TENABLE AT CIIT, PAKISTAN FOR CITIZENS OF COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES

Guidelines for Admission in Master’s Programs 2015

COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT)
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*  
- *Master of Science in Mathematics*  
- *Master of Science in Physics*  

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**

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# 7. Scholarship details

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| **Value**                         | • 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**          | • 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**                  | • Download the scholarship application form [here](#)  
                                | • Send the completed form to [int.admissions@comsats.edu.pk](mailto:int.admissions@comsats.edu.pk) |
| **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](mailto: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.

For Admission Inquiries & Further Information Please Contact:

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