Guideline for Shortlisted Candidates under the Project Titled “Overseas Scholarships for MS/MPhil Leading to PhD in Selected Fields, Phase-II” 90% Batch-7

HEC has decided to extend the maximum countries and universities opportunities to short listed candidates with the following conditions

1. Shortlisted Candidates can apply in all the below mentioned HEC partner countries and Universities at the same time. Please note any other university or country will not be entertained.

2. Shortlisted Candidates will be awarded scholarship against one country or university subject to meeting all the pre-requisites and jointly selection by Partner University or country and HEC through interview or otherwise (if required).

3. Shortlisted Candidates will be considered for award of scholarship against only one country / university which will select the Candidate first. Shortlisted Candidates will not be allowed to wait for other country / university selection result or switch to other university or country, in case of already selection.

4. Shortlisted Candidates will have to appear in the interviews which will be arranged by HEC. In case of non-appearance / no-show provisional shortlisting of shortlisted candidate will be withdrawn without any further intimation.

5. Provisional shortlisting of applicants is valid up to fall 2017 session. In case any shortlisted candidate is not selected by any HEC partner University or Country for fall 2017 academic session, Provisional shortlisting of shortlisted candidate will be withdrawn without any further intimation.

6. Shortlisted Candidates are advised to follow the HEC General Guideline to secure the Supervisor Acceptance Letter / Admission Letter.

7. Shortlisted Candidates are strictly advised to follow the HEC guideline for each country / university very carefully.
**General Guideline to Secure the Acceptance Letter from Supervisor / Admission in the University**

**Selection of Supervisor / Acceptance Letter from Supervisor:**

Whenever you contact the professors in any country for supervision request by email. Please Do not send your CV/Resume or any document before doing the following steps:

1. Find the professors relevant to your area of interest, read their work by downloading their papers.

2. After reading and understanding their work, see how you fit into their lab (some similar tools/topics you and professor, worked in common etc.)

3. Most important, do you fit in criteria/work done in lab, you are applying for?

4. If there is confusion, ask genuine questions to lab members or professor by carefully checking that you cannot find your desired answers in papers or on their website.

5. Then if you fit in the criteria, modify your CV/documents according to the lab you are applying for (bring your work up and details which are relevant to the lab you are applying for). Attach them as PDF, write an outstanding email about how you fit in the professor lab and also mention the paper you read of him in email (so that he get the impression that you understand him) and make the topic of email that is clear and understandable. Before sending the email, read and check them again and again and then send.

6. **Why it is so IMPORTANT** - Because when you send generic emails to professors, without even checking what they asked for or even if you fit in their criteria, then you not only finish your chances of selection but also you reduce the chances of selection of other eligible candidates.

**Admission in the University:**
Shortlisted Candidates should visit University web site and apply for admission as per the guideline provided for international students. Some Universities have centralized admission office usually called University Graduate Admission Office and sometimes each faculty require separate application for admission.

Shortlisted Candidates should have all the educational documents, English language proficiency test score, updated research proposal, CV, two reference letters, valid Passport etc. and should provide to university and HEC whenever they require.

**Important Note:** Shortlisted candidates should observe the deadlines of admission. HEC would not accept any excuse for the deferment of provisional selection for any other academic year beyond fall 2017 academic session.

**Correspondence with the Candidates:**

All the correspondence with the candidates will be made through email address provided in the application form. Candidates are strongly advised to check their emails (inbox & junk folder etc.) on regular basis. HEC will not send letters and guidelines through postal courier.

**Guideline/ Pre-Requisites for HEC Partner Countries / Universities**

**Guideline/ Pre-Requisites for France:**

Applicants are required to secure PhD acceptance letter from French Supervisor. Candidates are required to ensure that medium of instruction is English in the PhD program.

**Only those candidates preferably will be invited for interview who will secure acceptance letter from French Supervisor.**

**Deadline to Receive Acceptance Letters:**

**Spring 2017 Session:** The last date for receiving acceptance letter for PhD program in France is 15 November 2016 for spring 2017 Session (January 2017 session).

**Fall 2017 Session:** Deadline to provide the acceptance letters is May 19, 2017. Acceptance Letters which will be received after November 15, 2016 will be considered for fall 2017 session.
Candidates are advised to forward the acceptance letters to Mr. Salman, Project Manager, on his email address (Salahmed@hec.gov.pk) as early as possible so same can be forwarded to French Supervisors.

Video tutorial for Pakistani students looking for PhD degree programs taught in ENGLISH in any field using the online platform
http://ecolesdoctorales.campusfrance.org/phd/dschools/main
https://www.facebook.com/CampusFrancePakistan/videos/252510575207057/

**Guideline/ Pre-Requisites for Turkey:**
Shortlisted candidates must visit web sites of following HEC partner universities and apply for PhD admission for spring 2017 or fall 2017 session.

1. Bilkent University, Turkey
2. Sabanci University, Turkey
3. Middle East Technical University (METU), Turkey
4. Istanbul Technical University (ITU), Turkey
5. KOC University Istanbul, Turkey

Admission letter must be provided to HEC right away once an applicant receive confirmation of PhD admission from university. Candidates are advised to forward the admission letters to Mr. Salman, Project Manager, on his email address (Salahmed@hec.gov.pk). Interview schedule will be announced later.

**Guideline/ Pre-Requisites for Germany:**
Applicants are required to secure PhD acceptance letter from German Supervisor who is teaching in German Public sector University. Candidates are advised to carefully read the guidelines provided by DAAD, Germany to get the acceptance letter from German Supervisor on the following web site.


Candidates are required to ensure that medium of instruction is English in the PhD program.
Candidates are advised to forward the Supervisor acceptance letter to Mr. Ejaz Ahmad, Project Manager, on his email address (eahmad@hec.gov.pk).

Interview Schedule: Team of German professors is again planning to visit Pakistan during April 2017 to conduct the interviews of shortlisted candidates. Shortlisted Candidates are advised to provide supervisor acceptance letter to Mr. Ejaz Ahmad, Project Manager, on his email address (eahmad@hec.gov.pk) maximum by Friday, March 31st, 2017.

Guideline/ Pre-Requisites for Austria:
Applicants are required to secure PhD acceptance letter from Austrian Supervisor who is teaching in Austrian Public sector University. Candidates are advised to carefully read the guidelines provided by OeAD, Austria to get the acceptance letter from Austrian Supervisor on the HEC web site. (OeAD Guideline)

Guideline for HEC Applicants from Ms. Martha Eipeldauer, Programme Manager, OeAD, Austria
Candidates are required to ensure that medium of instruction is English in the PhD program. Austrian Professors team will not interview those candidates who will not have supervisor acceptance letter before the interview.

Interview Schedule: Austrian delegation has postponed their visit to Pakistan to conduct the interviews of shortlisted candidates which were scheduled on 23rd and 24th October, 2016. Now, Austrian Professors are planning to visit Pakistan at the mid of December 2016. Shortlisted Candidates are advised to provide supervisor acceptance letter to Mr. Ejaz Ahmad, Project Manager, on his email address (eahmad@hec.gov.pk) maximum by 30th -November, 2016. All those candidates who have already provided Supervisor Acceptance need not to send again.

Guideline/ Pre-Requisites for New Zealand:
Shortlisted candidates are advised to visit University of Waikato web site to search out the relevant research group and supervisor. Please do not write to supervisor directly. University of Waikato will contact and guide you about the admission process.

University of Waikato, New Zealand (http://www.waikato.ac.nz/)
Shortlisted candidates can contact with Mr. Ejaz Ahmad, Project Manager, on his email address (eahmad@hec.gov.pk) for further guideline.

**Interview Schedule:** Interview schedule will be announced later.

**Guideline/ Pre-Requisites for Australia:**
Shortlisted candidates must visit web sites of following HEC partner universities and apply for PhD admission and Tuition Fee Scholarship (TFS) for spring 2017 or fall 2017 session.

1. University of New South Wales
2. The University of Melbourne ([Guideline for Selection of Supervisor and Admission](#))
3. University of Wollongong ([Information for HEC-UOW Joint Scholarship Program](#))
4. RMIT University
5. Edith Cowan University ([Guideline for Selection of Supervisor and Admission](#)) ([GRS PhD Promotional Flyer](#))

Shortlisted candidates are required to secure Admission Letter and Tuition Fee Scholarship (TFS) from any one of above mentioned HEC partner University.

**Tuition Fee Scholarship (TFS)** – Why it is important to secure TFS alongside the admission?

This is a jointly funded scholarship program wherein, The Higher Education Commission will cover living allowance, insurance, return airfare and HEC Partner Universities will cover the tuition fee through TFS

Shortlisted candidates interested to pursue PhD program from following HEC partner University are required to secure PhD admission and Maintenance Allowance Scholarship for spring 2017 or fall 2017 session.

1. Macquarie University

Shortlisted Candidates can find out more about joint HEC and Macquarie University scholarship program on the following web link
Shortlisted candidates are also required to secure **Maintenance Allowance / Living Allowance Scholarship** from the Macquarie University.

**Maintenance Allowance Scholarship:** Why it is important to secure Maintenance Allowance in Macquarie University alongside the admission?

This is a jointly funded scholarship program wherein, The Higher Education Commission will cover tuition fee, return airfare and Macquarie University will cover the Maintenance Allowance through Maintenance Allowance Scholarship.

Candidates are advised to forward the Admission Letter and TFS/Maintenance Allowance Scholarship to Mr. Jamil Ahmed Qureshi, Project Manager, on his email address (jaqureshi@hec.gov.pk). Interview schedule will be announced later.

**Guideline/ Pre-Requisites for UK:**
Shortlisted candidates must visit web sites of following HEC partner universities and apply for PhD admission for **spring 2017 or fall 2017 session**.

- **Queen Mary University of London (QMUL)**
  The candidates can take admission only in one of the following QMUL Schools;
  - School of Biological and Chemical Sciences
  - School of Electronic Engineering and Computer Science
  - School of Engineering and Materials Science
  - School of Mathematical Sciences
  - School of Physics and Astronomy
  - School of Business and Management
  - School of Economics and Finance
  - School of Geography
  - School of Languages Linguistics and Film
  - School of School of Law (Law and/or Centre for Commercial Law Studies)

- **Royal Holloway, University of London (RHUL)** (total 4 PhD positions are available)
All those candidates who are interested to get admission at RHUL are advised to NOW apply for September-2017 entry. **The last date to submit the application is January 15, 2017.** All candidates are STRICTLY advised to submit an application to RHUL before contacting a potential supervisor. All candidates are advised to send their queries at study@royalholloway.ac.uk and **not to contact** the departments directly. Please visit the following link for further details; [https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/studyhere/postgraduate/applying/howtoapply.aspx](https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/studyhere/postgraduate/applying/howtoapply.aspx)

Candidates are advised to forward the Admission Letter and TFS/Maintenance Allowance Scholarship to Mr. Jamil Ahmed Qureshi, Project Manager, on his email address (jaqureshi@hec.gov.pk). Interview schedule will be announced later.

**Guideline/ Pre-Requisites for China:**

Shortlisted Candidates are required to secure PhD admission in QS ranked Top 25 Chinese Universities for **spring 2017 or fall 2017 session.**

**List of Chinese Universities**

1. Tsinghua University
2. Peking University
3. Fudan University
4. Shanghai Jiao Tong University
5. Nanjing University
6. Zhejiang University

7. University of Science and Technology of China
   Beijing Normal University

9. Wuhan University

10. Sun Yat-sen University

11. Tongji University

12. Xi'an Jiaotong University

13. Nankai University

14. Harbin Institute of Technology

15. Renmin (People's) University of China

16. Xiamen University

17. Shanghai University

18. Beijing Institute of Technology

19. Tianjin University

20. Huazhong University of Science and Technology

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21. East China Normal University

22. Southeast University

23. Beihang University (former BUAA)

24. Jilin University

25. Shandong University
**Deadline to Receive Admission Letters:**

**Deadline to provide the admission letters is May 31, 2017.** Candidates are advised to forward the Admission Letter to Mr. Jamil Ahmed Qureshi, Project Manager, on his email address (jaqureshi@hec.gov.pk). Interview schedule will be announced later.

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