



# Queen Elizabeth Commonwealth Scholarships

**Information for Prospective  
Applicants**



# Agenda

- Introductions
- What are the QECS?
- Which countries and institutions are currently hosting QECS scholars?
- Eligibility
- How to apply
- Application guidance and top tips
- Q&A session



# What are the QECS?

## Scholarship for:

- Up to 2-years Master's degrees
- Study overseas at a leading university in a low and middle-income Commonwealth country
- Students who are committed to creating change - both in their home country and those that host them.

## Financially Covers:

- Tuition fees
- Living allowance (stipend) for duration of award
- Return economy flights to host country
- One-off arrival allowance
- Research Support Grant (on request only; subject to approval)

# Which countries are currently hosting QECS scholars?



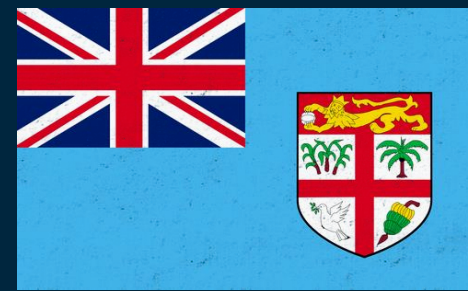
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Barbados



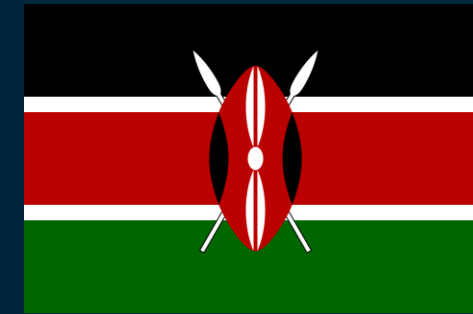
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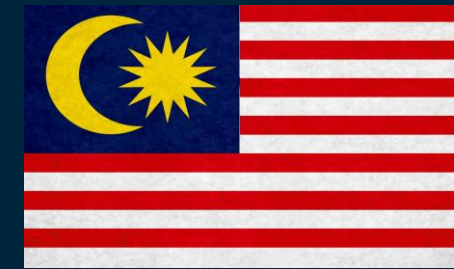
Fiji



Ghana



Kenya



Malaysia



Pakistan



Papua New Guinea



South Africa



Sri Lanka



Tanzania



Uganda

**No other international programme gives students the opportunity to study in as many locations across the Commonwealth!**



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## Am I Eligible?

**Are you a citizen of (or hold refugee status in) a Commonwealth country?**

**Have you completed an undergraduate degree at a 2:1 equivalent level?**

**If your answers are yes, you can apply!**



## How can I apply?

Visit [www.acu.ac.uk/qecs](http://www.acu.ac.uk/qecs) where you can find:

- List of countries hosting in the next cycle\*
- Application Guidance
- FAQs (We'd recommend reading these first!)

\*There are 2 application cycles per year so the list changes – twice the opportunity to apply

**Sign up to our social media channels for up to date news on the next application opening**



# Application Guidance

Be sure to include  
all requested  
details and  
documentation

You cannot add  
documents after  
submitting your  
application

You can submit  
more than one  
application to  
different host  
universities

Pay close  
attention to  
detail



# Application Guidance

Check whether you are required to submit a university application at the same time as your scholarship application

If you cannot apply now, there is always next cycle!





## Top Tips



### **Research the course and university thoroughly before applying**

Be sure to explain your interest in your own words – not those on the university website



### **Write in a simple and concise manner**

Our reviewers read hundreds of applications

Ask someone you know who is familiar with your field to read your application



## Top Tips

- Read the questions carefully**
- Be specific and provide examples of your networking and voluntary activities**
- Outline how the scholarship will help to build links between your home and host country**

Emphasise Commonwealth links where possible



'My sincere gratitude goes to the QECS for giving me an opportunity to enhance my studies and acquire international exposure which has been key to achieving my long-term career dreams.'

'My plans and ambitions used to be at my country and community level because that's all I had experienced before, but my master's degree really opened my eyes.'



**Betty Kabarega - Rwanda**  
**Master of Public Health (MPH)**

**University of Mauritius, Mauritius**



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'The QECS stood out as a unique opportunity to take a Masters degree in the country of my interest, Tanzania. There aren't many opportunities available for a student from a country like Canada to enrol in a Tanzanian university and be supported in doing that.'

'The QECS was a major turning point in my studies, and I truly believe that we need scholars from the global north pursuing full degrees in the south.'

**Andrew Harvey - Canada**  
**MSc Linguistics**

**University of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania**



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**Thanks for listening!**

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