



democratising access to higher education

Workshop on the KC Mahindra Scholarships for Higher Studies Abroad
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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 panelist



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Overview and Timeline

- The KC Mahindra Education Trust grants interest-free loan scholarships to deserving students to pursue post-graduate studies abroad in various fields (maximum 2 year program)
- A maximum of Rs 10 lakh per scholar is awarded to the top 3 KC Mahindra Fellows, whereas a maximum of Rs 5 lakh per scholar is awarded to remaining successful applicants. This is the total sum awarded regardless of the duration of the degree program.
- The deadline to submit the online application for the scholarship is 31 March 2023.
- All shortlisted candidates will hear back from the Trust by May/ June via email.
- Shortlisted candidates are invited for an in-person interview set to take place in Mumbai in the month of July. Candidates coming from outside of Mumbai are reimbursed for their travel, but not for accommodation.



Eligibility

- The candidate must be an **Indian citizen**.
- The candidate should possess a **First Class degree** or an equivalent diploma of similar standard from a **recognized University**.
- The candidate should have **secured admission or has applied for admission** in reputable **foreign universities** for **courses commencing from August 2023 but not later than February 2024**. You can apply and submit the application even if your admission has not been confirmed. However, you must update the Trust on the status of your application once your admission is secured.
- Candidates studying in the **FINAL YEAR** of the degree or diploma courses are **also eligible** to apply, provided they produce before end of June their final year marksheet or provisional certificate from the institute stating that they have completed their degree/ diploma course and have secured a first class.
- Students going abroad for **undergraduate studies, seminars & conferences** are **not eligible** for this scholarship.



Application Process

- Applications for the scholarship must be made **online**. The application portal can be accessed here: <https://scholarship.kcmet.org/>
- Interested applicants will have to **create an account** on the application portal and log in to access the application form and upload all necessary application documents.
- The application form **cannot be changed once it is submitted**. If any information needs to be updated after submission, email the Trust at kcmetscholarships@mahindra.com by quoting your application ID.

Application Documents

Applicants are expected to have the following application documents ready:

1. Copy of Admission letter/s

- If you are yet to receive an admission letter, please upload a Word document stating that you have applied for admission but are yet to receive the admission letter/email.
- As and when you receive an acceptance from the university, update the Trust via email with the copy of the acceptance letter and the application ID.

2. A signed letter of recommendation from any ONE referee

- The letter should be on the letterhead of your institute or company.
- If you are unable to get a letter from your institute/ company, then the letter can also be sent over email. Your referee can send the email recommendation from their official email id to kcmetscholarships@mahindra.com. In this case, upload a Word document stating that the letter has been sent directly via email and providing the email address of the referee.
- The letter can be written by a Professor of the college or university where the candidate is studying OR by the Employer, in case the candidate is/ was working. It should be addressed to KC Mahindra Education Trust.



Application Documents

3. A short statement as to the general aptitude and interest, the type of vocation the candidate would like to pursue and his/her ambitions and aspirations in life.

- It should highlight your purpose of applying to a particular course in a particular university.
- It should help assessors of your application understand your life and motivation for your chosen career path and goals. This essay should consist a gist of what you have done, what you are doing right now, and what you intend to do in the future.

4. Copy of GRE/ GMAT/ IELTS/ TOEFL Score (if required for your postgraduate program)

5. Evidence of course and degree certificates along with Mark-sheets

6. Rank certificate, if applicable

7. Copy of 10th & 12th mark sheet & School Leaving Certificate

8. Copy of Passport

9. Latest CV



Interview

- The interview is a **general interview**, which will predominantly focus on any combination of the following areas of question:
 - What made you select the program you want to study abroad?
 - What made you choose the university that you have applied to?
 - How will your previous experience (academic, extra-curricular, voluntary, work ex, etc.) relate to or help you in this post-grad program?
 - What would you like to do after finishing this degree?
 - What is your long-term vision of how this program can contribute to India?
- The interview is fairly brief, so applicants should try and **stick to well-articulated points and demonstrate their ability and vision accurately**.
 - Try and highlight your key experiences through their questions.
 - Even if the question is not directly asking you about a skill you may have, try to tie-in how that skill will support your studies or your career.



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