

## 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 the needs and interests of Malaysia (research-based programme only)
- 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 is 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 Higher Education's website at <https://payloan.mohe.gov.my/INTER/> starting from **15th January 2013 until 31st March 2013**.

***Please keep ORIC, IIUI in the loop while applying for this Scholarship.  
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#### **FURTHER ENQUIRIES**

For further enquiries, please contact us:-

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