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Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarships: Global Health – September 2020 Entry

LSTM has been awarded 5 fully funded studentships for the MSc Global Health programme. LSTM is committed to developing the next generation of Global Leaders and we have a wealth of experience in capacity development in strengthening health systems worldwide.

LSTM's MSc Global Health programme has been designed in response to employer feedback on required global health skills and competencies. The online learning approach allows flexibility and accessibility, thereby enabling students to remain in employment whilst being part of a network of like-minded global health experts across the globe.

More information on our flagship programme in Global Health can be found on our website - <https://www.lstmed.ac.uk/study/courses/global-health>.

AWARD

The scholarship includes full tuition fees and a £2050 grant contribution towards the purchase of IT equipment and other costs for potential programme activities.

SCHOLARSHIP FORM DEADLINE 13 APRIL 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

| | Date | Useful links |
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| LSTM course application deadline | Monday 13 April 2020* (09.00 GMT) | https://www.lstmed.ac.uk/study/courses/global-health |
| LSTM scholarship application deadline | Monday 4 May 2020 (16.00 GMT) | |
| Commonwealth Scholarships Commission's Electronic Application System (EAS) deadline | Monday 4 May 2020 (16.00 GMT) | http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/distance-learning/ |
| CSC References deadline | Friday 22 May 2020 (16.00 GMT) | http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/distance-learning/ |

****Early application to LSTM is recommended to ensure your application is processed, and your scholarship application can be sent and completed prior to the deadline.***

ELIGIBILITY

To apply for a Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarship via the Commonwealth Scholarships Commission's Electronic Application System (EAS) candidates need:

- Copy of valid passport or national ID card showing photograph, date of birth, and country of citizenship – uploaded to the online application system
- At least one reference – submitted directly by the referee to the online application system. Referees will be sent an email request however applicants are responsible for seeking permission from their referees in advance of submitting their application; for ensuring that their referees are available to complete the reference by the deadline; and that the referees have received the reference request email.
- An offer letter to start chosen course of study in the 2019-2020 academic year – uploaded to the online application system
- Full transcripts detailing all higher education qualifications (with certified translations if not in English) – uploaded to the online application system

Candidates must fulfil the following CSC eligibility criteria:

- Be a citizen of or be granted refugee status from an eligible commonwealth country or be a British Protected Person
- Be permanently and continually resident in an eligible commonwealth country
- Hold a first degree of at least upper second class (2:1) standard. A lower qualification and sufficient relevant experience may be considered in certain cases
- Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarships may not be held concurrently for more than one course.
- If selected for a scholarship, candidates **must** be and remain resident in an eligible commonwealth country and **must not** undertake study towards any other qualification for the duration of their award.

Eligible commonwealth countries:

- Bangladesh
- Cameroon
- India
- Kenya
- Malawi
- Pakistan
- Rwanda
- Sierra Leone
- Sri Lanka
- Uganda
- Zambia

APPLYING

1. Apply to LSTM and receive an offer of a place on the MSc Global Health in order to be eligible for funding through this scholarship.

- Please complete your application for the programme through our website: <https://www.lstmed.ac.uk/study/courses/global-health>. Our online portal can be accessed by clicking the 'APPLY' tab on the course information page.
- The deadline for submitting applications is **09:00, 13 April 2020** and scholarship form deadline is **16:00 4 May 2020**.
- Early application to LSTM is recommended to ensure your application is processed, and your scholarship application is completed prior to the deadline.

How can I get a conditional offer from LSTM?

With your application, you need to provide contact details for 2 referees (who need to be able to respond quickly), plus:

- Evidence that you meet LSTM's English language requirements – full details on website - <https://www.lstmed.ac.uk/study/international-and-eu-students/english-language-requirements>
- Evidence of previous qualifications – i.e. your undergraduate degree certificate and transcripts.
- Personal statement about why you want to do the programme and how it fits in with your career / aspirations
- Copy of your passport to verify your identity

With this information, we can review your application and send it to the Director of Studies for review. If successful, you will receive a conditional offer and an LSTM scholarship form by email.

2. Apply through the Commonwealth Scholarships Commission's Electronic Application System (EAS).

You must also apply through the Commonwealth Scholarships Commission's Electronic Application System (EAS) by 4 May 2020 16.00 GMT in addition to applying to LSTM. More details including how to access the Electronic Application System (EAS) can be found on the Commonwealth Scholarships Commission's website.

[Commonwealth Scholarships Commission](#)

SELECTION PROCESS

The Scholarship Committee is chaired by the Dean of Education and meets to agree on the distribution of awards. Eligible students with a conditional place will be sent a scholarship application form.

The selection criteria include:

1. If conditions of the offer are met
2. The level of engagement
3. Academic merit
4. Impact of studies on career/and or home country as outlined on the personal statement

A transparent scoring process takes place following the scholarship deadline which includes the Programme Administrator and Director of Studies scoring if the applicant has met the conditions.

TIMELINE

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| 02 March 2020 | Applications for candidates open |
| 04 May 2020 (16.00 GMT) | Application deadline (LSTM and Commonwealth Scholarships Commission's Electronic Application System (EAS), Any applicant who does not apply through the EAS application system as well as LSTM by the above date will not be considered. Early application to LSTM is recommended to ensure your application is processed, and your scholarship application is completed prior to the deadline. |
| 22 May 2020 (16.00 GMT) | References deadline |
| 12 June 2020 (16.00 GMT) | Selection of 5 nominees and 5 reserves by LSTM to Commonwealth Scholarships Commission |
| June 2020 | Results released |

Expectations

This is an intense programme and you will be expected to study for 12 hours per week per module. Scholarship holders will need to commit adequate time to this programme.

Course Information

| Award | Number of Modules |
|--------------------------|---|
| Postgraduate Certificate | 3 core modules of 20 credits |
| Postgraduate Diploma | 3 core modules of 20 credits + 3 optional modules of 20 credits |
| Masters | 3 core modules of 20 credits + 3 optional modules of 20 credits + dissertation (60 credits) |

CORE MODULES

Sept 2020 Global Health (20 credits)

Sept 2020 Research Methods (20 credits)

Jan 2021 – Leadership in Health Systems (20 credits)

OPTIONAL MODULES

March 2021 Epidemiology & Statistics (20 credits)

March 2021 Qualitative Research in Global Health (20 credits)

Sept 2022 Working with Diverse Communities (20 credits)

Sept 2022 Climate Change and Health (20 credits)

Jan 2022 – Dissertation (60 credits)

Academic Requirements:

The programmes are open to university graduates in health, or related disciplines. Graduates from other disciplines are encouraged to apply. Non-graduates with considerable work experience in the health sector and who can provide evidence of continued academic development through appropriate in-service training will also be considered.

English Language:

The programme is taught in English. Applicants whose first language is not English must normally provide evidence of an IELTS test (with an overall score of at least 6.5 and a minimum of 5.5 in all learning components). We also accept the WAEC Grade C6 or above.

We do accept other tests – the full list is available on our website:

(<http://www.lstmed.ac.uk/study/how-to-apply/english-language-requirements>).

LSTM normal Scholarship Terms and Conditions apply – see overleaf.

LSTM Scholarship Terms and Conditions

LSTM offer a range of partial and full scholarships to our Masters and Diploma programmes, which are awarded on the basis of student merit and engagement. LSTM reserves the right to withdraw the scholarships if students are subsequently found to be ineligible or if these terms and conditions are not adhered to.

As a LSTM scholarship holder, you are required to:

- Accept the scholarship by the given deadline. LSTM reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a scholarship if it is not accepted by the given deadline.
- Meet any conditions attached to your academic offer.
- Register on your academic course by the given start date. **Scholarships may not be deferred to the following academic year.**
- Seek permission and obtain consent from the Fellowships and Scholarships Committee before making any changes to your programme of study, this includes changing course title, course transfers, suspending studies, etc. Please note that approval is not guaranteed. Where changes are made without prior approval, the scholarship will be withdrawn and you may be required to repay the scholarship in full.
- Make satisfactory progress on your programme of study. The scholarship is subject to satisfactory progress.

As a LSTM scholarship holder, the following terms will apply:

- A student can only be in receipt of one LSTM scholarship. If you meet the eligibility criteria for more than one of the scholarships or discounts, you will be awarded the scholarship which is most beneficial to you as determined by the Fellowships and Scholarships Committee.
- All scholarships will be given as a tuition fee remission
- All scholarships, unless otherwise specified, are non-deferrable. If you are offered a scholarship and then choose to defer your place, the offer of the scholarship will be withdrawn and you will have to re-apply or will be reconsidered for the scholarship again the following year.
- Breaks from study or long-term illness, resulting in suspension of studies will lead to the termination of the scholarship.
- Unauthorised breaks from study will result in the termination of the scholarship unless prior authorisation has been given. Students need to update LSTM in the first instance of any change to their circumstances that will result in suspension or termination of studies before the completion of their programme.
- Should the terms and conditions not be met, termination of the scholarship or award is at the discretion of the Fellowships & Scholarships Committee.
- The recipient agrees to participate in press and PR opportunities as required and to their reports being used on the LSTM website and in printed publications and reports. Scholarship recipients agree to participate in promotional activity as part of raising the profile of scholarship impact. This may include activity such as student testimonials, LSTM social media channels, website and other marketing materials.
- Any additional terms and conditions will be confirmed to the recipient in writing.