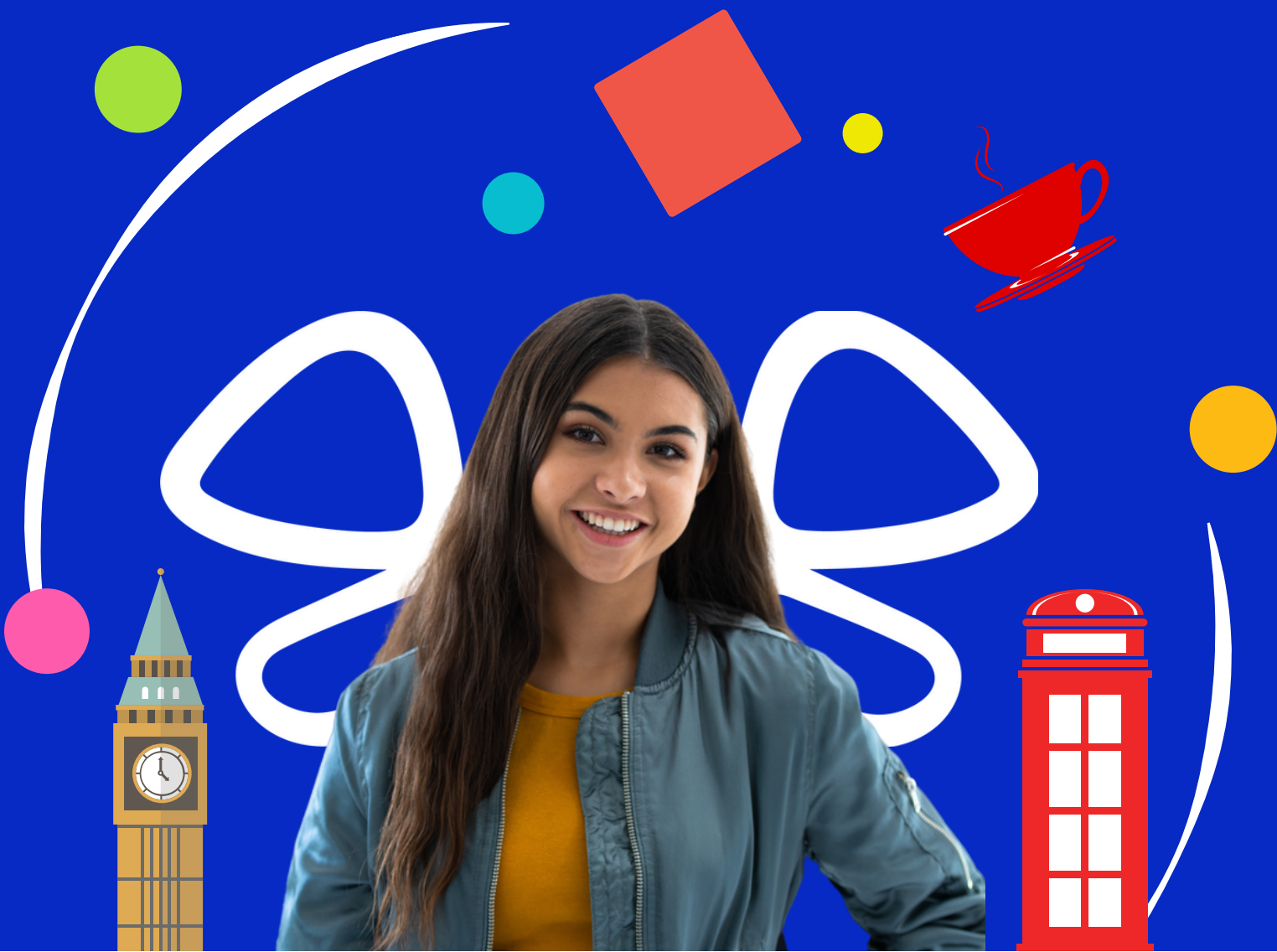


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Country guide to Studying in the UK

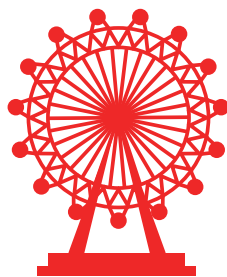
Thoroughly curated guide by us to help you understand every aspect of your study abroad journey in depth.





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Why UK

The United Kingdom is made up of four individual countries, namely England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. The universities of the UK have an undisputed reputation for academic excellence and have been an ideal destination for many decades for over a million international students from all over the world.



Benchmark for World-class education

UK higher education degrees and qualifications are recognized and revered by employers and academics worldwide. They have a reputation for world-class research. Students get the opportunity to develop the skills, knowledge, critical thinking, and connections to drive forward their careers.



Shorter courses

Undergraduate and postgraduate courses In the UK Undergraduate courses tend to be for 3 years and postgraduate courses for one year. Short tenure can help to keep the cost of tuition fees and living expenses down.



Part-time work opportunities

International students who study a full-time undergraduate or postgraduate degree course at a recognized university in the UK and have a Tier-4 (General) visa are allowed to work part-time during the term for up to 20 hours a week and full-time during the holidays.

Why UK

There are several reasons why studying in the UK could be a life changer. Some of these reasons might be exclusively academic for you, but in addition to the high-quality education, you will get to experience their multicultural society. Some of the other reasons are as follows:



Scholarship

Scholarships play an important role in making your college experience more affordable and free of financial-stress.

There are scholarships for international students offered by various organizations or there are also government-funded scholarships or grants which students can avail themselves to pursue higher education in the UK. Scholarships also make your resume stand out and allow deserving students to benefit from their hard work.

Hop onto the scholarships page for more information on popular scholarships available to UK aspirants.



Health benefits

Health is often one of the most expensive aspects of studying abroad, but not in the United Kingdom! Indian students in the UK are eligible to receive free medical treatment by the National Health Service (NHS) if enrolled in a full-time course.

Popular Courses in United Kingdom

Every year, British institutions dominate the top places in international rankings. The best universities in the UK are also among the very best in the world. With such a remarkable track record of academic excellence, it is no wonder that the UK attracts so many international students every year. The most popular courses for Indian students in the UK include Business & Administrative studies, Social studies, Studies allied to medicine, as well as Creative Arts.

According to 2017/2018 statistics, around 127,335 international students in the UK were pursuing a degree in Business & Administrative studies. This makes this discipline one of the most preferred for international students. Based on the QS World University Ranking 2021, these are the top university in the UK for higher education:

Some of the top universities in UK are:

- University of Oxford
- University of Cambridge
- Imperial College London
- UCL (University College London)
- University of Edinburgh
- The University of Manchester
- King's College
- London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
- University of Bristol
- The University of Warwick



Eligibility

Academic qualifications are important, but universities in the UK make their decisions about whom to accept their postgraduate programs on a range of factors. A major role is played by your academics and statement of intent, based on that the university decides whether it can provide you with a suitable program. The academic year typically begins in September in the UK and includes three terms: Autumn/Fall (September to December), spring (January to April), and summer (May to August).

01 Basic requirements for all universities and institutions include:

- ✓ Updated passport
- ✓ Proficiency in either English along with proof of prescribed language tests with minimum grades/bands
- ✓ For English: IELTS, the Cambridge English: Advanced or TOEFL exam score
- ✓ For French mandated courses: DALF, DELF, or TCF
- ✓ Proof that you can finance your study as well as the cost of living in the country
- ✓ Medical Exam Results

02 Programs Entry Requirements:

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree/Undergraduate Diploma: 12 years of full-time education Good academic performance
- ✓ Masters Degree: 15/16 years of full-time education and 65% and above in Bachelor's degree

Student Visa

As of September 2022, Master's students (not postgraduate certificate or diploma) can stay in the UK for up to 2 years after completing their studies. Students can apply to extend their visas if they decide to enroll in another course after completing their current course. They can also apply for working visas once they find employment.

The T4 Student Visa is typically issued for the full course duration. For long-term courses, students can arrive in the UK up to one month before, and stay for up to four months after the end of the course.



A General student visa (Tier 4) requirements are:

- A CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) letter by the University that offered admission.
- A Proof of financial statements to bear the living and study expenses in the UK.
- Students can pay the healthcare surcharge to access the National Health Service (NHS) to avail of the United Kingdom's health benefits.
- A valid passport.
- Passport-sized colour photographs.
- ATAS (Academic Technology Approval Scheme) clearance certificate.

Scholarships

Scholarships for Indian students can be program-specific, course-specific, university-specific, country or location-specific.

Apart from this, there are scholarships for international students who are offered by various organizations or there are also government-funded scholarships or grants which students can avail themselves to pursue higher education in the UK. Some of the most popular scholarships for studies in the UK are:

- Chevening Scholarships for Indian and International Students
- Rhodes Scholarships
- Erasmus Mundus
- Felix Scholarship
- Dr. Manmohan Singh Scholarships
- Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan – 2014
- Goa Education Trust Scholarships
- Charles Wallace India Trust Scholarships
- Sir Ratan Tata Scholarships
- British Council Great Scholarships for Indian students



Work

Opportunities

Some universities may only allow you to work inside the campus, but there's no need to worry because there are still many options available to you. However, before getting into hunt part-time jobs you need to check if you're eligible for such work. The primary criteria you need to check are your age. If you're under 16 and don't have a Tier 4 (General 4) you're not qualified to figure within the UK.

Permitted work and requirements

- ✔ Students who are enrolled in full-time studies at the universities are allowed to work for a maximum of 20 hours a week.
- ✔ The student's visa must be valid and issued for full-time degree-level studies.
- ✔ Students who are enrolled in programs other than the degree programs are allowed to work for 10 hours per week.

What is not permitted?

- ✘ Students enrolled in part-time courses are not allowed to work in the UK.
- ✘ Any student who is working on a part-time basis in the UK cannot be self-employed, do business, employed as a professional sportsperson or entertainer, permanent full-time job, or get employed as a doctor or dentist.

FAQs

There are nearly 5 lakh international students studying in the UK. The major reason that draws a student to this country is its wide range of scholarships which provide partial to full study waivers to students. Here are some frequently asked questions as well as ways to make your study journey to the UK easy and complication-free.

Q. How much bank balance is required for a UK Student Visa?

Ans. The student needs to show 28 days bank statement covering 9 months of living expenses and remaining tuition fees if any. For example: If you are studying a 1-year Master's course, your tuition fees are £10,000 and you have paid your £4,000 deposit plus an extra £2,000 towards your fees. Your living expense is £1,000 per month. You must show £4,000 ($£10,000 - £4,000 - £2,000$) for your tuition fees and £9,000 ($£1,000 \times 9$ months) for your living costs. The total maintenance amount you are required to show is £13,000 ($£4,000 + £9,000$). During the 28 days, this money cannot drop below the required amount for even 1 day or you will not meet the Home Office requirements and your application will be refused. Your bank statement must be no more than 31 days old on the date you submit your visa application; this is the date that you pay the online visa fee.

Q. Can I be exempt from taking the IELTS?

Yes, in some cases IELTS can be exempted based on your class 12 English marks. Further, unlike Canada, the IELTS is not required for Visa application either.





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