

# **The Dr Manmohan Singh Scholarships**

## **Guidelines**

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The University of Cambridge has long and close ties with India. Many of its leading politicians, businessmen and scientists are Cambridge alumni. St John's College, one of the largest of the Colleges in Cambridge, has had particularly extensive links over many years.

Dr Manmohan Singh, the former Prime Minister of India, is a graduate and Honorary Fellow of St John's College. He is widely acknowledged as the architect of the economic reforms that have helped propel India onto the World Stage. In honour of Dr Singh St John's College is awarding the Dr Manmohan Singh Scholarships. These awards will enable academically outstanding Indian students to come to St. John's College, University of Cambridge to study for doctoral degrees in subjects like Science & Technology, Economics and Social Sciences.

### Eligibility

The applicant should be:

- An Indian national with a valid Indian passport and **currently based in India**
- Below 35 years of age at the end of the December prior to commencing their course at Cambridge
- **Not already had significant exposure to UK education or received UK government funding.**
- Should **hold a Master's (postgraduate)** degree from a reputed/recognised India university/institution with a **First Class award (UG and PG)** in the relevant subject/field
- ***Evidence of leadership qualities (to be assessed from personal statements e.g. extracurricular activities and/or evidence of having made a difference to the country/society/participation in symposia in the relevant subject, or peer reviewed publication in the area.)***
- Keen to pursue and should have identified a **full time Doctoral Research degree** from the University of Cambridge
- Fluent in spoken and written English
- Able to fulfil any other admission criteria laid down by the university

### Value of award

The scholarships are fully funded:

- Academic fees
- International airfare
- Monthly stipend to cover living expenses
- UK Visa

## Application process

**It is the responsibility of the applicants to identify a suitable Doctoral programme and supervisor at the University of Cambridge, apply for a place and secure admission.**

1. *Identify a suitable doctoral programme and supervisor at the University of Cambridge*
2. *Applicants to visit the University of Cambridge Graduate Admissions Office web site: [www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk](http://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk) and make formal application to the University.*
3. *Applicants to select St John's College as their first choice College on their application form.*
4. *Applicants to indicate on their Graduate Application Form via the Applicant Portal that they are applying for the Dr Manmohan Singh Scholarships if asked (this is not mandatory), but also to complete the section applying for funding from the University.*
5. *Applicants to complete the online College Application form for the Dr. Manmohan Singh Scholarships Competition via the College website to notify St John's that they have applied to the University and wish to be considered for the Scholarship. This form must be returned to St John's by 15 January.*

### Notes:

- *Only those applicants who get an offer of admission at St John's College will be eligible for the award of the Scholarship.*
- *Candidates should NOT approach St John's College directly at this stage.*

## Selection

Candidates for these scholarships are selected through a process of short listing from the applications received, followed by personal interviews, which will be conducted by Skype.

Subsequent to the interviews the selection committee identifies the required number of candidates for the awards. **The decision of the selection committee will be final.** Selection results will be communicated within a month following the interview.

## Post selection

Pre-departure briefings, UK visa and travel arrangements for the selected candidates will be co-ordinated by St John's College.

## General notes

- St John's College will acknowledge receipt of applications through the emails provided on the College application form. For this purpose, applicants are requested to provide their latest email ids. However, the College will not be responsible for failure of on-line delivery.

- St John's College will further contact only applicants who have reached the later stages of the University's selection procedure. These candidates will be asked to provide further information to support their application. This information and that provided on the Graduate Application Form will be used to draw up the short-list.
- St John's will contact the short-listed candidates inviting them for interviews. Applicants are requested **not to** contact St John's College directly.
- Short-listed candidates will be interviewed by Skype between April and June. Candidates will be expected to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements, if necessary.

### Further Information

For further information and clarification please visit:  
[www.joh.cam.ac.uk/dr-manmohan-singh-scholarship](http://www.joh.cam.ac.uk/dr-manmohan-singh-scholarship)

Or contact:

[graduate-office@joh.cam.ac.uk](mailto:graduate-office@joh.cam.ac.uk)

The deadline for submission is **15 January**.