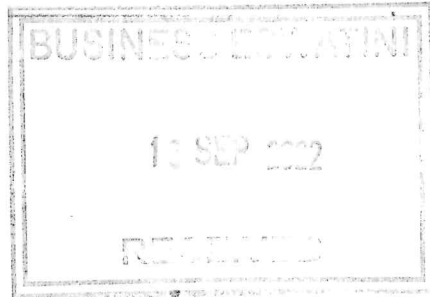




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**The Chief Executive Officer  
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EMAFINI**

Dear Sir,

**RE: 2023 COMMONWEALTH MASTER'S SCHOLARSHIPS TENABLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**

The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC) has extended an invitation to the Kingdom of Eswatini through the Ministry of Public Service (MoPS), Human Resource Development (HRD) to nominate officers for the above mentioned scholarships.

These scholarships offered are focused on these **six (6) thematic areas**;

1. Science and Technology for development example; Agriculture, Veterinary Science and Forestry.
2. Strengthening health systems and capacity e.g. improving health provision or outcomes for disadvantaged groups in low and middle income countries.
3. Promoting global prosperity e.g. through enhanced trade capacity and improved decision making by business sector or government.
4. Strengthening global peace, security and governance e.g. strengthen peace and security at national and international levels.
5. Strengthening resilience and response to crisis e.g. low and middle income countries to adapt to changing contexts, withstand sudden shocks, or increase capacity to preserve the continuity of operations after such events caused by threats like natural or physical disasters.

6. Access, inclusion and opportunity e.g. promoting opportunity amongst historically disadvantaged groups in low and middle income countries by expanding educational opportunities, conducting community outreach, enhancing access to decision making or increase understanding of barriers faced.

### **Eligibility**

- ✓ Letter of support from their employer for those employed or letter from chief or affidavit from parents for non-working applicants.
- ✓ Proof of citizenship in the form of certified copy of National I.D
- ✓ Detailed study plan and research topic to be pursued and how it talks to the Swaziland National Development Agenda as well as envisaged plan of action and its impact thereof, after acquiring the qualification.
- ✓ Nominees should be of high academic quality, with clear, quality and comprehensive plan of study, quality of research proposal, signed supporting documents statements from the nominating PS or Head of Department in the case of government or employer in the case of NGOs and/or private sector or parastatal clearly stating the envisaged ultimate impact of the study programme and research topic in the country's development agenda, core mandate of the nominating ministry and/or organization and a clear plan of action on return and how it will be implemented, monitored, sustained and measured stating the likely beneficiaries. The statement should further state which of the six CSC development themes the intended programme of study falls under and which three Sustainable Development Goals as well as Swaziland Development Index indicators the envisaged impact relates to.

### **Selection Criteria**

The grading of applications will be according to these three criteria;

- Academic Merit Second Class first division (2:1) for first degree or B+.
- Quality of the study plan.
- Potential impact of work on the development of the candidate's home country from the vision 2022 and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) perspective among other considerations.
- A supporting statement from a named supervisor from at least one of the UK universities to which you are applying.

Nominated officers are requested to refer to the links below for detailed information, important guidelines as well as terms and conditions of the Commonwealth Scholarships are on <https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/about-us/scholarships/> . Recommended officers should apply electronically for the scholarship and to the United Kingdom (UK) university of relevance by visiting the above mentioned website and forward to CSC as per

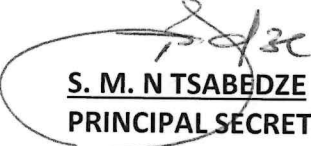
the attached website on or before **18<sup>th</sup> October 2022** HRD and the Commonwealth Scholarships are committed to administering and managing its scholarships in a fair and transparent manner, therefore, applicants are advised to gain more information on <http://bit.ly/CSCcomplaints>, <http://ly/CSCanti-fraud> and [safeguarding http://CSCsafeguarding](http://CSCsafeguarding) policies and procedures

Only supporting documentation submitted directly to the CSC's online application system in the correct format will be accepted and candidates whose applications do not include these documents by the deadline will not be eligible for further consideration for a Commonwealth Scholarship. Nomination of a candidate does not in any way guarantee selection or placement it is the CSC that will make the final selection of candidates. You are also requested to disseminate the scholarship opportunities as widely as possible to all Private companies.

**NB:** Observance of deadline is of utmost importance as late submissions will not be accepted.

Your cooperation and prompt action is anticipated in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

  
**S. M. N TSABEDZE**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**