

FAQs Pakistan Scottish Scholarship Scheme 2017-18

General Info

1. How can I apply for this scholarship?

To apply for this scholarship, please visit our scholarship page [here](#). Once you are on this page, expand the section titled “Pakistan Scottish Scholarship Scheme 2017-18” or “Pakistan Scottish PhD Research Travel Grants for Women 2017-18” depending on what scholarship you are applying for. Here you can either choose to submit an online application or scroll to the bottom of the page to download a paper application. Downloaded application forms must be duly filled out and posted to “*Pakistan Scottish Scholarships Scheme, British Council Pakistan, PO Box 1135, Islamabad*” before the deadline of September 10th, 2017. Please be sure to submit all supporting documentation as well.

2. I don't have access to a computer how can I submit an application?

If you are unable to submit an online application, please visit our scholarship website [here](#) to download a paper application. The duly filled paper application along with all relevant supporting documents should be mailed to the following address before the deadline i.e. September 10th, 2017:

*Pakistan Scottish Scholarships Scheme,
British Council Pakistan,
PO Box 1135, Islamabad*

3. Is the GRE required?

The GRE is not required for this scholarship.

4. Is IELTS required?

IELTS is not required for this scholarship.

5. What programmes fall under health science?

Examples of some programmes that fall under health sciences are as follows:

- Nutrition majors
- Public health
- Biochemistry and more

6. What programmes fall under education?

Some programmes that fall under the field of Education are as follows:

- Master's in Education
- Education leadership
- TESOL
- TEFL
- MEd etc.

7. What is STEM?

STEM engineering includes fields related to Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics. Some examples include:

- Biotechnology
- Biosciences/Applied Biosciences
- Environmental Engineering
- Aeronautical Engineering
- Mathematics and more

8. How can I track my application?

Currently, the British Council does not have an application tracking system. However please note that after the applications close on September 10th, 2017, we will review and shortlist candidates by the end of October/early November. Shortlisted candidates will then be interviewed, after which successful candidates will be awarded the scholarship by the end of December to early January.

9. When will a final decision regarding the scholarship be made?

The following tentative timeline will be followed:

- Application deadline: September 10th
- Candidates shortlisted for first round of interviews: End of October to early November
- Candidates invited for first round of interviews: Mid-November to early December
- Scholarship awarded: End of December to early January

Please note these are tentative timelines and are subject to slight changes.

10. Will all candidates be informed of the decision or only successful candidates?

Only successful candidates will be informed of the decision. If you have not heard back by the end of October, it is safe to assume that you have not been shortlisted.

11. What are the timelines for this scholarship?

- The deadline to apply for this scholarship is September 10th, 2017.
- Candidates will be shortlisted and contacted towards the end of October.

- Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interviews early-mid November.
- The final grant will be disbursed by end of December to early January.

Please note these are tentative timelines and are subject to slight changes.

12. If my parent/guardian is employed in the informal sector what kind of proof of employment can I provide?

If your parent/guardian is employed in the informal sector (e.g. farmer etc.) then please mention it on your application and provide a rough estimate of their monthly income. Please be sure to provide full contact details and a copy of the CNIC/B Form so that we may verify the details you have provided.

For Master's:

1. Am I eligible for the Pakistan Scottish Scholarship Scheme?

If you have completed your bachelor's degree and are now looking to apply for a master's program, this scholarship is for you. If you fulfil the following criteria, then you are eligible to apply for the Scottish Scholarship:

- 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)

2. 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).

3. What subject areas is this scholarship being offered in?

The Scottish 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 masters in social sciences such as economics, business studies, psychology, sociology, anthropology, history and so on.

4. What does this scholarship cover?

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

- Tuition fees for Master's courses
- University hostel costs
- Subsistence to the award holder
- Travel to and from home to university three times a year for students staying in on-campus hostels

5. 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](#).

6. Do you have a list of HEC recognized universities where we can apply?

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

7. 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.

8. Do I need a new admission letter or can I use one from last year?

The Scottish Scholarships 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.

9. 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 September 10th, 2017. 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.

10. 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)

11. What level of education is this scholarship for?

The Scottish Scholarship is only for candidates who are pursuing a one or two year master's degree. The Scottish Scholarship **does not** fund PhD or undergraduate programmes.

12. 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 2017. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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)

15. 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.

16. 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.

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

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

For PhD:

1. Am I eligible for the PhD travel grant?

All female Pakistani citizens who are currently residing in Pakistan and are enrolled in a PhD programme are eligible for application. In addition, the following criteria must be fulfilled:

- Applicant must be pursuing a PhD in one of the following fields:
 - Education
 - Sustainable energy
 - Food Security and agriculture
 - Health sciences
 - STEM education

- PhD applicants do not need to be enrolled in HEC recognized institutions

2. What subject areas is this travel grant being offered in?

The Scottish 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 masters in social sciences such as economics, business studies, psychology, sociology, anthropology, history and so on.

3. 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.

4. What supporting documents do I need to provide along with my application?

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

- A duly filled out application form
- Scanned copy of CNIC
- Scanned copy of transcripts
- Invitation letter from a Scottish University

Please note, the candidate will be responsible for contacting and confirming a placement to carry out research.

5. What does the PhD travel grant cover?

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

- Travel expenses including return ticket to Scotland, visa fee and insurance
- Living costs for a period of no more than three months

This travel grant does not cover bench fees or laboratory (materials etc.) charges. For more information on PhD travel scholarships, click [here](#).

6. Will the PhD travel grant cover bench fees and lab costs as well? If not how should I cover them?

PhD travel grant does not cover lab costs. If the students are applying for a technical research, they can mention it in their personal statement. They might be given consideration under Scottish scholarship. If not,

they can either request their parent institute in Pakistan or request their host institute in Scotland to bare the lab costs.

7. How do I find a university a host university for the PhD travel grant?

To avail the Scottish PhD travel grant, you must identify and approach a Scottish University on your own. Once you have identified a university that is working on research relevant or in line with your own research, we suggest you approach a professor and submit your case to them. If they agree to host you for the duration of the travel grant then you may apply for this grant.

Please note, you may only apply to Scottish Universities for this award. This travel grant is not valid for universities in other parts of the UK.

8. Can I avail this travel grant in any university in the world?

This travel grant is only valid for Scottish Universities. This grant cannot be availed in other universities in the UK or across the world.

9. Where can I apply for a PhD travel grant?

To avail the Scottish PhD travel grants, your host university must be Scottish. This travel grant is not for universities in any other part of the UK or the world.

10. What is the duration of this travel grant?

The maximum duration of this travel grant is no more than three months.

11. Does this grant cover costs for children and/or spouse?

This travel grant makes provisions for the candidate only. It does not provide any additional funding for children or spouse.