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PhD Scholarship

The Royal Civil Service Commission (RCSC) is pleased to announce the availability of 2 PhD scholarships in Economics under RGoB funding. Therefore, civil servants who have Masters in Economics and who are highly interested in research are invited to submit expression of interest with draft research proposal to the RCSC latest by December 4, 2015.

1. Scholarship covers:

- a. Registration and administration fees
- b. Tuition fee
- c. Book allowance
- d. Stipend
- e. Cost of Thesis/Dissertations/Projects- (Actuals) upon submission of original receipts
- f. Medical insurance
- g. Cost of round-trip airfare
- h. Enforce halts
- i. Visa (fees and DSA for actual period of halts during visa process)
- j. Passport fees
- k. Airport tax
- l. MISC (if any)

2. General requirements:

- a. Should fulfill eligibility criteria prescribed in BCSR 2012 for long term training (relevancy, no. of years of service rendered, qualification, age, training EoL/ Secondment obligations, etc)

3. Selection Procedure:

- a. The RCSC shall shortlist maximum of 5 applicants based on:
 - i. Draft research proposal submitted by the applicant;
 - ii. Academic record (preference shall be given to candidates who have done **Masters by Research in Economics**); and
 - iii. BCSR 2012 eligibility criteria for Long term training.



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- b. Shortlisted applicants shall be assisted in Identifying Potential supervisor.
- c. Scholarship shall be confirmed only after the shortlisted applicants secure admission in one of the following Universities:
- i. **Duke University**
<https://gradschool.duke.edu/admissions/application-instructions>
 - ii. **Yale University**
<http://economics.yale.edu/graduate/application-info>
 - iii. **Harvard University**
<http://www.hbs.edu/doctoral/admissions/Pages/default.aspx>
 - iv. **University of California, Berkeley**
<http://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/requirements/#basic-requirements>
 - v. **Stanford University**
<https://gradadmissions.stanford.edu/applying>
 - vi. **Columbia University**
<http://econ.columbia.edu/graduate-program>
- d. Since the purpose of the scholarship is to build capacity in the economics field and also to address current economic challenges faced by the country, the candidate should take up Final Research Topic as approved by the RCSC.
- e. Finally, out of five shortlisted candidates, only two candidates shall be selected for the scholarship through selection interview based on criteria specified in BCSR 2012 if more than two candidates secure admission.



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4. Timeline:

Expression of interest (along with draft research proposal): On or before December 4, 2015
Shortlist Announcement : December 16, 2015
Final Selection : To be announced

5. Documents Required:

- Draft Research Proposal;
- Academic Transcript and Certificates (Bachelor and Masters).

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