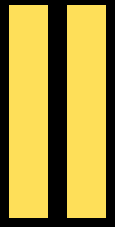




democratising access to higher education

Workshop on Chevening Scholarship
1 October 2022



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Project EduAccess

Access to higher education is a privilege most people from marginalised communities are systematically denied through cost, information and dispositional barriers.

Project EduAccess is a modest attempt to improve inclusivity in HEIs by removing these barriers for marginalized communities in South Asia.

We hope to achieve this by providing expert mentorship, support and guidance to learners in South Asia.

Meet your panelists



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Master of Law (LLM)
Chevening Scholar 2021-22
University of Cambridge



Aparna Kolekar

MSc in Conservation and biodiversity
Chevening Scholar 2018-19
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Chevening Scholarship

- Chevening is the UK government's international scholarship programme.
- For international students to pursue their Masters' in the UK (Maximum 12 months long, List of eligible courses on their website)
- Funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO).
- Supports future **change-makers** and **leaders** by funding postgraduate studies in a range of different study formats in the UK.
- Scholarship covers:
 - Tuition fees
 - Monthly stipend
 - Airfare to and from the UK
 - Visa application cost
 - Arrival and departure allowance
 - Travel grant to attend Chevening events in the UK



Eligibility

- Applicants must be a citizen, have been granted refugee status and/or be permanently based in a Chevening-eligible country or territory.
- Hold a valid passport
- Upper second-class undergraduate degree (2:1) in relevant field
- Have at least two years of work experience (equivalent to 2800 hours; internship, voluntary and/or research experience also included)
- Return to your country of citizenship for a minimum of two years after your award has ended.
- Apply to 3 courses and obtain at least one unconditional offer by 13 July 2023

Selection Criteria for Chevening

Leadership and Networking

- Essay on leadership and influence.
- Essay on networking.
- These qualities are to be reflected in the essays through examples from professional/academic life.
- **Work experience:** roles and responsibilities
- Reference

Plan of study (UK)

- Choice of three courses/universities in the UK
- Essay on studying in the UK: Extent to which the proposed course and institution of study have been **well-researched**.
- How well do these proposed courses relate to the previous experience and plans for the future of the candidate.
- Existing offer of admission to the course

Career Goals

- Essay on your short/medium/long-term career goals
- How will the candidate benefit their home country by their work
- Expected outcomes, the projected timeframe to achieve them and potential beneficiaries
- The way and extent to which the candidate proposes to **apply new skills and qualifications**.
- How the proposed career goals are linked to the priority areas of the FCDO (UK Government) in your home country.

Application process

→ 1 Nov 2022

Online Application

- Essays
- 3 university course selection
- Mention 2 referees

→ By Feb 2023

Call for interview

- References (2)
- Transcripts
- Short biography

→ Mid June

Result

- At least 1 unconditional offer by 13th July 2023 following which the award is confirmed

Essays – Overview

Common themes
around the Chevening
application essays

1

Leadership

2

Networking

3

Study Plan in the UK

4

Career Goals



Letters of Recommendation

- There is a requirement to upload two LORs. LORs can be either be professional or academic. It is advisable to have at least one professional referee.
- The reference must include:
 - The contact details of the referee
 - How long the applicant has been known to the referee
 - In what capacity is the applicant known to the referee
 - When did the referee have last regular contact with the applicant
 - Overall assessment including
 - Skills in leadership and networking
 - Personal, intellectual and interpersonal qualities
 - Ability to complete a demanding academic programme in the UK



Interview

- There is usually a panel of three members who take interviews. These are scheduled in March-April. You are given an option to select from multiple slots.
- Interviews are mostly around the four essays. You are expected to elaborate and add to your essay responses.
- There may be some additional general questions but these are unlikely to be technical questions from your stream.



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