

Scotland's universities offer scholarships to students from India

Students from India studying in Scotland have access to more than £6million in international scholarships with over £1million ringfenced to specifically attract outstanding Indian students, Universities Scotland has revealed.

As a delegation of Scotland's higher education leaders accompany Scotland's Deputy First Minister John Swinney on an official visit to India, Universities

Scotland can announce that there are scholarship opportunities available to

students from India for all of Scotland's 19 higher education institutions.

Below is a selection of the wide range of opportunities available:

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The Scottish Funding Council has announced a new £200,000 scholarship fund to mark the mission in India which will give 20 students from India scholarships of up to £10,000 for 2018/19 which will be jointly funded by the Scottish Funding Council and Scottish universities. The offer is limited to the three of the themes of the mission: big data, medical technologies and food/water.

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Strathclyde Business School (part of the University of Strathclyde) has launched a new scholarship of up to £7,000 to give 2018/19 Indian applicants the opportunity to undertake a Strathclyde MBA (one year, full time study) in Glasgow commencing September 2018.

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The University of Stirling has introduced a new postgraduate taught scholarship for 2018/19 Indian applicants to receive a £2,000 tuition fee waiver.

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For 2018/19, Edinburgh Napier University is again offering its South Asia Scholarships of between £1,000 and £3,000. More than £100,000 was awarded to Indian students last year

through the merit-based scheme, in addition to four Education is GREAT India Scholarships, each worth £7,000.

There are approximately 150 scholarships available to Indian students across Heriot-Watt University campuses in Scotland, Dubai and Malaysia. Last year (2016/17) the university awarded £375,000 in scholarships to students from India.

To celebrate its 120 years since its original foundation in Paisley in 1897, 25 years as a university and 10 years as the University of the West of Scotland (UWS), the UWS is offering 120 '120 Anniversary Scholarships' to non-EU international students who have achieved academic excellence. This includes outstanding students from India.

The University of Edinburgh has over £80,000 of scholarships to offer Indian students. The largest is from the Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation which supports exceptionally talented young Indian students.

From 2 – 5 December 2017, the delegation of higher education leads joined the Scottish Government, Scottish Development International and the British Council as they meet with key Indian government officials, education policymakers and business leaders.

To deepen existing relationships and build new partnerships with the higher education sector and key industries in India, a joint-programme of events was hosted by 11 of Scotland's universities and the Scottish Government in Mumbai and Delhi. They all share the message that 'Scotland's universities welcome India' and demonstrate Scotland's reputation for excellence in research, innovation and learning. There are currently over 1,300 Indian students studying in Scotland and the delegation will celebrate the excellent quality of Indian students at under-graduate and post-graduate levels in Scottish universities.



Deputy First Minister John Swinney said: "I am delighted to announce these 20 scholarships and to extend a warm welcome to students from India to come to Scotland to benefit from a high quality educational experience, our world-class research and Scotland's distinctive culture.

"I fully expect our friends from India will made good use of the opportunities to develop the skills they need to support their long term employment prospects."

Professor Richard A. Williams, Principal at Heriot-Watt University and Convener of Universities Scotland's International Committee at Universities Scotland said: "Scotland's universities are renowned internationally for excellence in education,

world-leading research and their truly supportive environments. I am delighted

to affirm that Scottish universities will continue their long-standing partnership with India by offering a wide range of scholarships to India's most outstanding students. We extend the very warmest of welcomes to Indian students and researchers."

John Kemp, Interim Chief Executive of the Scottish Funding Council, said:

"The Scottish Funding Council is delighted to support the new scholarship fund

for Indian students as part of the wider and substantial offering from

Scotland's university sector. This underlines that Scotland's colleges and

universities remain open to the world for learning, research and innovation".

The India higher education mission is part a global campaign called 'Scotland's universities welcome the world' which celebrates the diversity and inclusivity of Scottish universities. It is backed by all 19 higher education institutions across Scotland, which are already home to over 180 different nationalities among their students and staff.

For more information about the mission in India, visit studyinscotland.org or check out #ScotlandwelcomesIndia on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.