



COMMONWEALTH
SCHOLARSHIPS

TENABLE AT CIIT, PAKISTAN FOR CITIZENS OF
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES

Guidelines for Admission in
Master's Programs 2015

COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT)



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1. Procedures and Modalities

1.1 Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must possess a degree (earned after 16 years of education) in the relevant field from an accredited Higher Education Institution, with CGPA of 2.5/4.0 under semester system or not less than 60% marks in annual examinations system. For selection of a program of studies, the applicant should consult the Graduate Prospectus available at website; <http://ww3.comsats.edu.pk/internationalstudents/default.aspx>

Any queries may be addressed by email: int.admissions@comsats.edu.pk.

1.2 Application procedure

Download the ACU scholarship application form from the International Students web portal <http://ww3.comsats.edu.pk/InternationalStudents/>. Alternatively, the form can be downloaded from ACU web portal <https://www.acu.ac.uk/focus-areas/scholarships/csfp-scholarships/pakistan>. Application along with scans of academic documents may be sent on the following email address:

int.admissions@comsats.edu.pk.

1.3 Documents Required

- a) Completed ACU scholarship admission application form.
- b) Statement of Purpose or Research Plan (see below).
- c) Scans of degrees and transcripts of all post-secondary degrees (with English translation where required).
- d) Latest passport size photograph with blue background.
- e) Scan of valid passport
- f) Evidence showing proficiency in English language (IELTS minimum score 5.0 band or TOEFL minimum score 70)

1.4 Statement of Purpose (Research Plan)

The statement of purpose is a critical part of the application process for graduate admission, which helps in ascertaining seriousness and aptitude of the applicant. It is the only part of the process that you have complete control over; you cannot change your Grades/GPA, but you can

determine the finished product of your statement. It should demonstrate excellence in writing and clarity of thinking. It is a chance to introduce yourself and describe who you are ; what your background; and what is important to you. More importantly, the statement of purpose is an opportunity for an applicant to describe your purpose in pursuing graduate study; why this Institute and/or this specific program is your preferred choice; what are your reasons for graduate study, and what is your plan in pursuing this degree . It should state how well you know the institute and justify your reason for studying at CIIT.

1.5 Visa Requirements

International students who wish to study in Pakistan need to obtain a Student Visa before traveling to Pakistan. Once you have been issued a provisional admission letter, you should immediately apply for a student visa for Pakistan by sending copies of admission letter, passport and other relevant documents to the nearest Pakistani High Commission in your country of residence or a neighboring Commonwealth country.

2. Letters of Reference

Two reference letters typed in double space may accompany your application dossier. Ideally one letter may be from a faculty member of your alma mater, while the second one may be from an employer. Both letters may bring out clearly your suitability for the selected program. Alternatively, both letters could be from your former teachers.

3. Data protection

International students, who apply to the COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT), may have friends or family in Pakistan who sometimes contact us on your behalf. The Institute cannot divulge any personal information relating to an application to any third party without the applicant's written consent. If you wish to authorize a friend or family member to request and receive information on your behalf, please contact int.admissions@comsats.edu.pk for the procedure.

4. English Language Test Requirements

CIIT accepts the following evidence as satisfying the English Language requirements for entry to a Master's degree program;

- IELTS minimum 5.0 band or
- TOEFL Internet-based test - overall minimum score 70

Please note that your score may not be more than two years old.

5. Details of Master's Degree Program

CIIT offers Master's degree in following programs under ACU Scholarship Scheme:

- **Master of Science in Biosciences**
<http://ww3.comsats.edu.pk/bio/GPrograms.aspx>
- **Master of Science in Mathematics**
<http://ww3.comsats.edu.pk/phy/GPrograms.aspx>
- **Master of Science in Physics**
<http://ww3.comsats.edu.pk/math/GPrograms.aspx>

5.1 Duration of Master's Degree Program

The duration of studies for Master's degree program is not less than two years. The typical academic year comprises of two semesters as follows:

Fall Semester:	September to January (18 weeks)
Spring Semester:	February to June (18 weeks)
Summer Break:	July – August (8 – 10 weeks)

6. Bank Account

Account Title: CIIT-FOREIGN CURRENCY ACCOUNT

Account No: (US Dollars) 0082-01800031

Swift Code: ALFHPKKA082

IBAN PK29ALFH0082001003473307

Bank: Bank Alfalah Limited

Branch: I-10 Markaz Branch (0082), Islamabad Pakistan

7. Scholarship details

Commonwealth Scholarships Details	
No of Scholarships available	1
Level	Master's
Length	02 years
Eligible courses	MS program offered by the Department of Bio Sciences Department of Mathematics Department of Physics
Expected start date	September 2015
Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full tuition fees • Monthly/quarterly stipend (living allowance) set at local rates • Arrival allowance (usually) USD 500, to contribute to additional costs incurred in moving to your host country • One economy class return airfare between your home to Pakistan.
Eligibility criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be citizens of any Commonwealth country except Pakistan • A degree (earned after 16 years of education) in the relevant field from an accredited institution of higher education, with CGPA of 2.5/4.0 under semester system, or not less than 60% marks under annual system
How to apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Download the scholarship application form here • Send the completed form to int.admissions@comsats.edu.pk <p>Successful candidates will have to complete an application form CIIT in addition to their scholarship application.</p>
Application deadline	30 April 2015
Enquiries	All enquiries about this scholarship should be sent directly to the host university at int.admissions@comsats.edu.pk Any enquiries sent to the ACU will not be answered.

8. Accommodation

Accommodation would be provided by CIIT to international students. This will provide an opportunity to interact, live and study with students from different backgrounds and many of whom will become friends for life. CIIT offers conducive living and studying environment for the students.

9. Orientation and Registration

Orientation is your chance to learn about the University, ask questions, register your courses, get to know your fellow classmates, meet with an academic advisor/faculty member and begin your adventure as a new student.

A formal orientation program is designed to welcome and introduce International students to CIIT and to help them adjust to life at CIIT before the official start date of classes. There will be social events where students will have the opportunity to make new friends, meet CIIT faculty & staff. It is essential for all new international students to attend the orientation, as they will need to register with the CIIT Medical Center and fulfill other requirements as well.

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Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan

**APPLICATION FOR A COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR MASTER'S STUDY AT
COMSATS INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY , PAKISTAN**

1.a) TITLE (select from list)

1.b) FAMILY NAME

1.c) GIVEN NAME(S)

2.a) PERMANENT ADDRESS

2.b) EMAIL ADDRESS

3. ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE (if different from above)

4. TELEPHONE NUMBER

5. DATE OF BIRTH

6. NATIONALITY

7. MARITAL STATUS

8. NAME, ADDRESS AND RELATIONSHIP TO YOU OF PERSON TO BE INFORMED IN CASE
OF EMERGENCY

11.a) EDUCATIONAL RECORD (in chronological order)			
From	To	School/college/university	Qualifications (including course title and subjects studied)
ATTACH A CERTIFIED COPY OF YOUR UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT			
11.b) If you intend to sit for an examination or complete a qualification before taking up this scholarship, provide details and expected result date			
11.c) Academic distinctions or prizes received. List any publications or titles of theses submitted for any degree (state degree, date, and whether successful)			
11.d) Other distinctions gained or offices held during your educational career			
12. PRESENT OCCUPATION OR EMPLOYMENT			
13. KNOWLEDGE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES (indicate as good/fair/poor)			
Language	Reading	Writing	Speaking

14. PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

a) List achievements which you consider are indicative of personal qualities, capabilities, initiative, and potential

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b) Extracurricular activities, interests

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15. WHAT COURSE DO YOU PROPOSE TO STUDY?

a) Qualification

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b) Subject

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c) Length of proposed course

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16. PLAN OF STUDY

Describe why you have chosen this particular course of study and university, any particular aspects of the course that you find particularly attractive, and how the course would fit with your future career plans (maximum 200 words)

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17. HAVE YOU ALREADY APPLIED TO THE UNIVERSITY OR HAD ANY CONTACT WITH STAFF THERE REGARDING THIS COURSE OF STUDY? If yes, provide details

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18. HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS OR AWARDS? If yes, provide brief details

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19. REFEREES

Name three people whom you are asking to supply a confidential reference about you. Two of them should be people who have taught you in an area of study relevant to the proposed course. The referees should send their reports direct to the university, using the email address at the end of this form.

Name		Address
Position		
Name		Address
Position		
Name		Address
Position		

20. ANY OTHER INFORMATION WHICH YOU CONSIDER RELEVANT TO THIS APPLICATION

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21. DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I declare that I am normally resident in my home country and that the statements made in this application are, to the best of my belief, true, complete and correct. If awarded the scholarship, I undertake to return to my home country at the end of the scholarship.

SIGNATURE	
DATE	

Send your completed form to: int.admissions@comsats.edu.pk

Closing date: 30 April 2015

If you are from any of the following countries, you should also inform your national nominating agency that you have applied for this scholarship. Contact details can be found at www.csfp-online.org/agencies.html

- Guyana
- Tanzania
- Malta
- Cyprus (if you are Turkish Cypriot)
- New Zealand
- St Lucia
- Tonga