

# Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Communiqué

## Commonwealth Scholarships available for Masters in Online Teaching

The Open University's Institute of Educational Technology (IET) has been awarded ten fully-funded Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarships for citizens of developing Commonwealth countries who wish to study [IET's Masters in Online Teaching \(MAOT\)](#).

These Scholarships are funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). They are intended to contribute to the development needs of Commonwealth countries by enabling talented and motivated individuals to access training and skills required for sustainable development by undertaking part-time Masters studies with UK universities while remaining in their home countries.

### About the Masters in Online Teaching

The Open University's Masters in Online Teaching (MAOT) is studied entirely online. The MAOT develops skills in the theory-informed design of technology-enhanced, blended and online learning and is designed to address educational inequity in all its forms and, as such, is relevant to achieving inclusive, high-quality, equitable blended and online education.

### Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for a Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarship to study the Masters in Online and Distance Education, the applicant must:

- Be a citizen of, or have been granted refugee status by one of the eligible developing Commonwealth countries listed as follows:

*“Bangladesh, Belize, Botswana, Cameroon, Dominica, Eswatini, Fiji, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Montserrat, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Saint Helena, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Togo, Tonga, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu, Zambia.”* Or be a British-protected person; and

- Be permanently in one of the eligible developing Commonwealth countries listed above; and
- Hold a first degree of at least upper second class (2:1) standard. A lower qualification and sufficient relevant experience may be considered in certain cases; and
- Be unable to afford to study the programme without this scholarship.

*You will also need access to a computer with reliable broadband internet access. You do not need to be working in technology-enhanced learning but you should be interested in developing expertise in this area.*

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## How to apply

- Visit the [Masters in Online Teaching website](#) to learn more about the programme. Do not attempt to register for any of the modules.
- Read the [Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarships Information for Candidates](#). If you have any questions, please contact [IET-OnlineTeaching@open.ac.uk](mailto:IET-OnlineTeaching@open.ac.uk) in the first instance, giving the subject '2023 Commonwealth Scholarships query'.
- Complete the [Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarship application form](#) by **16.00 (GMT) on 28 March 2023** and submit it online. You should complete all sections of the application form as fully as possible as the form will be the basis for selecting candidates and pay particular attention to describing in detail how you intend to achieve in-country benefits as a result of your study of the Masters in Online Teaching.

For additional information, this link can be consulted:  
<https://www.open.ac.uk/blogs/MAOT/index.php/category/scholarships/>

**The closing date for applications is 16.00 (GMT) on 28 March 2023.**

**07 March 2023**