



democratising access to higher education

Workshop on the Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation Scholarships
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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

- The Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation Scholarships are granted to Indian students to read at top-rated American, UK, and European institutions in a full-time Masters, MPhil, or Doctoral programme.
- They award up to USD 100,000 to cover programme tuition as well as scholars' living expenses, healthcare, and one-way airfare. If the total funding required to complete the proposed course of study exceeds this amount, at the time of application, candidates must show evidence that they can cover the additional costs on their own.
- The Foundation has joint-scholarship arrangements with Imperial College London, the Royal College of Art (RCA) London, the University of Cambridge (Cambridge Trust), Sciences Po Paris and King's College London (for PhD Students in Faculties of Social Science & Public Policy and Arts & Humanities only). If you are applying to these programmes, you can exceed the USD 100,000 limit while making an application to the scholarship.

Courses not covered

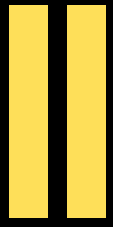
The Foundation DOES NOT fund the following courses:

- Business and Finance
- Computer Science
- Engineering*
- Fashion Design
- Film and Film Animation**
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Indian Studies without Contemporary Relevance
- Management Studies (i.e. MBA)
- Medicine, Dentistry, and related therapies
- Music***
- Public Health

*Applications to pursue study in Engineering and Natural Sciences at Imperial College, London are considered.

**Applications to pursue Documentary filmmaking are considered.

***Applications to pursue study in Western Classical singing are considered.



Timeline

- Applications must be submitted by 12 noon IST, 30 March 2023.
- For applications made on 30 March 2023, the referee link for uploading references will be valid till 6 April 2023.
- Those shortlisted for the preliminary interview round of the selection process will hear from the Foundation by 6 May 2023. Candidates who do not receive any communication from the Foundation by that date can assume that their applications have not been successful.
- Preliminary interviews are likely to take place in May and the final interview is likely to take place at the end of May/June.
- Final decisions are communicated on the day of the second interview.



Eligibility

- Inlaks Shivdasani Scholarships are open to **all Indian passport holders who are resident in India at the time of application**. Candidates are normally expected to hold a good first from previous degrees from a recognised university in India.
- Indian passport holders who hold a good undergraduate degree from a recognised university abroad must have resided continuously, been employed, or have been studying in India for **at least two years after their under graduation**.
- Candidates having a postgraduate qualification (e.g. Master's or PhD) from an institution abroad are **not eligible** to apply.
- Candidates who are already studying or have started their postgraduate education at an institution abroad are **not eligible** to apply.
- It is **essential to have prior admission** to the institution and course chosen at the time of the application. The Foundation does not consider candidates without evidence of admission.



Eligibility

- Candidates who have an **English language certification** as a conditional part of their offer letter need to attain that certification before applying for the scholarship.
- Candidates who have received a **deferred offer of admission must have a valid offer** for the academic year 2023-24 to be eligible for the 2023 scholarships.
- Those **born on or after 1 January 1993 are eligible** to apply for the 2023 scholarships.
- For **Social Sciences, Humanities, Law, Fine Arts, Architecture and related subjects**, candidates must have a minimum academic grade of 65%, CGPA 6.8, or GPA 2.6 from a recognized university/institution.
- For **Mathematics, Sciences, Environment and related subjects**, candidates must have a minimum academic grade of 70%, CGPA 7.2, or GPA 2.8 from a recognized university/institution.

Application Process

- Applications for the scholarship must be made **online**. The application portal can be accessed here: <https://onlineapplication.inlaksfoundation.org/Application/IndexTemp>
- Only **one submission per candidate** will be accepted.
- You **cannot save your progress** while completing the online application and you will **not be able to edit the application after submission**. Please take screenshots as you progress through the online application and before you submit.
- The online portal will not accept applications that do not meet the **academic and financial eligibility criteria**.
- Candidates must provide official email addresses for **two referees** (of which one must be an academic referee). The referees will then **receive links to upload their reference letters**; these links are valid for seven days and cannot be extended. For applications made on 30 March 2023, the referee link will be valid for seven days post submission till 6 April 2023.



Selection Procedure

- An independent, **Inlaks Selection Committee** is appointed to select successful applications for scholarships.
- Applicants are judged on not only their **past and present achievements** but also on their **future potential**. Candidates applying for scholarships in art and design (fine/performing arts) will be judged primarily on the basis of their portfolios.
- The selection process consists of three stages:
 - review of eligible **applications**,
 - **preliminary interviews** with candidates chosen from this review and,
 - **a final interview** with those who succeed in the preliminary round.

Application Documents

Applicants are expected to have the following application documents (in PDF format) ready:

- Copy of Passport
- Resume/ CV
- Photograph (in JPG or PNG format)
- Offer Letter
- Fee Statement
- Proof of Other Sources of Funding (such as personal bank statements, parents' bank statements with letter of authority, personal investment documents, or approval letter of educational loan)
- Academic Transcripts
- Two Recommendation Letters to be uploaded by referees (of which one must be an academic referee)
- English Language Test Results
- Applicants for architecture, fine and applied art, and related subjects must upload their **portfolios** in PDF file format. Applicants for documentary film, dance, theatre, and music (Western classical-vocal) must **hyperlink their performances**. Applicants for media and journalism must upload their **writing samples** and/ or links.



Application Documents

Applicants are also expected to submit the following information:

- **Statement of Purpose** (400 words to describe your proposed course and its relevance to your career goals, and give reasons for pursuing study abroad)
- **Statement on Work Experience/ Projects Pursued** (400 words to describe your present occupation and achievements to date)
- **Academic Distinctions, Grants, Scholarships, Prizes awarded** (optional)
- **Extracurricular Attainments** (optional)



Interview

There are two rounds of interviews:

- Round 1: **technical round**
 - Panel made of experts in your stream (for example the science panel is made up of a physicist, mathematician, biologist and chemist).
 - This panel will most likely contain someone who is an expert in your area of study.
 - They go over your CV, your work experience and ask you technical questions relating to your subject area.
- Round 2: **general round**
 - Panel made up of a mix of the panellists from previous interview as well as long time members of the Inlaks foundation.
 - This is a more general interview where they gauge your overall motivation and suitability to pursue your proposed degree. At this stage they also focus on the monetary amount that you have requested and decide whether it is justified to fund you.



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