarships are for candidates from low and middle-income Commonwealth countries, for full-time Master's or doctoral study at a UK university. Funded by the [UK Department for International Development \(DFID\)](#), Commonwealth Master's Scholarships enable talented and motivated individuals to gain the knowledge and skills required for sustainable development and are aimed at those who could not otherwise afford to study in the UK.

We are Leonard Cheshire – supporting individuals to live, learn and work as independently as they choose, whatever their ability. Led by people with experience of disability, we are at the heart of local life – opening doors to opportunity, choice and support in communities around the globe.

Leonard Cheshire is an official nominating agency for Commonwealth Master's and PhD Scholarships.

These scholarships are offered under six themes:

- Science and technology for development
- Strengthening health systems and capacity
- Promoting global prosperity
- Strengthening global peace, security and governance
- Strengthening resilience and response to crises
- Access, inclusion and opportunity

Eligibility

To apply for **Master's** scholarships, you must:

- Be a citizen of or have been granted refugee status by an eligible Commonwealth country, or be a British Protected Person
- Be permanently resident in an eligible Commonwealth country
- Be available to start your academic studies in the UK by the start of the UK academic year in September/October 2019
- By October 2019, hold a first degree of at least upper second class (2:1) honours standard, or a second class degree and a relevant postgraduate qualification (usually a Master's degree).
- The CSC would not normally fund a second UK Master's degree. If you are applying for a second UK Master's degree, you will need to provide justification as to why you wish to undertake this study
- Be unable to afford to study in the UK without this scholarship

In addition to the CSC criteria, in order to be considered as a Leonard Cheshire nominee you must also:

- Be a person living with a disability
- Be permanently resident in either Bangladesh, Kenya, Uganda or Zambia

For those applying for **PhD** scholarships you must, in addition:

- NOT be registered for a PhD, or an MPhil leading to a PhD, at a UK university before September/October 2019
- NOT have commenced and be currently registered for a PhD, or an MPhil leading to a PhD, in your home country or elsewhere

The CSC aims to identify talented individuals who have the potential to make change. We are committed to a policy of equal opportunity and non-discrimination, and encourage applications from a diverse range of candidates. For further information on the support available to candidates with a disability, see the [CSC disability support statement](#).

The CSC is committed to administering and managing its scholarships and fellowships in a fair and transparent manner. For further information, see the [CSC anti-fraud policy](#) and the [DFID guidance on reporting fraud](#).

In addition, please find Leonard Cheshire's anti-fraud policy statement:



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