



**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

ANNOUNCEMENT

2026 COMMONWEALTH PhD AND MASTERS SCHOLARSHIPS TENABLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC) in the United Kingdom invites the Ministry of Education to nominate **Five (5) PhD and Nineteen (19) Masters Kenyan citizens for consideration for full scholarships award** tenable in 2026. Final selection will be made by the CSC and the awards are tenable at any approved UK University that hosts CSC awardees.

The CSC will be open for applications between **2nd September, 2025 and 14th October, 2025**. Full eligibility requirements for PhD candidates are available at; <https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/scholarships/commonwealth-phd-scholarships-for-least-developed-countries-and-fragile-states/> and for Master's candidates are available at: <https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/scholarships/commonwealth-masters-scholarships> and includes the following;

1. Master's Study

- i. Proof of Kenyan citizenship.
- ii. Bachelor's degree – at least 2nd class upper division from a recognized university with strong academic background with all university transcripts.
- iii. Supporting statements from two (2) referees on a letterheaded paper and signed.
- iv. A proposal in the area of study clearly showing the potential impact on the development of Kenya
- v. Quality Study Plan.
- vi. Be available to start your academic studies in the United Kingdom (UK) by the start of the UK academic year in September, 2026.

2. PhD Study

- i. Proof of Kenyan citizenship
- ii. Master's Degree from a recognized university with strong academic background. Attach all academic transcripts and certificates.
- iii. Supporting statements from two (2) referees on a letterheaded paper and signed.
- iv. Supporting statement from a proposed supervisor in the UK from at least one of the institutions one has applied to.
- v. A proposal in the area of study clearly showing the potential impact on the development of Kenya.
- vi. Quality Study Plan
- vii. Should not be registered for a PhD, or an MPhil, leading to a PhD, at a UK university or in Kenya, before September/October 2026.

3. These awards are offered under six development themes:

- i. Science and technology for development
- ii. Promoting innovation and entrepreneurship
- iii. Strengthening resilience and response to crises
- iv. Strengthening health systems and capacity
- v. Strengthening global peace, security and governance.
- vi. Access, inclusion and opportunity

Application procedure

All eligible candidates must adhere to the following guidelines strictly:

1. Candidates must apply using the CSC's online application system which can be found on the CSC website. Each scholarship has a 'How to apply' section which will have information and guidance on the application process and the link to the online application system. The CSC is unable to accept any applications that are not submitted via the online application system or after the closing date listed above.
2. Download and print the completed online application form before submitting it electronically to the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC) and submit it to the Ministry of Education.
3. Download the Standard Scholarship Application Form, from the Ministry's website: <http://www.education.go.ke>, fill it and attach the required certified supporting documents (certified photocopies of ID, academic/professional certificates, Transcripts, Birth Certificate, Passport, other testimonials), a proposal in the area of study and a copy of the online application form submitted to CSC. This should be Submitted in two (2) sets to the Directorate of Higher Education at the following address:

**Director, Higher Education,
P.O. Box 9583 – 00200,
NAIROBI**

OR

Be delivered to Telposta Towers, 27th Floor, Room 2701, On or before **16th October, 2025 at 5:00p.m.**

NB:

- 1. Only shortlisted applicants shall be contacted through e-mail or phone call to attend the interview.**
- 2. Academic Certificates from Foreign Institutions of Higher Learning MUST be recognized by Commission for University Education (CUE).**