

**Selection criteria for assessment of applications for 2017 Commonwealth Scholarships for developing Commonwealth country citizens (funded by the Department for International Development (DFID)) tenable in the United Kingdom**

	<b>ACADEMIC MERIT</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT IMPACT</b>	<b>QUALITY OF STUDY PLAN (doctoral study)</b>	<b>QUALITY OF STUDY PLAN (Master's study)</b>
<b>Grading criteria</b>	<p><i>Primary indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination results</li> <li>• Academic transcripts</li> <li>• Tutors and referees' reports</li> </ul> <p><i>Secondary indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic prizes or awards</li> <li>• Other relevant academic achievements</li> <li>• Publications, where appropriate</li> </ul>	<p>Extent to which the candidate has evidenced or described:</p> <p><i>Primary indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How the plan of study or research relates to development in his/her sector and country (and institution, in the case of university nominations)</li> <li>• The way and extent to which he/she proposes to apply his/her new skills and qualifications</li> <li>• Expected outcomes</li> </ul> <p><i>Secondary indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reference to a national development priority, capacity shortage, or objective</li> <li>• Suggestion of how the impact of the potential benefits of the work might be measured</li> <li>• Past commitment to 'development' agendas through voluntary work, or leading or participating in relevant projects or programmes</li> </ul>	<p><i>Primary indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear abstract of what the candidate wants to research</li> <li>• Extent to which the work programme has been well researched, and the extent of engagement with the host supervisor</li> <li>• Quality of the research proposal, including innovation and relevance to current research in the chosen field</li> </ul> <p><i>Secondary indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarity of expression</li> <li>• Feasibility of proposed research</li> <li>• Likelihood of completion within three years</li> </ul> <p><i>For Commonwealth Split-site Scholarships</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevance of work in the UK to the candidate's PhD</li> <li>• Evidence of strong research link with UK institution</li> </ul>	<p><i>Primary indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statement of what the candidate wants to learn</li> <li>• Extent to which the proposed course and institution of study have been well researched (including specific options and dissertation topics, where appropriate) and presented</li> </ul> <p><i>Secondary indicators</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing offer of admission to the course</li> <li>• Clarity of presentation</li> </ul>