**Notice of Commonwealth Scholarships for disabled candidates via CDPF**

Dear Colleagues,

**2023 Commonwealth Scholarships Committee (CSC)-Masters and PhDs CSC Applications open 6th September 2022-close 18th October.**

**To be considered by Commonwealth Disabled People’s Forum (CDPF) you must apply in addition and separately to be considered by 6th  September to 14th November 4pm GMT.**

**CDPF can nominate 10 candidates for Master’s and 5 for PhD.**

Please circulate in your country if on list at bottom of this letter, to disabled people with a good first degree (2.1) for [Masters](https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/scholarships/commonwealth-masters-scholarships/) and a Masters level for [PhD scholarships](https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/scholarships/commonwealth-phd-scholarships-for-least-developed-countries-and-fragile-states/). Closing date to CSC by **18th October 2022**. Please make sure you meet all selection criteria with all necessary attachments when you apply. Check these on the <https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/about-us/scholarships/>

The Commonwealth Disabled People’s Forum (CDPF) is a nominating partner of [Commonwealth Scholarships](https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/about-us/scholarships/). If you are a disabled person and you want to apply you must register with CDPF by **18th October  2022** by sending an email to rlrieser@gmail.com  demonstrating you are disabled and have the requisite qualifications to apply. You must also complete your application to Commonwealth Scholarships Committee by 16.00 GMT on **18th October 2022.**

If you want CDPF to consider nominating you as a disabled candidate you must submit the following to CDPF to rlrieser@gmail.com  by **14th November 2022 (16.00 GMT).**

Application to CDPF will consist of

1. Your full name, country, email and telephone number, gender, date of birth.

2. A copy of your completed application to CSC and attachments submitted by 18th October 2022.

3. Demonstrating the nature of your impairment and the reasonable accommodations you require. Up to 100 words with supporting documentation.

4. Up to 250 words on your contribution to disabled people’s rights to date.

5. Up to 250 words to demonstrate how your studies will lead to improvement in the position of disabled people in your country.

**Eligible countries**

**For Master’s** **candidates**from: Bangladesh, Belize, Botswana, Cameroon, Dominica, Eswatini, Fiji, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati,
Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Montserrat, Mozambique, Namibia,
Nauru, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Samoa, Sierra Leone,
Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, St Helena, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Tanzania, The Gambia, Tonga, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu, Zambia

Masters candidates need: 2 references + university transcript showing a 2.1 degree.

**For PhD candidates**from: Bangladesh, Cameroon, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho,
Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands,
Tanzania, The Gambia, Tuvalu, Uganda, Zambia only.

All potential applicants must apply to the CSC by **18th October 2022 (16.00GMT)** with the required attachments and for PhDs candidates need: 2 references, a supervisor statement + university transcripts – undergrad and masters.

CDPF experience is that PhD candidates without a supervisor at a UK University, which means having applied and being accepted to study for a PhD, will not be successful.

CDPF operates a policy of gender balance in choosing applicants to nominate.

Thanks and best wishes

Richard Rieser,

General Secretary, Commonwealth Disabled People’s Forum