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Dear Maryum Firdous

Confirmation of Award

Thank you for returning the award acceptance form for our offer of a Commonwealth Split-site Scholarship under the CSC development theme of **Access, Inclusion and Opportunity**, tenable at Coventry University. Your scholarship will be funded by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, with Coventry University making a contribution to your tuition fee. As you have now met all conditions expressed in our Notification of Award, I am able to confirm the Commission's offer of a scholarship.

Information to assist you in applying for your Student visa (for Commonwealth scholars) is available on the CSC website. You are strongly advised to read all of the information before making a visa application. Also, attached is your '*Confirmation of Financial Support*' letter. Please note that you must submit both letters with your visa application.

You will be contacted with pre-departure information by the British Council.

[You can also find pre-departure support materials on the CSC pre-award website](#) including FAQs, visa advice and a full visual step by step guide on how to make your student visa application. The password to access the FAQs is [REDACTED]

It is important that you familiarise yourself with what to expect when you arrive in the UK both through the 'pre-departure' materials provided to you and the information available from your university. The CSC cannot advise you on securing accommodation, you are encouraged to speak to your university's accommodation office if you have not already done so.

[You can also find useful advice on finding accommodation, as well as other useful information on studying in the UK on the UKCISA website.](#)

It is highly recommended that you take advantage of any 'meet and greet' service that your university provides. Information may have been provided with your university offer letter or you can contact your International Office through the university's website for instructions on how to travel to your institution.



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A cash card will be sent to you, which will be loaded with your warm clothing allowance and your first quarterly stipend, and can be used at bank machines around the UK. Instructions on how to use your cash card are provided with your confirmation email. Please ensure that you read these carefully and that you activate the cash card before your arrival in the UK. We recommend that you carry some funds with you for your arrival in case of emergencies or any unforeseen problems with your cash card. A sum of £200 should be enough for this purpose.

If you have any enquiries regarding your cash card please contact finance@cscuk.org.uk

You are now part of a community of over 31,000 people who have held a Commonwealth Scholarship or Fellowship since 1959. Commonwealth Scholarships support talented and motivated individuals who have the potential to make change. Your Commonwealth Scholarship is funded by the UK *Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office* (FCDO) with the aim of enabling you to gain the knowledge and skills required for sustainable development.

During and after your award, we will ask you at various times for information about your progress, and what impact your award has had; we have already sent you a short survey by email as the first part of this process. Please make the most of these opportunities, and ensure that you reply to such requests promptly. Please help us to publicise the scheme, too, by describing yourself as a 'Commonwealth Scholar' wherever possible. The more evidence and ambassadors that we have for the scheme, the stronger our case for ensuring that it continues to receive support.

- [You can start networking with other 2024 Commonwealth Scholars via our Facebook group](#) (please note that this group will be closed at the end of the 2024/25 academic year)
- [You can make contact with other Commonwealth Scholars who are already studying at UK universities in the same region as yours through our Regional Networks](#)
 - You can connect with Commonwealth Scholars and Alumni studying or working in similar disciplines through our Knowledge Hubs. [There is a Knowledge Hub for each CSC theme](#)
- [If you would like to get in touch with alumni in your home country, you can do so via our alumni associations](#)
- You can also apply to take part in the CSC Mentoring programme and be paired with a Commonwealth Alumnus Mentor. [Applications will open in September.](#)

You will have the opportunity to virtually meet the rest of our 2024 Commonwealth Scholars - including those from your country - at various Welcome activities throughout the first academic term. More information about these activities will be emailed to you.

[Information about these activities will also be available soon on the CSC website](#)

You are a Commonwealth Scholar for life and we hope that you will stay involved with the Commonwealth Scholarships community as an active alumnus.

Through our [alumni network](#) you will have the opportunity to build contacts with a diverse range of Scholars in your home country and across the Commonwealth, to support your work and development impact goals.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success with your studies in the UK.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Mason'.

Professor Robin Mason
Chair, Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK

Encs:
Confirmation of Financial Support
Letter from Chair

cc
Professor Andree Woodcock, Supervisor/Tutor
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Ms. Haneeza Ghafoor, Institution Contact