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## *British Council IELTS Scholarship*

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ'S)

#### **What is the British Council IELTS Scholarship?**

The British Council has developed this award to help more people access international education experience and networks. Eight scholars planning to attend a post graduate programme outside India will receive an award to the value of Rs.3,00,000 each. Payments will be issued to the attending higher educational institutions in order to assist students with their tuition fees.

#### **Who is eligible for the Award?**

Essential eligibility criteria are that applicants must:

- Currently live in India
- Begin full time postgraduate study outside India in 2010
- Attend a higher education institution that accepts IELTS as part of its admission requirements
- Have a valid IELTS score, with a minimum band score average 6.5
- Have taken their most recent IELTS test with the British Council
- Be able to provide an acceptance letter from the attending institution by 20 August 2010

#### **What is the final date for applications to be received by the British Council?**

A complete application must be received by your local British Council office by 31 July 2010.

#### **How many winners will be chosen?**

Eight scholars will receive an award to the value of Rs.3,00,000 each.

#### **Where can I get an application form?**

You can download an application form at: <http://www.ielts.britishcouncil.org.in/scholarships.php>

#### **How do I apply?**

1. Take an IELTS test with the British Council and receive your scores.
2. Download and complete the application form at: <http://www.ielts.britishcouncil.org.in/scholarships.php>
3. We must receive your application by 31 July 2010. You must complete selection Task A. at this stage.
4. We will short-list forty applicants. We will notify you via email by 6 August 2010 whether or not you have been short-listed. Short-listed applicants will be required to make a ten minute presentation on a topic that will be communicated, followed by a brief interview.
5. We must receive from the short-listed applicants a letter of acceptance from the university you plan to attend prior to 20 August 2010.

7. Failure to submit your letter of acceptance by the 20 August deadline will result in your immediate removal from the short-list of applicants.

8. We will notify all short-listed applicants of the final result by email by 31 August 2010.

### **I have a disability. Can I still apply?**

We will short-list all applicants with a disability provided they meet the essential eligibility criteria. In line with the UK Disability Discrimination Act 1995, we define a person as having a disability if he or she has a physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

### **What is the selection process?**

Short-listing will be carried out by the British Council. We will use selection Task A for short-listing purposes. Carefully check task completion criteria on the application form. The final eight winning scholars will be chosen by a panel from the higher education and / or corporate sectors in India. A senior British Council officer will also sit on the panel. The shortlisted students will be required to make a short presentation and attend an interview. The panel will decide on the winning students after the interview.

### **How will the scholarship be awarded and when?**

The scholarship will be awarded directly to the university you will attend, after the British Council has officially confirmed your status with that university.

### **What expenses will the award cover?**

The award can only be applied toward your tuition fees.

### **At which universities can the award be used?**

Students may use the award at any university in any country outside India that recognises IELTS for the purposes of post graduate admission requirements. You can search a worldwide list of recognising universities at ([http://www.ielts.org/test\\_takers\\_information/who\\_accepts\\_ielts.aspx](http://www.ielts.org/test_takers_information/who_accepts_ielts.aspx)). However, global IELTS recognition is growing all the time and if the university you plan to attend is not listed we strongly recommend you contact the university directly for confirmation of their latest requirements.

### **Can I send an application if I have registered for an IELTS test and have not yet taken it, or if I am currently waiting for my IELTS test results?**

No, you can only apply once you have received your IELTS score, and your score meets the minimum eligibility **requirement of 6.5 average band score**.

**Can I apply if I am waiting for an acceptance letter from my university?**

Yes. Only short-listed applicants need to provide an acceptance letter from the university they will attend by 20 August 2010. This university must use IELTS scores to satisfy their English language requirements for admission.

**I took an IELTS test in 2009. Is my score still valid?**

IELTS scores are valid for two years, and so you can use a British Council IELTS score earned from July 2008 onwards.

**I want to take the IELTS test . Where can I find the test dates?**

You can go to <http://www.ielts.britishcouncil.org.in/test-dates.php> and get information on upcoming test dates and centres.

**I didn't take my IELTS test at the British Council or a British Council attached IELTS centre. Can I still apply?**

No. As this is a British Council IELTS scholarship, an essential eligibility criterion is that you must take your IELTS test with the British Council. If you are unsure whether your test centre meets this requirement, please contact your British Council IELTS Scholarship team at: [delhi.enquiry@in.britishcouncil.org](mailto:delhi.enquiry@in.britishcouncil.org)

**Am I eligible for an award even though I already have part-funding through another scholarship or loan scheme?**

Yes, you are eligible.

**I already have a full tuition scholarship. Am I still eligible to apply?**

No, you are not eligible. If you are awarded a full tuition scholarship for 2010 after you apply for the British Council IELTS Scholarship Award, please inform us so we can withdraw your application.

**Where do I send my completed application?**

An original hard copy of your application should be sent to:  
IELTS Scholarship  
British Council Division  
British Deputy High Commission  
737 Anna Salai, Chennai, Tamil Nadu – 600002

The complete application must be received by us by 31 July 2010.

**How do I contact British Council IELTS Scholarship team with more questions?**

E-mail your questions to: [delhi.enquiry@in.britishcouncil.org](mailto:delhi.enquiry@in.britishcouncil.org)