British Council’s international university scholarships programme application deadline extended till 15 April 2014

This programme enables two IELTS candidates to win a scholarship worth Rs 500,000 each to any university in the world. The offer is open to all candidates taking the IELTS test with the British Council from 1 January to 15 April 2014.

The scholarship programme is focused on enabling the most talented IELTS students to gain access to higher education at any university in the world. “IELTS is recognised by over 8,000 organisations and is among other mandatory admission criteria in many universities worldwide” Country Exams Manager Harriet Gardner mentioned, stressing that this offer was not restricted to universities in the UK only.

Eligibility criteria for university scholarships:

1. A resident citizen of Sri Lanka, aged 18 years and above.

2. IELTS test candidate at the British Council between 1 January and15 April 2014.

3. The candidate should have an overall band score of 6.

4. The candidate should have applied for or will be applying for an undergraduate or postgraduate programme overseas to commence in 2014.

5. The candidate must have an offer to study at a recognised education institution at which IELTS is among the admission criteria.

6. Present a valid visa for studying outside Sri Lanka, if required by the British Council, during the short-listing process.

The application process:

1. Complete the downloaded application form which includes an essay, and e-mail it to [info.lk@britishcouncil.org](mailto:info.lk@britishcouncil.org), with a copy of your IELTS Test Report Form [TRF] by Tuesday 15 April 2014.

2. All short-listed candidates will be notified by Wednesday 30 April 2014, at which point submission of evidence of a valid visa for study abroad is required.

3. Every candidate short-listed at the initial stage will have to attend a face-to-face video-taped interview at which he/she may be asked to make a presentation. Your presentations will be assessed by a panel of senior managers. Candidates will be informed of interview dates once short-listed, which will take place in early May.

In addition to meeting the minimum selection criteria, each candidate will also have his/her essay (as per the scholarship application) evaluated for language, accuracy of content and creativity.

For further details on the scholarship programme please visit: [www.britishcouncil.lk/british-council-scholarship-programme](http://www.britishcouncil.lk/british-council-scholarship-programme)

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