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UKIERI Doctoral Scholarships: Guidelines

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Under the UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI) two (2) Scholarships will be available over the period 2008-2009 for Indians who have excellent academic background to carry out doctoral research leading to Ph.D., D.Phil. in UK Universities, viz., University of Reading and University of East Anglia. Applications are welcome from candidates in all disciplines although the awards are likely to be in areas related to ‘Coupled ocean-atmosphere processes in the Indo-Pacific Warm Pool and monsoon variability and change’ for Ph.D. at University of Reading while “Development of innovative methods for statistical downscaling from global/regional models to higher spatial resolutions over India, addressing particularly user needs’ at the University of East Anglia.

Eligibility

The applicant should be:

- An Indian national with a valid Indian passport
- Below 35 years of age as on 21st October 2007
- Should hold a Master’s (postgraduate) degree from a reputed/recognized university/institution with a First or Upper Second Class award in the relevant subject/field.
- Keen to pursue a full time Doctoral Research (Ph.D., D.Phil.) degree from a UK university commencing by September/October 2008
- Fluent in spoken and written English
- Able to fulfill any other admission criteria laid down by the university

Value of Award

The scholarships are fully funded:

- Academic fees
- International airfare
- Monthly stipend to cover living expenses
- Gratis Visa

Application Process

Identify a suitable Doctoral programme and supervisor in a UK university of your choice, apply for placement beginning by September/October 2008 and secure admission.

Notes:

1. Candidates who have already started on a doctoral programme in a UK university are eligible to apply provided their start date is not prior to the financial year 2008-2009.

2. Admission to M.Phil. programme, which if successfully completed can lead to admission to a Ph.D., D.Phil. will not be taken as admission to doctoral studies.
3. Candidates who are already recipient of partial funding from other sources are not eligible to apply.
4. Everything else being equal, candidates who have not had exposure to UK education or UK government funding will be given preference.

Apply for a scholarship in the prescribed format (available on the IITM website <http://www.tropmet.res.in>) and send by the closing date – i.e. 21st October 2007 to **Dr. K. Krishna Kumar**, Scientist ‘E’, Co-ordinator, UKIERI Programme, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Dr. Homi Bhabha Road, Pashan, Pune-411008, Maharashtra State, India E mail: Krishna@tropmet.res.in Telephone: 91-20-25893600 Extn.- 354
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Notes:

1. Complete all the sections of the application form. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATION FORMS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.** If some sections in the form are not relevant to the programme you are applying for, you must mention N.A. (not applicable) as your response instead of leaving blank.
2. Attach all the necessary documents and attachments including 2 passport size photographs as mentioned in the application form (see check list on the application form)
3. Two references in the prescribed format available on the IITM website must be attached **in sealed and signed envelopes** with the application form. Applications not accompanied by references will be disqualified.
(Those who do not have work experience may submit two academic references. Those who are working can either submit one academic and one professional or two professional references. Same form can be used for academic and professional references)
4. Enclose application in an envelope clearly marking ‘UKIERI Doctoral Scholarships 2008-09’ and ensure delivery at the IITM not later than 21st October 2007.

Selection

Candidates for these scholarships will be selected through a process of short listing from the applications received by the IITM followed by personal interviews, place of which will be communicated at appropriate time. The decision of the selection committee will be final. Selection results will be communicated within a month following the interview. The selected candidates are expected to work for at least 2 years in India after obtaining Ph.D. Degrees under this programme.

Post Selection

Pre-departure briefings, gratis visa and travel arrangements for the selected candidates will be co-ordinated by the IITM through British Council, New Delhi.

General Notes

- The IITM will acknowledge receipt of applications through the emails provided on the application form. For this purpose, applicants are requested to provide their latest email ids. However, the Council will not be responsible for failure of on-line delivery.
- The IITM will further contact only the short-listed candidates inviting them for interviews. Applicants are requested not to contact the IITM directly.
- Short-listed candidates will be interviewed in IITM or in a suitable place in India in the last week of November 2007. Candidates will be expected to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. The IITM will not reimburse any costs incurred in this respect.
- Applicants should ensure that their respective programmemes will commence in the UK by September/October 2008

Further Information

For further information and clarification please contact:

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