

What is a British Council IELTS Scholarship?

The British Council has developed this scholarship to help more people access international education experience and networks. This is for people planning to attend an undergraduate or postgraduate programme in or outside Myanmar. There are two levels of award. Up to 2 successful applicants will each receive a scholarship to the value of GBP 2,500. Up to 3 scholars with the top scores from the whole of the East Asia region* will each receive a scholarship to the value of GBP 25,000. Scholarship payments will be made to the attending higher educational institution in order to assist students with their tuition fees.

*East Asia region includes Myanmar, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

Who is eligible for the Scholarship?

Essential eligibility criteria are that applicants must:

- currently live in Myanmar
- begin undergraduate or postgraduate study outside Myanmar in 2014 (academic year),
- attend a higher educational institution that accepts IELTS as part of admission requirements
- have a valid IELTS score, with a minimum band score of 6 in each of the four component parts of the test
- have taken their most recent IELTS test at the British Council
- be able to provide an acceptance letter from the attending institution by **27 June 2014**

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

A completed application form must be received by British Council office in Yangon by **6 June 2014**.

Where can I get an application form?

You can download an application form at: <http://www.britishcouncil.org.mm/ielts-scholarship>

What is the application process?

1. Take an IELTS test at a British Council authorised centre and receive your scores.
2. Download and complete the application form at <http://www.britishcouncil.org.mm/ielts-scholarship>. We must receive your complete application by **6 June 2014**.
3. We will notify you by email on or before **15 June 2014** whether or not you have been short-listed.
4. Short-listed applicants will be required to attend a panel interview between **16 to 20 June 2014**.
5. Short-listed applicants must provide a letter of acceptance from the university you plan to attend on or before **27 June 2014**. Failure to provide a letter of acceptance by the deadline will result in your immediate removal from the short-list of applicants.
6. We will notify all short-listed applicants of the final result by the **end of July 2014**.

I have a disability. Can I still apply?

Yes, of course. 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 a panel of British Council officers. The panel will use the personal statement on the application form for short-listing purposes so applicants should carefully check the task completion criteria on the application form. All applicants with a disability will be automatically short-listed provided that they meet essential eligibility criteria. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend a face-to-face video-taped interview, where you will be assessed by a panel of senior managers from British

Council. The panel will decide on the winning students based on a presentation and interview.

How will the scholarship be awarded and when?

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

What expenses will the scholarship cover?

The award can only be applied towards your tuition fees.

At which universities can the scholarship be used?

Students may use the scholarship at any university in any country outside Myanmar that recognises IELTS for the purposes of undergraduate or postgraduate admission requirements. You can search a worldwide list of recognising universities at www.takeielts.org. 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 if your score meets the minimum eligibility requirement of 6 in each of the four component parts of the test

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 27 June 2014. This university must use IELTS scores to satisfy their English language requirements for admission.

I took an IELTS test in 2012. Is my score still valid?

IELTS scores are valid for two years, and so you can use a British Council IELTS score to apply provided that the score is still valid at the time of your application.

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 have taken your IELTS test with us. If you need further clarification, please contact your local British Council IELTS Scholarship team at: enquiries@mm.britishcouncil.org

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

Yes, you are eligible. However, it would be better to check with other scholarship authorities that they allow you to receive another scholarship.

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 2014 after you apply for the British Council IELTS Scholarship, please inform us and we will no longer consider your application.

Where do I send my completed application?

An original hard copy of your application should be sent to:

IELTS Scholarship

British Council

78 Kanna Road

Yangon, Myanmar

Your completed application must be received before **6 June 2014**.

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

Please e-mail your enquiries to: enquiries@mm.britishcouncil.org or call us at 01 256290, 256291 or 254658.