



The Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan (CSFP) is one of the largest and most prestigious international scholarship schemes in the world. Since it was established in 1959, over 30,000 individuals have held a Commonwealth Scholarship or Fellowship – 28,500 of them were funded by the UK government, through the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom (CSC).

The CSC awards around 700 scholarships and fellowships for postgraduate study and professional development to Commonwealth citizens each year. The CSC's Secretariat is provided by the Association of Commonwealth Universities, based in London; overseas services are provided by the British Council.

In Malawi, FAWEMA serves as a nominating agency for the Commonwealth Scholarships, supporting eligible applicants through the application process.

FAWEMA is, therefore, pleased to invite potential candidates who wish to apply for the Commonwealth Scholarships under FAWEMA as a nominating agency to express their interest.

Interested candidates are encouraged to review the eligibility criteria and application requirements carefully before submitting their applications within the stipulated deadline.

Please take note that the application window for Commonwealth Scholarships opened on 8th September and closes on 20th October 2026.

Full eligibility requirements for PhD candidates are available at:

<https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/scholarships/commonwealth-phd-scholarships-for-least-developed-countries-and-vulnerable-states/>

Full eligibility requirements for Master's candidates are available at:

<https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/scholarships/commonwealth-masters-scholarships/>

Selection Criteria:

The CSC will make the final selection of candidates and seeks candidates of the highest academic quality who demonstrate a real capacity to make a difference to their home country on completion of their award. The CSC's selection committee will grade applications on the following criteria:

- Candidate Merit (including academic and leadership experience)
- Quality of the study plan
- Potential impact of the work on the development of the candidate's home country

For more information on the application procedure, eligible fields of study, and important dates, please visit the official Commonwealth Scholarship website or contact FAWEMA on administration@fawema.org

Don't miss this opportunity to advance your academic and professional aspirations through the 2027 Commonwealth Scholarship Programme.