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THE COMPLETE SCHOLARSHIPS GUIDE

Cranfield University Scholarships Guide

Eligibility, amounts, what's covered, and how to apply

— built for Indian students, from Cranfield's official funding pages.

CRANFIELD UNIVERSITY • BEDFORDSHIRE, UK

£10,000

India-specific Cranfield scholarship

Fully-funded

Commonwealth routes cover tuition

India-only

Awards reserved just for Indian applicants

A Shiksha Study Abroad downloadable resource, prepared for prospective Indian applicants.

What's inside this guide

A complete breakdown of every scholarship route open to Indian students at Cranfield University — what each one actually covers, who's eligible, how much it's worth, and exactly how to apply — built from Cranfield's official funding pages.

Amounts also show the INR equivalent. Conversion used: £1 ≈ Rs. 129 (indicative mid-market rate, July 2026) — rates fluctuate daily; check the live rate before budgeting.

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fully-funded routes covering
tuition + living costs

£10,000–£15,000

typical Cranfield-funded
scholarship value

40%–50%

fee reduction on India-specific
faculty scholarships

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scholarships reserved
specifically for Indian

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Why Scholarships Matter at Cranfield

Setting the context before you apply

Cranfield is explicit on its own funding page: **adequate funding for fees and living expenses must be secured before registration**, and for full-time taught courses, tuition fees are due on or before registration. That makes scholarships genuinely decision-relevant at Cranfield — not a nice-to-have applied after the fact, but something to plan around from day one.

Three categories worth understanding upfront

- **Fully-funded government scholarships** (Commonwealth Master's and Commonwealth Shared Scholarships) — cover tuition, travel and a living stipend, but require a separate, competitive national application process.
- **Cranfield's own scholarships** — tuition-fee reductions ranging from 15% to 50% of fees, awarded directly by Cranfield, including several reserved specifically for Indian applicants.
- **Smaller top-up bursaries** — modest, stackable awards that reduce your out-of-pocket cost alongside whatever else you've secured.

Every course page on Cranfield's site also lists course-specific scholarships under its own 'Fees and Funding' section — always check your exact course page in addition to this guide, since new scholarships are added throughout the year.

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Fully-Funded Routes

Commonwealth Scholarships — tuition, travel & living costs

India is an eligible Commonwealth country for both schemes below — these are the only two routes in this guide that cover your entire cost of studying, not just tuition.

Commonwealth Master's Scholarships

WHAT IT COVERS

Full tuition fees, return airfare, and a stipend of £1,378/month (1.78L/month, 2025-26 rate), plus a warm-clothing allowance and study travel grant

COURSES

Any full-time taught Master's course at a UK university with a CSC part-funding agreement, including Cranfield

HOW TO APPLY

You do NOT apply directly to the CSC. Apply via a National Nominating Agency for India, or an approved NGO/charitable body — nominators submit candidates to the CSC on your behalf

WHO CAN APPLY

Citizens/permanent residents of an eligible Commonwealth country (India qualifies) who could not otherwise afford to study in the UK

DURATION

Standard length of your Cranfield taught MSc (typically 1 year)

DEADLINE

Applications typically open in September and close in October each year; outcomes are usually known by July

Commonwealth Shared Scholarship Scheme

WHAT IT COVERS

Full tuition and exam fees, return airfare, a stipend of £1,452/month (1.87L/month), a thesis grant, warm-clothing allowance, study travel grant, and a contribution to TB testing for your visa

COURSES

Only 7 specific MSc courses: Aerospace Vehicle Design, Applied Artificial Intelligence, Environmental Engineering, Environmental Management for Business, Future Food Sustainability, Robotics, and Water and Wastewater Processes

HOW TO APPLY

Apply to the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission BEFORE applying to your Cranfield course — the order matters

WHO CAN APPLY

High-quality postgraduate students from Least Developed or middle-income Commonwealth countries who have NOT studied/worked 1+ year in a high-income country, and hold at least a 2:1 Bachelor's

DURATION

Standard 1-year full-time MSc; does not cover PhD study or pre-session English

DEADLINE

Early December annually (9 December for the most recent cycle)

Both schemes are genuinely competitive and process applications through a nominator rather than Cranfield directly — start early, since the CSC does not accept late or direct applications outside this process.

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Cranfield's Own International Scholarships

Awarded directly by Cranfield, no nominator needed

Cranfield Excellence International Scholarships

WHAT IT COVERS

A tuition fee reduction only (not living costs) — 50 scholarships in total

WHO CAN APPLY

Offer holders paying Overseas fees for a full-time MSc at Cranfield School of Management; NOT open to Home-fee-status or European Partner Programme applicants

DURATION

One-off award applied as a fee reduction for your year of entry

DEADLINE

September 2026 entry is closed; the window for January 2027 entry runs until 1 October 2026

AMOUNT

10 scholarships of £15,000 (Rs. 19,35,000) for Europe/Central Asia applicants; 40 scholarships of £10,000 (Rs. 12,90,000) for the rest of the world, including India

COURSES

Banking, Economics and Finance; Business Data Analytics; Finance; Logistics and Supply Chain Management; Management; Procurement and Supply Chain Management; Strategic Marketing (all MSc)

HOW TO APPLY

Apply only after you already hold an offer, via the online scholarship link, with a short personal statement on why you want to study your chosen MSc at Cranfield. Reviewed by a Scholarship Panel; you'll hear back within 2–3 weeks

Important rule that applies across almost all Cranfield-awarded scholarships: **you can only apply once**, awards are a fee reduction (never a cash alternative), and a higher-value scholarship will supersede any Cranfield Merit Scholarship you already hold — they don't stack on top of each other.

■ Not sure if your course qualifies for the Excellence International Scholarship, or how the fee-status rules apply to you? Let's check together — [WhatsApp us](#) | [Register free](#)

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The India-Specific Scholarships

Reserved specifically for Indian applicants

These are the awards most comparison guides miss — Cranfield runs several scholarships reserved exclusively for Indian applicants, spread across different faculties.

Cranfield School of Management India Scholarship

WHAT IT COVERS

A tuition fee reduction, awarded as 12 individual scholarships of £10,000 each (Rs. 12,90,000)

COURSES

Cranfield School of Management full-time MSc programmes

HOW TO APPLY

Submit a short personal statement on why you want to study your chosen MSc at Cranfield, via the scholarship application link, after receiving your offer. Applicants may only apply once

WHO CAN APPLY

Indian applicants who already hold an offer for a full-time postgraduate taught MSc at the Cranfield campus

DURATION

One-off award for your year of entry; scholarships are reviewed annually and not guaranteed if you defer your place

DEADLINE

Historically run across two windows (roughly January–February and February–April) — confirm current-year dates on the School of Management funding page, as this scholarship is reviewed and reopened annually

Cranfield India Scholarship (Forensic Institute)

WHAT IT COVERS

A 40% reduction on full tuition fees

COURSES

Cranfield Forensic Institute postgraduate taught programmes

HOW TO APPLY

Check the specific course page's Fees and Funding section for the current application link and personal statement requirements

WHO CAN APPLY

Indian applicants with an offer for a Cranfield Forensic Institute MSc

DURATION

One-off fee reduction for your year of entry

Cranfield India Scholarship (Environment, Agrifood, Water & Energy)

WHAT IT COVERS

A tuition fee reduction; this faculty also separately offers a Course Excellence Scholarship (50% off fees) and a Regional Excellence Scholarship (40% off fees)

COURSES

Environment, Agrifood, Water and Energy MSc programmes

HOW TO APPLY

Confirm the exact percentage and process on your specific course page, as this varies by programme within the faculty

WHO CAN APPLY

Indian applicants with an offer for an eligible MSc in this faculty

DURATION

One-off fee reduction for your year of entry

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Smaller Top-Up Bursaries

Worth stacking on top of a bigger award

Postgrad Solutions Study Bursaries

WHAT IT COVERS

A bursary of £2,000 (Rs. 2,58,000), used as a top-up alongside any other funding you've secured

COURSES

Open to all Cranfield postgraduate courses

HOW TO APPLY

Write a 200-word statement on why you should receive the bursary, then complete Postgrad.com's short online registration form — the whole process takes a few minutes

WHO CAN APPLY

Any student, from anywhere in the world including India, who has already accepted an offer on a postgraduate course at Cranfield — taught or research, full-time

DURATION

One-off award; paid directly to Cranfield and discounted from your fees

DEADLINE

Typically 30 September for that year's autumn entry — confirm the current cycle's date before applying

Because this is explicitly designed as a top-up, it's one of the few scholarships on this list you can reasonably combine with a bigger award like the Excellence International Scholarship or an India-specific faculty scholarship — always confirm stacking rules on the specific scholarship page first.

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Scholarships That Do NOT Apply to India

Save yourself the time

Two scholarships listed on Cranfield's main funding page are genuinely excellent — but restricted to specific countries that do not include India. Worth knowing upfront so you don't spend time on an ineligible application.

Scholarship	Actually restricted to
ASEAN-UK: Women in STEM Scholarships	Female students from the East Asia region, on eligible full-time master's courses — not open to India
GREAT Scholarships	Applicants from Bangladesh, Kenya and Nigeria specifically, for selected full-time MSc courses — not open to India

If you've seen either of these mentioned in a generic 'Cranfield scholarships for international students' article, that's likely why — they genuinely exist and are genuinely valuable, just not for Indian nationals.

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Loans & Other Funding Options

For the gap scholarships don't cover

Option	What to know
Prodigy Finance Student Loans	Aims to provide affordable loans specifically to full-time Master's students at Cranfield School of Management, without requiring a traditional co-signer or collateral in many cases
Lendwise Student Loan	Loans ranging from £5,000 to £100,000 (Rs. 6,45,000–Rs. 1,29,00,000), able to cover both tuition fees and living expenses
Indian education loans	Public and private Indian banks (SBI, Bank of Baroda and others) and NBFCs also offer education loans for UK postgraduate study — compare rates before committing to an international lender

Cranfield's own guidance is to combine sources — savings, a scholarship, and a loan — rather than expect one route to cover everything. Its 'Managing money' guide (linked from the main funding page) is worth reading alongside this one for budgeting the parts scholarships don't cover.

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How to Apply

The general sequence, across most Cranfield scholarships

1

Apply to your course first

Most Cranfield-awarded scholarships (as opposed to Commonwealth routes) require you to already hold an offer before you can apply for the scholarship itself.

2

Check your specific course page

Look for the 'Fees and Funding' section on your exact course page — scholarships are added throughout the year and vary by programme.

3

Confirm your fee status

Scholarships for international students require Overseas fee status, determined by UK Department for Education rules — confirm this applies to you before applying.

4

Write your personal statement

Almost every Cranfield scholarship asks for a short statement on why you want to study your chosen course — make it specific to Cranfield, not generic.

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Submit via the correct route

Cranfield's own scholarships use an online application link; Commonwealth Scholarships go through a nominator, not Cranfield directly — don't mix these up.

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Apply early

Cranfield explicitly recommends applying for your course early to maximise your chance of securing a scholarship, since awards are reviewed on a rolling basis and funding is limited.

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All Scholarships at a Glance

Your quick-reference comparison

Scholarship	Value	Covers	India-eligible?
Commonwealth Master's Scholarship	Full award	Tuition + travel + living stipend	Yes
Commonwealth Shared Scholarship	Full award	Tuition + travel + living stipend	Yes (7 courses only)
Cranfield Excellence International Scholarship	£10,000–£15,000	Tuition fee reduction	Yes (£10k band)
Cranfield School of Management India Scholarship	£10,000	Tuition fee reduction	Yes — India only
Cranfield India Scholarship (Forensic Institute)	40% of fees	Tuition fee reduction	Yes — India only
Cranfield India Scholarship (Env./Agrifood/Water/Energy)	Varies by course	Tuition fee reduction	Yes — India only
Postgrad Solutions Study Bursary	£2,000	Tuition fee top-up	Yes
ASEAN-UK Women in STEM Scholarship	Full award	Tuition + living costs	No
GREAT Scholarships	Varies	Tuition fee reduction	No

This table is a starting reference, not a final answer — exact amounts, deadlines and eligible courses are reviewed by Cranfield annually and can change without notice. Always confirm current details on the specific scholarship page before you rely on any figure here.

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Get Free Counselling from Shiksha

Turn this guide into a real application plan

Reading a list of scholarships is one thing — matching the right one to your specific course, profile and timeline is another. Shiksha Study Abroad's counsellors can help you:

- Identify every scholarship you're genuinely eligible for, including the India-specific ones most guides miss.
- Check whether your course qualifies for the Commonwealth Shared Scholarship's narrow 7-course list.
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