



## **British Council IELTS Awards 2016**

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ'S)**

#### **What is the British Council IELTS Award?**

The British Council has developed this award to help more people access international education experience and networks. Two scholars planning to attend a post graduate or under graduate programme outside Nepal will receive an award to the value of **NRs. 5, 00, 000** each. Payments will be issued to the attending higher educational institutions in order to assist students with their tuition fees.

#### **Who is eligible for the Award?**

Essential eligibility criteria are that applicants must:

- be a resident and citizen of Nepal
- attend a higher education institution that accepts IELTS as part of its admission requirements
- begin an under graduate or post graduate programme outside Nepal in the 2016 academic year
- have taken their most recent IELTS test with the British Council between **December 1, 2014 to July 14, 2016.**
- be able to provide an acceptance letter from the attending institution by **August 19, 2016.**

#### **What is the final date for applications to be received by the British Council?**

The complete application must be received by **July 29, 2016.**

#### **How many winners will be chosen?**

Two scholars will receive an award to the value of Rs.5, 00, 000 each.

#### **How do I apply?**

1. Take an IELTS test with the British Council and receive your scores.
2. Download and complete the application form and submit to the British Council in person or via email.
3. We must receive your complete application by **July 29, 2016.**
4. We will short-list 8 applicants. Shortlisted candidates will be acknowledged of their status via email by **August 12, 2016.** Short-listed applicants will be required to make a ten minute presentation on a topic that will be communicated, followed by a brief interview.
5. We must receive from the short-listed applicants a letter of acceptance from the university you plan to attend by **August 19, 2016.**
6. Failure to submit your letter of acceptance by the **August 19, 2016,** deadline will result in your immediate removal from the short-list of applicants.
7. We will notify all short-listed applicants of the final result within two weeks from the date of interview.

#### **I have a disability. Can I still apply?**

We will short-list all applicants with a disability provided they meet the essential eligibility criteria. In line with the UK Disability Discrimination Act 1995, we define a person as having a disability if he or she has a physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

#### **What is the selection process?**

Short-listing will be carried out by the British Council. We will use selection Task A for short-listing purposes. Carefully check task completion criteria on the application form. The final two winning scholars will be chosen by a panel from the higher education and / or corporate sectors in Nepal. A senior British Council officer will also sit on the panel. The shortlisted students will be required to make a short presentation and attend an interview. The panel will decide on the winning students after the interview.

#### **How will the Award be awarded and when?**

The Award will be awarded directly to the university you will attend, after the British Council has officially confirmed your status with that university.

**What expenses will the award cover?**

The award can only be applied toward your tuition fees.

**At which universities can the award be used?**

Students may use the award at any university in any country outside Nepal that recognises IELTS for the purposes of post graduate admission requirements. You can search a worldwide list of recognising universities at ([http://www.ielts.org/test\\_takers\\_information/who\\_accepts\\_ielts.aspx](http://www.ielts.org/test_takers_information/who_accepts_ielts.aspx)). However, global IELTS recognition is growing all the time and if the university you plan to attend is not listed, we strongly recommend you contact the university directly for confirmation of their latest requirements.

**Can I send an application if I have registered for an IELTS test and have not yet taken it, or if I am currently waiting for my IELTS test results?**

No, you can only apply once you have received your IELTS score, and your score meets the minimum eligibility requirement of **6.0 average band score**.

**Can I apply if I am waiting for an acceptance letter from my university?**

Yes. Only short-listed applicants need to provide an acceptance letter from the university they will attend by **August 19, 2016**. This university must use IELTS scores to satisfy their English language requirements for admission.

**I took an IELTS test in 2010. Is my score still valid?**

IELTS scores are valid for two years, and so you can use a British Council IELTS score earned from **December 01, 2014 to July 14, 2016**.

**I want to take the IELTS test. Where can I find the test dates?**

You can go to <https://ielts.britishcouncil.org/Nepal> and get information on upcoming test dates and centres.

**I didn't take my IELTS test at the British Council or a British Council attached IELTS centre. Can I still apply?**

No. As this is a British Council IELTS Award, an essential eligibility criterion is that you must take your IELTS test with the British Council.

**Am I eligible for an award even though I already have part-funding through another Award or loan scheme?**

Yes, you are eligible.

**I already have a full tuition Award. Am I still eligible to apply?**

No, you are not eligible. If you are awarded a full tuition Award for 2016 after you apply for the British Council IELTS Award, please inform us so we can withdraw your application.

**Where do I send my completed application?**

An original hard copy of your application should be sent to:  
British Council IELTS Award 2016  
British Council  
Lainchaur, PO Box 640,  
Kathmandu, Nepal.

You can also send scanned copy with relevant documents via email at [general.enquiry@britishcouncil.org.np](mailto:general.enquiry@britishcouncil.org.np)

The complete application must be received by us by **July 29, 2016**.



**How do I contact British Council IELTS Award team with more questions?**

E-mail your questions to: [general.enquiry@britishcouncil.org.nz](mailto:general.enquiry@britishcouncil.org.nz)