

Section 4

You will hear a presentation on scholarship and funding. First, you have some time to look at questions 31 to 40.

Now listen carefully and answer questions 31 to 40.

Welcome to this presentation on scholarships and funding. If you are hoping for help with funding your studies in the UK, you need to get working on this as soon as you can. It is almost impossible to make arrangements for financial support, once you have left your own country. Start by inquiring with your own Ministry of Education or Department of Education. Your local British Council office can provide details of awards available including those offered by UK Institutions themselves. You'll also find information and a scholarships database on their website. The main scholarship schemes available for international students include British education scholarships, commonwealth scholarships, foreign office scholarships and overseas students' research awards. British education scholarships are prestigious awards enabling talented International students to study in the UK at postgraduate level. Only students studying for at least one academic year are eligible. About 2,000 new scholarships are currently awarded each year and there are plans to expand the program further.

There are three types of scholarship. The first is a full award where all the fees, a living allowance and travel to and from the UK are paid for. Then, there is a fees only award, where all or part of the fees are paid. Finally, there is a partial award where a combination of the fees and the allowances are paid. The value of the scholarship will vary depending on the type of the award, the length of the course and the country from which the student comes, but it is up to a maximum of twenty thousand pounds. Contact the British Council or the British Embassy in your own country for details. You must be resident in your home country when you apply. Commonwealth scholarships are awards, mainly for postgraduate study. Although funding for

undergraduate study may be possible, if there are no suitable undergraduate courses in your home country. You must be a citizen of a commonwealth country including the UK. A University degree or equivalent is usually required. Apply to the British Council office in your country. You must be resident in your own country when you apply.

About 3,000 of these scholarships are awarded each year and their value ranges from 5,000 to 15,000 pounds. Foreign office scholarships are a joint initiative by the foreign office and certain UK higher education institutions. The awards are normally given for taught postgraduate courses. In rare cases an award may be made for undergraduate study if the course is not available at an institution in your home country. They are funded by the foreign office and participating UK higher education institutions. You must normally be under 35 years of age. You must be resident in a developing country and you must not be currently employed by your government or by an international organization. You should be planning to study a subject related to development and be fluent in English. Apply directly to one of the participating institutions. You can ask for a list of participating institutions from the British Embassy in your country or your local British Council office. Only about 500 of these awards are made each year and their value ranges from 7,000 to 12,000 pounds. Overseas students' research awards are awards for full-time postgraduate study for a period of one year. They make up the difference between home and overseas students fees. They are funded by the Ministry of Education. You must be a postgraduate research student at a publicly-funded higher education institution in the UK. You will need to demonstrate academic merit and research potential. Application forms are available from UK higher education institutions. So contact the one where you want to study. For further information, contact the OSRA office via their website www.osra.org. Actually, you could email them at osra@osra.org. On average, 1000 of these scholarships are awarded each year and the maximum amount is 25,000 pounds per scholarship.

Question 31-40

Q. 31-33

Complete the following information about British Education Scholarships, using **NO MORE THAN ONE WORD AND/OR NUMBER** for each gap.

British Education Scholarships

- available to all overseas students
- for students at 31 _____ level
- 2,000 awarded each year
- full award, 32 _____ award, or partial award
- worth up to 33 _____

Q. 34 and 35

Answer the following questions about Commonwealth Scholarships, using **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR NUMBERS** for each answer.

34 Where should you apply for this scholarship? _____

35 How much is each scholarship worth? _____

Q. 36-38

Complete the following information about Foreign Office Scholarships, using NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS for each gap.

Foreign Office Scholarships

- awarded jointly by the Foreign Office and HE Institutions
- usually awarded for 36 _____
- not employed by the government or 37 _____
- course must be in the field of 38 _____

Q. 39 and 40

Answer the following questions about Overseas Students Research Awards, using NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS for each answer.

39 What is covered by these awards? _____

40 Which organization provides these awards? _____