



KEMENTERIAN
PENDIDIKAN
MALAYSIA

INTERNATIONAL
SCHOLARSHIPS

COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN (CSFP)

The Malaysian Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan are awarded by the Malaysian Government to the nominated students from the Commonwealth countries to study at the post-graduate level in Malaysia. This is a Government to Government scheme without any bond imposed by Malaysia. The awards for Masters degree are between 12 to 24 months depending on the courses. Awards for pursuing PhD degree are for 3 years. The Awards are only applicable for candidates pursuing full-time degree programme in Malaysia.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN (CSFP), applicants must fit the following criteria:-

- a. Not be more than **45 years** of age during application.
- b. Obtained a minimum of **Second Class Upper (Honours)** or a **CGPA of 3.5/4.0** at Bachelor Degree Level for Masters Degree applicants and for PhD candidates must possess **CGPA 3.5/4.0** or very good result at Masters degree level in a similar field of intended PhD study. In addition, for post-doctoral programme, the selection will be evaluated based on the number of books produced, refereed/non refereed journals, portfolio and patent copyright. The Post-Doctoral candidate must have excellent reputation in research and possesses knowledge related to the research to be carried out.
- c. Took one of the following English Language Proficiency Test **not more than two years before the date of application**. The list of tests and minimum scores required:
 1. **IELTS** Academic Test with a score of at least **6.5**; or
 2. **TOEFL** paper-based test with a score of at least **580** or computer-based test with a score of at least **230** or internet-based test with a score at least **92**.
- d. In **excellent health condition** and certified by a Certified Doctor/Medical Professional. The cost of medical examination is to be borne by the applicants
- e. Wrote a proposal that is relevant to field of studies.
- f. Has applied for and gained admission to postgraduate and post-doctoral studies in Malaysia (conditional letters of offer will be accepted at the time of application or has a confirmation of acceptance or affiliation with the universities in Malaysia).



VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Each scholarship consists of:-

- a. Air tickets from recipient's capital city to Malaysia
- b. An approved tuition fees
- c. Monthly maintenance allowance
- d. Annual grant for books and internal travel
- e. Medical / Health Insurance

- f. Installation and Termination grant
- g. Thesis allowance
- h. Visa

* The Government of Malaysia reserves the rights to review the value of awards at any time (and if such changes are made, the value of scholarship will be changed and the effective date will be informed to the successful candidates).



PRIORITY STUDY AREAS

Field of studies is in the following priority areas:

- a. Science and Engineering
- b. Agriculture and Fisheries
- c. Economics and Islamic Finance
- d. Information and Communication Technology
- e. Biotechnology
- f. Biosecurity and Food Safety
- g. Infrastructure and Utility
- h. Environmental Studies
- i. Health not including nursing, medicine, clinical pharmacy.

* Applicants may choose any related course within the field/areas mentioned above



SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be considered according to the following selection criteria:-

- a. High-level academic achievement
- b. The quality of the research proposal and its potential contribution towards advancement of technology and human well-being.
- c. Excellent communication, writing and reading skills in English Language



GENERAL CONDITION OF AWARD

- a. Scholarship holder must undertake full-time studies for postgraduate studies at a campus of Malaysian Universities. It are the responsibility of the scholarship holders to confirm admission to the university.
- b. Scholarship holders must not change their programme during tenure of the scholarship except with written permission from their university and the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia.
- c. Scholarship holders must follow the approved programmes and abide by the university's rules, regulations and codes of conduct.
- d. Any suspension from the university will result in immediate suspension of award. Monthly allowances are not payable during suspension, including suspension due to illness.
- e. It is the responsibility of successful candidates to apply for and meet the requirements for the issuing of an appropriate entry visa including medical examination. The offer of the scholarship does not guarantee the granting of a visa.
- f. Scholarship holders must maintain satisfactory progress and good standing as stipulated by their host university and degree programme, or the scholarship will be withdrawn.

- g. The scholarships are tenable in Malaysian universities and research must be carried out in Malaysia.
- h. Scholarship holders are not allowed to take any paid employment during their tenure unless with written approval from the host university.



HOW TO APPLY

All applications should be made **ONLINE** through Ministry of Education's website at <https://biasiswa.moe.gov.my/INTER/> starting from **01 January 2014 until 31 March 2014**.

STEP 1

- **REGISTER** your Passport Number or National Identification Number, password and email address.
- **LOGIN** to online application form and fill in all section completely.
- Please ensure all informations are correct before you print the application and logout.

STEP 2

- Please attach printed application form together with the following documents:
 - i. Recent passport size photograph.
 - ii. Completed Medical Report. [[download](#)]
 - iii. A certified copy of current passport showing evidence of citizenship.
 - iv. A certified copy of academic transcript, testimonials and/or references relating to the relevant study, co-curriculum activities, achievements.
 - v. A certified copy of English Language proficiency certificate (Test of English as a Foreign Language/TOEFL or International English Language Testing Service/IELTS)
 - vi. Curriculum Vitae.
 - vii. Admission letter from Malaysian University.
 - viii. Two letters of recommendation from two (2) people who can act as referees to support your application. [[download](#)]
 - ix. Endorsement Form. [[download](#)]
- You are required to complete the two Letters of Recommendation from two referees, Endorsement Form and Medical Report. Please bring printed ONLINE application form and required documents to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the relevant agency responsible for the scholarship in your country to get the endorsement.

STEP 3

- Scan all documents stated above in PDF format and **LOGIN** to MIS Online Application. [[How to convert documents to PDF format](#)]
- You are required to attach the documents and click **SUBMIT** button to submit the application. You will see the notification message when the process is done. All the application is fully online. No hard copy is required. Bring the hard copy of application form and original certificate during the interview session.



IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Late submission will not be entertained no matter what reasons are given.
2. Applications without sufficient documents stated will not be considered.
3. The decision on successful candidate made by the Ministry is final. Any queries on the final decision will not be entertained.
4. All documents valid for six (6) month from date of application i.e. Medical Report, Endorsement Form and Reference Letters.
5. Has not commenced studies with offer letter from Malaysia University or has enrolled studies not more than :
 - a. **Master** : 1 Semester
 - b. **PhD** : 2 Semester
6. Please attach your documents accordingly to the list below : -
 - i. Recent Passport Size Photographs.
 - ii. A certified copy of current passport showing evidence of citizenship.
 - iii. Completed Medical Report.
 - iv. A certified copy of academic transcript.
 - v. A certified copy of English Language proficiency certificate (*Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)* or *International English Language Testing Service (IELTS)*).
 - vi. Curriculum Vitae (CV).
 - vii. Admission letter From University.
 - viii. 2 Letters of recommendation from **two (2)** people who can act as reference to support your application.
 - ix. Endorsement Form (From Applicants Home Countries Ministry of Foreign Affairs. For those already resides in Malaysia, form to be endorsed by embassy/ high commissioner in Malaysia.).
 - x. Research Proposal.



FURTHER ENQUIRIES

For further enquiries, please contact us:-

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