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Funding and Scholarships
Graduate Studies in STEM



Goal of this session

To get students in this workshop acquainted with funding and scholarships for pursuing graduate studies in STEM.



Road map of this session

- How to find Funding?/How to fund your graduate studies in STEM?
- Some popular non-UK based scholarships.
- Major scholarships UK based.
- Questions

A Brief Recap to the Steps:

1

Finding your Niche

A Perfect course where you feel you fit in.

2

Writing an SOP, drafting your CV, Getting your Reference Letters

Check the Course Website and Weave your SOP around accordingly.

Always update your CV according to the Course

3

Checking the requirements before applying

If there's some application fee, don't hesitate to ask for a Waiver.

Don't hesitate to ask for English Proficiency Test certificate waiver either.

4

Getting an Offer

Duration varies between universities.

5

Finding sponsor/Scholarships

Check if any Internal Scholarships are available. If there are none, then begin your search for some external one

How to fund your graduate studies in STEM?

- You've examined your personal motivations for attending grad school, outlined what you hope to achieve from the course and but one major issue still remains: money (or lack thereof).
- It's easy to become discouraged when facing high tuition fees, plus living expenses, but fortunately there are many ways to find grad school funding. Here are the usual ones to get you started:
 1. Academic Scholarships, grants and financial awards.
 2. Teaching and Research Assistantships/Studentships
 3. Employer Sponsorships
 4. National Research Councils
 5. Charities, Trusts, Development Banks
 6. Student jobs and part-time study
 7. Peer to Peer lending (Crowd funding)



How to fund your graduate studies in STEM?

- Popular Online resources for funding and scholarships
 - <https://www.scholarships.com/>
 - <https://www.internationalstudent.com/scholarships/>
 - <https://www.scholars4dev.com/>
 - https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/scholarships_en

Some popular non-UK based Scholarships

DSU (Italian Financial scholarships/grants):

All major Italian Universities.

For international Masters level students. Financial scholarships based on family income and assets.

Covers full tuition, living expenses, and other study costs.

<https://opportunitiescorners.info/scholarships-in-italy/>

University scholarships:

All major Italian Universities.

For international Masters level students.

Language requirement.

Coverage of scholarship depends on student credentials and university funds available.

Some popular non-UK based Scholarships

DAAD:

All major German Universities.

For international Masters level students.

For some scholarships, German language requirement.

Can Covers full tuition, living expenses, and other study costs.

<https://www.daad.de/en/>

Erasmus Mundus Scholarships:

EU initiative for international students.

Mostly Cover full tuition, living expenses, and other study costs.

Competitive in nature as few are available for specific graduate courses.

https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/scholarships_en

Major Internal (University Specific) Scholarships

- **Rhodes Scholarship:**
 - For Oxford applicants only
 - PG only
 - But note that your age must not have exceeded 24 by 1st October
- **Felix Scholarship:**
 - This Scholarship is only for offer holders from Oxford, University of Reading and SOAS (MSc, MRes and DPhil/PhD).
 - Note that you must have received the offer prior to the Scholarship last date.
- Many other scholarships are offered by specific departments of the College/University. Go through the '**Funding Opportunities**' section on every university website you are planning to apply to.

External Scholarships (UK)

UK Government Scholarships



- Chevening Scholarship (W.E)
- Commonwealth Scholarships (No W.E)
- Charles Wallace India Trust scholarships
- GREAT scholarship (W.E)

Indian Scholarships



Subject Specific

General

- Inlaks and Ravisankaran Scholarships
- Goa education Fund
- Aga Khan Foundation Scholarships (not strictly Indian)
- JN Tata endowment Scholarship
- KC Mahindra (Multiple grants)



Chevening Scholarship

- **General**

- Must have Work Experience of at least 2 years in a relevant field.
- Not for Mres courses.
- Candidates have an Interview, once selected in the first phase.

- **Process**

- Start preparing 4 essays - **Networking, Leadership, Future Plans, Why UK** - right from the beginning (400 words each)
- **Start assembling your documents** (except your passport, can be uploaded later on)
- **Get your Reference letters** - Academic and Non-academic (can be uploaded even after getting selected for the interview)
- **Apply to 3 universities** that you select on the Chevening portal. Offer Letters can be uploaded anytime (that has a separate deadline)
- You can **save your progress at each step**.
- If selected, you have to face an **interview**.
- After the interview, results are communicated to the successful candidates.

Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation Scholarships

- **General:**
 - For MSc, PhD.
 - Must have either an unconditional offer from a reputed university, or if conditional, then all the conditions must be already met.
 - Two rounds of interviews
- **Process:**
 - Prepare a **strong SOP**.
 - **Keep supporting documents ready** (you can upload certificates too)
 - Get in touch with your **referees**, since they are required to upload the reference letters themselves.
 - **Apply with all the documents**. Your referees will be asked to upload the letters.
 - Start preparing for the **first interview (subject related)**, if selected.
 - If selected, prepare for the **final interview (general: aptitude based)**.
 - Final results are communicated via phone calls.

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