

## **Scotland Pakistan Scholarships for Young Women and Girls Master's/MPhil 2020-2021**

### **1. Am I eligible for the Pakistan Scotland Pakistan Scholarship Scheme?**

If you have completed your bachelor's degree (16 years education) and are now looking to apply for a master's or MPhil program, this scholarship is for you. If you fulfil the following criteria, then you are eligible to apply for the Scotland Pakistan Scholarship Scheme:

- You are a Pakistani woman, currently residing in Pakistan
- The master's/MPhil degree you want to pursue is **no longer than 2 years** (i.e. the program you are applying for can be no longer than 2 years. If the programme is longer than 2 years, then you are not eligible for the scholarship)
- You have a confirmed offer/admission from an HEC recognized public or private university. (i.e. you must have applied for a master's degree and received an offer from a university, admitting you to a programme in their institution)
- You are enrolled in any HEC recognised university in one of the following subject areas only: Education, Sustainable Energy, Food Security and Agriculture, Health Sciences or STEM Education

### **2. I am enrolled in an MPhil degree, am I eligible to apply?**

If you are enrolled in an MPhil degree in any HEC recognised university in one of the following subject areas only: Education, Sustainable Energy, Food Security and Agriculture, Health Sciences or STEM Education then you are eligible to apply.

### **3. What supporting documents do I need to provide along with the application form?**

For a complete scholarship application, the following documents must be submitted along with a duly filled out application form:

- Copy of CNIC/ Form B (Applicant)
- Copy of CNIC/ Form B (Parent/Guardian)
- Salary slip of Parent/Guardian (You may also choose to submit a pension slip or any proof of parent's/guardian's employment status)
- Copy of certificate or result sheet of most recently completed educational degree
- Copy of letter of confirmation of admission from a university/college
- Copy of tuition fee schedule for the programme you are pursuing. (If you need to utilize hostel facilities, please be sure to present a fee schedule for the hostel costs as well).

#### **4. What subject areas is this scholarship being offered in?**

The Scotland Pakistan Scholarship is being offered to students pursuing a master's in any one of the following fields:

- Education
- Sustainable Energy
- Food Security and Agriculture
- Health Sciences (Medical Sciences are not included)
- STEM Engineering (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics)

This scholarship is currently not being offered to candidates pursuing master's in social sciences such as economics, business studies, psychology, sociology, anthropology, history and so on.

#### **5. What does this scholarship cover?**

Pakistan Scottish Scholarship Scheme will facilitate award-holders with the following:

- Tuition fees for master's/MPhil courses
- University hostel costs
- Travel to and from home to university two times a year for students staying in on-campus hostels

#### **6. What is an HEC recognized university?**

HEC recognized universities include Public or Private sector universities that are recognized and affiliated with Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan. A complete list of HEC recognized universities can be found [here](#).

#### **7. Do you have a list of HEC recognized universities where we can apply?**

A complete list of HEC recognized universities can be found [here](#).

#### **8. Is there an age limit for this scholarship?**

No, there is no age limit for this scholarship. Any Pakistani woman who wants to pursue a master's degree is encouraged to apply.

#### **9. Do I need a new admission letter, or can I use one from last year?**

The Scotland Pakistan Scholarship will only be offered to candidates who can prove they have been accepted into a university or are already enrolled in a master's programme, therefore your admission letter must be valid, or you must be able to present alternative proof of enrolment in the university.

You can only use your previous admission letter if you are currently enrolled in a master's programme or have deferred your admission to the following year. If you were previously accepted into a university

but did not accept the offer, then you must apply to a university again and submit a new admission letter.

**10. When is the last date to apply for this scholarship? What if the university intake is after the scholarship deadline?**

The deadline to submit your application is **15<sup>th</sup> September 2020**. If your university of choice announces admissions after the scholarship deadline, then you may submit your scholarship application without an admission letter. If you are shortlisted on the basis of merit and financial need, then we will place you a **conditional offer**. This conditional offer however will only be confirmed when you submit an admission offer letter. If you are unable to provide proof of admission, your application will be disqualified.

**11. How are candidates shortlisted for the scholarship?**

Candidates who fulfil all basic eligibility criteria are shortlisted on the basis of academic merit and financial needs. The basic eligibility criterion is as follows:

- You are a Pakistani woman, currently residing in Pakistan
- The master's degree you want to pursue is **no longer than** 2 years (i.e. the program you are applying for can be no longer than 2 years. If the programme is longer than 2 years then you are not eligible for the scholarship)
- You have a confirmed offer/admission from an HEC recognized university. (i.e. you must have applied for a master's degree and received an offer from a university, admitting you to a programme in their institution)

**12. What level of education is this scholarship for?**

The Scotland Pakistan Scholarship is only for candidates who are pursuing a one or two year master's or MPhil degree or a four year bachelor's degree. The Scotland Pakistan Scholarship **does not** fund PhD programmes.

**13. I graduate next year; can I apply for this scholarship?**

You are eligible to apply for this scholarship if your master's programme starts in September – October 2020. If you cannot start your master's this year, then you are not eligible to apply for this cycle of the scholarship and may apply next year.

**14. Can I apply for this scholarship if I am already enrolled in a master's programme?**

If you are already enrolled in a master's programme and require the scholarship to complete your degree, then you are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

**15. I'm in my second year of masters, can I apply?**

If you are currently enrolled in a master's programme and require a scholarship for your second year, then you are eligible to apply. Please note, all other shortlisting criterion holds. You must be enrolled in master's programme in one of the relevant fields i.e.

- Education
- Sustainable Energy
- Food Security and Agriculture
- Health Sciences (Medical Sciences are not included)
- STEM Engineering (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics)

**16. How do I secure an offer letter?**

To secure an offer letter, you must apply to an HEC recognized university of your choice for master's degree in the following fields:

- Education
- Sustainable Energy
- Food Security and Agriculture
- Health Sciences (Medical Sciences are not included)
- STEM Engineering (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics)

Once the university offers you an admission, you can submit the letter as proof.

**17. What is proof of admission?**

Proof of admission is any document that confirms that you have been admitted into a university. It will also hold the name of your department, what programme you are pursuing, when you started the programme, and what year your degree will commence.

**18. I want to pursue a master's in an international university. Am I eligible to apply for this scholarship?**

The Scotland Pakistan Scholarship is only being offered to female candidates who are pursuing a master's/MPhil degree in a Pakistani university. This scholarship is not for international studies.