



Call for Applications: Commonwealth Scholarships 2026 (United Kingdom)

FAWE Uganda is pleased to inform you that the **FAWE Regional Secretariat** will once again serve as a nominating agency for the **Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC) United Kingdom 2026**. FAWE will partner with the CSC to nominate female candidates for PhD and Master's study scholarships tenable from September/October 2026.

The nomination process includes selecting and electronically submitting names of successful candidates to CSC by **Tuesday, 9 December 2025 at 16:00 GMT**. CSC will announce selection results in June 2026. Successful candidates will be notified directly, and a list of nominees will be sent to the FAWE Regional Secretariat.

Scholarship Details

- **Scholarships Available:**
 - PhD study
 - Master's study
- **Duration:** One-year Master's, full-time PhD, and split-site PhD
- **Funded By:** UK Department for International Development (DFID)

Eligible Countries (for FAWE nominees)

- Master's and PhD scholarships are open to female candidates from selected African Commonwealth countries within the FAWE network, including Cameroon, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, The Gambia, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, and others specific to each level.

Fields of Study

All subject areas are eligible. Priority is given to applications related to development and aligned with CSC's six thematic areas:

1. Science and Technology for Development
2. Strengthening Health Systems and Capacity
3. Promoting Global Prosperity
4. Strengthening Global Peace, Security, and Governance
5. Strengthening Resilience and Response to Crises
6. Access, Inclusion, and Opportunity



Eligibility Criteria Highlights

- Female candidates only
- Citizens or refugees in eligible Commonwealth countries
- Hold at least a first degree (Master's candidates) or a relevant postgraduate qualification (PhD candidates)
- Priority given to those who have contributed to FAWE's mission, are FAWE alumni, promote girls' education, or hold STEM degrees
- Applicants must demonstrate commitment to contributing to FAWE's vision after graduation

Application Process & Deadlines

- Complete online application through the Commonwealth Scholarship Electronic Application System (EAS) and submit all supporting documents by **Tuesday, 14 October 2025 at 16:00 GMT**
- Applicants must select **FAWE as their nominating agency**
- All nominations must be submitted to FAWE Uganda by **Tuesday, 14 October 2025**

Required Supporting Documents

- Proof of citizenship or refugee status
- Full academic transcripts (with certified translations if not in English)
- Two referee reports submitted directly by referees online
- For PhD applicants, a supporting statement from a proposed UK supervisor submitted online

Commitment

Selected scholars must pledge to contribute to FAWE's work through mentorship, research, and volunteerism for two years post-study.

Additional Information

A new **Advice to Applicants** webpage has been added to the CSC website along with a comprehensive FAQ section. Candidates are encouraged to review these resources to support their applications. The Advice to Applicants page can be found at:

<https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/apply/advice-to-applicants/>



The main Commonwealth Scholarships information page is:

<https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/about-us/scholarships/>

How to Apply

- Master's Scholarship application: <https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/scholarships/commonwealth-masters-scholarships/>
- PhD Scholarship application: <https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/scholarships/commonwealth-phd-scholarships-for-least-developed-countries-and-vulnerable-states/>

Contact

For general information, please contact the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission UK directly via their website at <https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk>