

**APPLICATION DEADLINE****21 May 2018****BACKGROUND**

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, 35,000 individuals have held a Commonwealth Scholarship or Fellowship – 27,000 of them were funded by the UK government, through the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom (CSC). The CSC awards over 800 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.

Commonwealth Medical Fellowships are for mid-career medical staff from low and middle income countries, to enhance their clinical skills. Funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID), Commonwealth Medical Fellowships enable talented and motivated individuals to gain the knowledge and skills required for sustainable development.

**Purpose:**

To provide mid-career medics with the opportunity to enhance their clinical skills, and to have catalytic effects on their workplaces.

**Intended beneficiaries:**

Mid-career medics working in universities or affiliated teaching hospitals in developing Commonwealth countries. Commonwealth Medical Fellowships are offered under one of the CSC's six themes:

- Science and technology for development
- Strengthening health systems and capacity

The fellowship will develop knowledge and/or skills that will improve health provision or outcomes for disadvantaged groups in low and middle income countries. A range of approaches could be adopted, such as training staff to fill critical shortage areas; establishing better systems, processes, or management; health promotion and improving understanding of non-take up; or developing new treatments.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

To apply for these fellowships, you must:

- Be a citizen of or have been granted refugee status by an [eligible Commonwealth country](#) (this includes South Africa), or be a British Protected Person
- Be permanently resident in an [eligible Commonwealth country](#) (this includes South Africa)
- Be employed by a hospital affiliated to a university
- Be available to start your fellowship in the UK in January 2019
- Have qualified as a doctor between 1 October 2008 and 30 September 2011, or before 1 October 2003
- Have qualified at a medical school recognised by the [World Directory of Medical Schools](#).
- Have met the English language requirements of the [General Medical Council \(GMC\)](#) by 31 August 2018.

**HOW TO APPLY**

You must apply to one of the following nominating bodies in the first instance – the CSC does not accept direct applications for these fellowships:

- [Selected universities/medical colleges](#) that are invited to nominate members of staff at affiliated hospitals.
- In Bangladesh, India, and Sri Lanka, the national University Grants Commission
- In Pakistan, the Higher Education Commission

All applications must be made through a nominating body in your home country. Each nominating body is responsible for its own selection process. You must check with your nominating body for their specific advice and rules for applying, and for their own closing date for applications.

You must make your application using the CSC's application system. Your application must be submitted to and endorsed by one of the eligible nominating bodies listed above.

The CSC will not accept any applications that are not submitted via the CSC's application system to a nominating body in your home country.

More information can be found [here](#).

Selection criteria can be found [here](#).

To apply, please click [here](#).

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