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FROM: Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of the Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities

TO: Office of the Governor General, Chief Justice, Auditor General, Solicitor General, Financial Secretary, Cabinet Secretary, Chief Executive Officers and Heads of Department

SUBJECT: COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS TENABLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM - 2018

DATE: 23rd January, 2018

This serves to inform that nominations are invited from suitably qualified candidates wishing to pursue a post-graduate programme in the United Kingdom commencing in October 2018. The award is being offered in either of the following categories:

- One (1) year taught Master's courses; (two (2) scholarships are available for Master's program);
- PhD (only one (1) scholarship is available for PhD program)

Awards are no longer offered to complete a PhD study already underway in the United Kingdom.

Program Themes:

- These scholarships are offered under **six (6) development themes** and all candidates must apply under one of these themes:
 - Science and technology for development
 - Strengthening health systems and capacity
 - Promoting global prosperity
 - Strengthening global peace, security and governance
 - Strengthening resilience and response to crises
 - Access, inclusion and opportunity

Candidate Eligibility:

- Be a citizen of Belize or have been granted refugee status in Belize;
- Be a permanent resident of Belize;
- Be available to start your academic studies in the UK by the start of the UK academic year in September/October 2018;

- By October 2018, hold a first degree of at least upper second class (2:1) honours standard, or a second class degree and a relevant postgraduate qualification (normally a Master's degree);
- Not be registered for a PhD, or an MPhil leading to a PhD, at a UK university before September/October 2018;
- Be unable to afford to study in the UK without this scholarship

How to Apply:

Candidates should apply to study at a UK university which has a part funding agreement with the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC). For a list of universities that have agreed to part-fund Commonwealth Scholarships, visit <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/uk-universities/part-funding/>

All nominated candidates must apply using the Electronic Application System (EAS). Information on how to use the (EAS) System, including detailed guides is available at <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/masters-scholarships>

All applications must be made through your nominating agency, which is available at <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/national-nominating-agencies>

All applications, including full transcripts detailing all your education qualifications, using the Electronic Application System (EAS), must be submitted online to Commonwealth no later than **23.59 Greenwich Meridian Time (GMT) on 22nd February, 2018.**

You must provide references from at least **two (2) individuals**, which must be received by the CSC by **23.59 Greenwich Meridian Time (GMT) on 22nd March, 2018.**

Applications will be considered according to the following selection criteria:

- Academic merit of the candidate
- Quality of the plan of study
- Potential impact of the work on the development of the candidate's home country

For further details regarding the selection criteria, please visit <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/masters-scholarships>

Value of Scholarship for Master's program

Each Scholarship provides:-

- Approved airfare from your home country to the UK and return at the end of your award (the CSC will not reimburse the cost of fares for dependants, nor the cost of journeys made before your award is finally confirmed);
- Approved tuition fees;
- Stipend (living allowance) at the rate of £1,065 per month, or £1,306 per month for those at universities in the London metropolitan area (rates quoted at 2017-2018 levels);
- Warm Clothing allowance, where applicable;
- Thesis grant towards the cost of preparing a thesis or dissertation, where applicable;
- Study travel grant towards the cost of study-related travel within the UK or overseas;
- Candidates who are widowed, divorced, or a single parent is provided with a child allowance of £458 per month for the first child, and £112 per month for the second and third child under the age of 16, if you are accompanied by your children and they are living with you at the same address in the UK.

Value of Scholarship for PhD program

Each Scholarship provides:-

- Approved airfare from home country to the UK and return at the end of your award (the CSC will not reimburse the cost of fares for dependants, nor the cost of journeys made before your award is finally confirmed);
- Approved tuition fees;
- Stipend (living allowance) at the rate of £1,065 per month, or £1,306 per month for those at universities in the London metropolitan area (rates quoted at 2017-2018 levels);
- Study travel grant towards the cost of study-related travel within the UK or overseas;
- Provision towards the cost of fieldwork undertaken overseas (usually the cost of one (1) economy class return airfare to your fieldwork location), where approved;
- Paid mid-term visit (airfare) to your home country (unless you have claimed (or intend to claim) spouse and/or child allowances during your scholarship, or have received a return airfare to your home country for fieldwork);
- Family allowances, as follows:-
 - Spouse allowance of £229 per month if you and your spouse are living together at the same address in the UK (unless your spouse is also in receipt of a scholarship; other conditions also apply);
 - Child allowance of £229 per month for the first child, and £112 per month for the second and third child under the age of 16, if you are accompanied by your spouse and children and they are living with you at the same address in the UK.
- Candidates who are widowed, divorced, or a single parent is provided with a child allowance of £458 per month for the first child, and £112 per month for the second and third child under the age of 16, if you are accompanied by your children and they are living with you at the same address in the UK.

For more information, please see the Handbook for Commonwealth Scholars and Fellows, which is available at <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/award-holders/handbook-forms> or contact the Ministry of the Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities at telephone 822-2204/3765, Fax No. 822-2206 or website www.publicservice.gov.bz

Duly completed EAS applications should be printed and submitted to the **Ministry of the Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities**, Ground Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan no later than **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 21st February, 2018.**

Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.

Grateful if the contents of this Circular Memorandum is brought to the attention of all officers concerned.


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For CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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