



Guidelines for Admission in Masters Programs SCHOLARSHIPS TENABLE AT CIIT, PAKISTAN FOR CITIZENS OF COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES



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 and NTS(GAT) score or departmental test. 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) or English proficiency certificate from the last attended institution
- g) NOC (No objection Certificate) / Letter from the respective Government office / Last attended educational institute regarding permission to study in Pakistan
- h) NTS(GAT) / departmental test score.

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
- English proficiency certificate from the last attended institution

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

5. Scholarship details

Commonwealth Scholarships Details	
No of Scholarships available	3
Level	Master's
Length	02 years
Eligible courses	<p>Department of Computer Science</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. MS in Computer Sciences ii. MS in Cyber Security iii. MS in Information Security iv. MS in Software Engineering <p>Department of Management Sciences</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. MS in Banking & Finance ii. MS in Management sciences iii. MS in Project Management <p>Department of Environmental Sciences</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. MS in Environmental Sciences ii. MS in Biotechnology <p>Department of Mathematics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. MS in Mathematics <p>Department of Physics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. MS in Physics <p>Department of Bio Sciences</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. MS in Biosciences ii. MS in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology iii. MS in Microbiology & Immunology <p>Department of Humanities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MS in International Relations
Expected start date	September 2017
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

	<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>
How to apply	
Application deadline	March 10, 2017
Enquiries	<p>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.</p>

6. Details of Master’s Degree Program

CIIT offers Master’s degree in different programs under ACU Scholarship Scheme. For details please visit following web link:

<http://admissions.comsats.edu.pk/Home/ProgramDetails#panel-grad>

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)

7. 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.

8. 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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