

**UNIVERSITIES RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED AREAS OF STUDY FOR THE
DIRECT ENTRY SCHOLARSHIP (DES): ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20 -
LISTED BY COUNTRY OR CONTINENT AND IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER**

IMPORTANT POINTS ABOUT DES APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

- Prospective applicants are advised to visit the websites of the recommended universities to make sure their preferred major is offered at that particular university while you, the student, and your advisors should bear in mind that:
 - Pursuing a ‘double major’ is **NOT** allowed in case it results in an extension of the normal duration of a degree programme. Joint-degree courses are permitted provided it does NOT result in extension of duration of the undergraduate degree;
 - Pursuing a course that is **ONLY** available at (post)graduate level is **NOT** allowed (e.g. this applies to many professional degree programmes in the United States and Canada, such as Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Dentistry and Clinical Psychology in all countries);
 - Not all courses can be pursued in all study destinations (even if they are available): For example, Law can only be pursued in the UK, New Zealand and Australia because of the desired learning outcomes;
 - All eligible (approved) areas of study have been deemed relevant to the needs of the economy, however, the course content may differ from one institution to another: You, the student, should do some research in view of the alignment of the learning outcomes of the course you prefer with the needs of the economy;
 - In case you have further questions about the eligibility and/or availability of your preferred course or major, you should write an email to DES@mohe.gov.om BEFORE THE END OF APRIL. This email address will NOT be used for applications and the DES committee will not reply to emails sent after this date.
- To be earmarked (=shortlisted) as a DES scholarship applicant, students have to submit (upload) EITHER a **CONDITIONAL*** offer of admission from one of the following recommended universities **OR** (=if they cannot yet submit a conditional offer) an IELTS test report form* with a minimum IELTS overall score of 6.0 or equivalent by the 1st of June (=closure of the first HEAC application round). The offer or English test report form should be uploaded to the HEAC website (details will be published in the handbook);
- The offer letter should state that the student is **DEEMED ELIGIBLE TO DIRECTLY ENTER TO THE FIRST YEAR OF AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20: THE DES SCHOLARSHIP DOES NOT COVER A FOUNDATION PROGRAMME, AN INTEGRATED FOUNDATION PROGRAMME OR A LANGUAGE COURSE;**
- DES undergraduate scholarship applicants will have to submit an **UNCONDITIONAL** offer of admission from one of the recommended higher education institutions by the end

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of the change of preference period in July 2019: Students who did not yet receive their final marks by that date need to submit a conditional offer of admission (and proof that they did not yet receive their final marks);

- In addition to submitting an unconditional offer of admission, applicants will have to achieve a certain overall grade **OR** a minimum grade in a number of unspecified school subjects in order to compete for this scholarship. The minimum required grades will be publicised in the HEAC handbook. Applicants can compete based on their predicted marks *until* they receive their final marks;
- Students will have to submit an unconditional offer of admission after they received their final marks or otherwise they will be disqualified from competing for DES;
- Students will apply for DES by uploading the required documents to the HEAC website and will **NO** longer be able to apply by email;
- The DES scholarship is the **ONLY TYPE** of undergraduate scholarship that will allow students to make use of the services provided by higher education service offices, should this be deemed necessary. Please bear in mind that offer letters obtained through such offices cannot be used in view of the other types of undergraduate scholarships;
- DES scholarships are competitively awarded on the same date as the other undergraduate scholarships – therefore, students are advised **NOT** to apply for courses that start early in July or August 2019;
- While every effort has been made to ensure that the list of recommended higher education institutions is accurate and up to date, changes may still be made to the content and will be announced on the MoHE and HEAC websites. Students should regularly check the websites and social media pages for updates.
- All DES scholarship applications will be reviewed by a committee. Meeting the criteria does not guarantee a scholarship as the number of qualified candidates may exceed the number of seats and, in this case, tie-breakers will apply (more details will be published in the HEAC handbook).

**A conditional offer is usually provided based on predicted school grades and subject to you achieving these grades ** We advise students to take the IELTS for UKVI as this test is usually mandatory in view of UK visa application procedures and accepted in all other study destinations.*

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**NON-EXHAUSTIVE* LIST OF APPROVED SUBJECT AREAS:
DIRECT ENTRY UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP (DES) - ACADEMIC YEAR
2019/20**

AGRICULTURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

A: Aquaculture & Fisheries

W: Water Technology

ARCHITECTURE

A: Architecture (only offer letters from institutions in the UK, Europe or Asia will be accepted)

L: Landscape Architecture

U: Urban Planning

CREATIVE ARTS

D: Digital Media

F: Fine Arts (e.g. Painting, Sculpture, Music)

J: (Digital) Journalism

T: Television/Broadcasting

EDUCATION

E: English Language (Teacher to Non-Native Speakers); Early Childhood Education

T: Teaching Science (Secondary School-level), Primary School Education (teaching)

ENGINEERING & RELATED TECHNOLOGIES

A: Acoustical Engineering, Aeronautical Engineering (cannot include Pilot Training), Architectural Engineering

B: Building Services/Maintenance Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Building (Civil) Engineering

C: Chemical Engineering, Construction Engineering

E: Electrical and/or Electronic(s) Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Ecology

F: Fire Safety Engineering

G: Geological Engineering

I: Industrial Engineering

L: Logistics Engineering

M: Materials Engineering, Mining Engineering, Metallurgical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics/Mechatronic Engineering

N: Network Engineering

P: Petroleum or Oil & Gas Engineering

R: Renewable Energy Engineering

S: Systems Engineering, Surveying Engineering, Sustainability Studies or Engineering

T: Transport Engineering, Telecommunications Engineering

HEALTH

A: Audiology

B: Biomedical Engineering, Biological Sciences (students who want to pursue Biomedical Sciences are advised to send an email to des@mohe.gov.om and ask for requirements set by the Ministry of Health);

D: Dentistry**, Dietetics (**NOT** Nutrition), Dental Technology

H: Health(care) Policy and/or Management, Health Education, Health Economics, Health Promotion; Health Administration

M: Medicine**, MPharm **, Medical Physics, Medical Laboratory Science

P: Public Health Science, Podiatry, Prosthetics & Orthotics

R: Respiratory Therapy/Care, Radiography, Radiology

V: Veterinary Medicine**

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

A: Animation

C: Computer Science, Computer Science &/with Artificial Intelligence, Computer Forensics, Computer Science &/or with Software or Smart Phone App Development, Cyber Security

D: Data/Information Science

MANAGEMENT & BUSINESS

A: Actuarial Science, Accounting, Auditing, Aviation Management (CANNOT include Pilot Training)

B: Banking, Business Administration

E: Enterprise/Entrepreneurship, Emergency Administration & Planning

F: Finance, Financial Risk Management, Financial Services

I: Investment, Insurance, Islamic Banking

L: Logistics and/or Supply Chain Management

M: Management

O: Operations Management, Organisational Leadership Studies

P: Property Management, Port Management

R: Real Estate Management

S: Safety and/or Security Management, Transport Management, Shipping & Port Management and/or Supply Chain and/or Logistics Management

NATURAL & PHYSICAL SCIENCES

A: Astronomy, Astrophysics

B: Biological Sciences, Business Statistics

C: Conservation (and/or Environment), Chemistry

E: Earth Sciences, Environmental Sciences

F: Forensic Science

G: Geology, Geophysics, Geochemistry, Genetics

H: Hydrogeology

L: Life Sciences

M: Meteorology, Mathematics and/or with Statistics, Marine Science or Marine Biology

P: (Applied) Physics

S: Sustainability Science, Science, Statistics

Z: Zoology

SOCIETY & CULTURE

A: Archeology

C: Criminology

E: Economics

G: Geographical Information Systems

L: Law (applicants can only submit offer letters from recommended Law schools in the United Kingdom, Australia or New Zealand), Languages/ (Applied) Linguistics;

P: Psychology (does **NOT** include Clinical Psychology as this is only taught a graduate level & applicants can only submit offer letters from recommended universities in the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand)

S: Sociology, Special Needs Education

T: Tourism Studies (focus on planning aspect)

Z: Zoology

*In case a preferred area of study has not been listed here, please send an email with your questions Direct Entry Scholarship applicants can send their questions to des@mohe.gov.om with specific reasons why you want to study a course that has not been listed as eligible for this scholarship by April 30.

**The list of Higher Education Institution (HEIs) recommended for DES scholarships in Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine and MPharm (refer to the final page of this document) is different from the list of HEIs recommended for the other majors!

HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs) RECOMMENDED BY THE OMAN MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE ‘DIRECT ENTRY’ UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FOR MAJORS (EXCEPT FOR MEDICINE, DENTISTRY & VET OR MPHARM) - AY 2019/20

The HEIs are listed by country (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK and the USA) or continent (Asia and Europe). An offer at one of these HEIs has to concern a direct entry to the undergraduate degree programme, **NOT** a foundation programme or a language course. Students need to apply for 2019/20 entry (either first or second intake) but do not seek admission to a programme that starts before August 2019! See eligibility criteria for further details. The following universities are **NOT** necessarily also recommended for any of the other external scholarships – the lists of universities recommended for the other types of scholarships will be announced on the HEAC website and in publications published under the auspices YDYF campaign in due course.

ASIAN COUNTRIES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Beihang University (China) ➤ Central South University (China) ➤ Chang Gung University (Taiwan) ➤ China Agricultural University (China) ➤ China Medical University (Taiwan) ➤ China University of Geosciences (China) ➤ Chinese University of Hong Kong ➤ Chongqing University (China) ➤ City University of Hong Kong ➤ Dalian University of Technology (China) ➤ East China Normal University (China) ➤ Fudan University (China) ➤ Hanyang University (South Korea) ➤ Harbin Institute of Technology (China) ➤ Hokkaido University (Japan) ➤ Hong Kong Polytechnic University | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hong Kong University of Science and Technology ➤ Huazhong University of Science and Technology (China) ➤ Jilin University (China) ➤ Tokohu University (Japan) ➤ Hunan University (China) ➤ Keio University (Japan) ➤ Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST – South Korea) ➤ Korea University (South Korea) ➤ Kyoto University (Japan) ➤ Kyung Hee University (South Korea) ➤ Kyushu University (Japan) ➤ Nagoya University (Japan) ➤ Nanjing University (China) ➤ Nankai University (China) ➤ Nanyang Technological University (Singapore) ➤ National Cheng Kung University (Taiwan) ➤ National Taiwan University ➤ National Tsing Hua University (Taiwan) ➤ National University of Singapore (Singapore) ➤ Osaka University (Japan) ➤ Peking University (China) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pohang University of Science and Technology (South Korea) ➤ Seoul National University (South Korea) ➤ Shanghai Jiao Tong University (China) ➤ East China Normal University (China) ➤ Sichuan University (China) ➤ Sun Yat-sen University (China) ➤ Soochow University (China) ➤ South China University of Technology (China) ➤ Northwestern Polytechnical University (China) ➤ Sungkyunkwan University (South Korea) ➤ Tianjin University (China) ➤ Tokyo Institute of Technology (Japan) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tongji University (China) ➤ Tsinghua University (China) ➤ Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology (South Korea) ➤ University of Hong Kong ➤ University of Science and Technology of China (China) ➤ University of Tokyo (Japan) ➤ Kyoto University (Japan) ➤ University of Tsukuba (Japan) ➤ University of Ulsan (South Korea) ➤ Waseda University (Japan) ➤ Wuhan University (China) ➤ Xiamen University (China) ➤ Xián Jiaotong University (China) ➤ Yonsei University (Seoul Campus – South Korea) ➤ Zhejiang University (China) |
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HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE OMAN MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE 'DIRECT ENTRY' UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FOR AREAS OF STUDY (EXCEPT FOR MEDICINE, DENTISTRY & VET OR MPHARM) - AY 2019/20

AUSTRALIA	CANADA	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Australian National University ➤ James Cook University ➤ Macquarie University ➤ Monash University ➤ RMIT University ➤ Sydney University of Technology ➤ Tasmania University ➤ University of Melbourne ➤ University of New South Wales ➤ University of Queensland ➤ University of Sydney ➤ University of Western Australia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ McGill University ➤ McMaster University ➤ University of Alberta ➤ University of British Columbia ➤ University of Calgary ➤ University of Toronto ➤ University of Waterloo 	
NEW ZEALAND	THE UNITED KINGDOM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ University of Auckland ➤ University of Otago 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ University of Birmingham ➤ University of Bristol ➤ Cambridge University ➤ Cardiff University ➤ Durham University ➤ University of Edinburgh ➤ Exeter University ➤ University of Glasgow ➤ Imperial College London ➤ King's College London ➤ University of Leeds ➤ University Liverpool ➤ London School of Economics and Political Science ➤ University of Manchester 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Newcastle University ➤ University of Nottingham ➤ Oxford University ➤ Queen Mary - University of London ➤ Queen's University Belfast ➤ University of Sheffield ➤ University of Southampton ➤ University College London (UCL) ➤ Warwick University ➤ University of York

HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE OMAN MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE 'DIRECT ENTRY' UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FOR MAJORS (EXCEPT FOR MEDICINE, DENTISTRY & VET OR MPHARM) - AY 2019/20

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (OTHER THAN THE UK)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Aalborg University (Denmark) ➤ Aalto University (Finland) ➤ Aarhus University (Denmark) ➤ Autonomous University of Barcelona, (Spain) ➤ Bielefeld University (Germany) ➤ Chalmers University of Technology (Sweden) ➤ Complutense University of Madrid (Spain) ➤ Delft University of Technology (the Netherlands) ➤ École Normale Supérieure de Lyon (France) ➤ École Polytechnique (France) ➤ École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (Switzerland) ➤ Eindhoven University of Technology (the Netherlands) ➤ Erasmus University Rotterdam (the Netherlands) ➤ ETH Zurich (Switzerland) ➤ Ghent University (Belgium) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Grenoble Alpes University (France) ➤ Groningen University (the Netherlands) ➤ Heidelberg University (Germany) ➤ Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz (Germany) ➤ Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (Germany) ➤ Karolinska Institute (Sweden) ➤ Katholieke Universiteit (KU) Leuven (Belgium) ➤ KTH Royal Institute of Technology (Sweden) ➤ Leiden University (the Netherlands) ➤ Linköping University (Sweden) ➤ Lund University (Sweden) ➤ Maastricht University (the Netherlands) ➤ Montpellier University (France) ➤ Norwegian University of Science and Technology (Norway) ➤ Paris Diderot University – Paris 7 (France) ➤ Paris-Sud University (France) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pompeu Fabra University (Spain) ➤ Radboud University Nijmegen (the Netherlands) ➤ Ruhr University Bochum (Germany) ➤ RWTH Aachen University (Germany) ➤ Sapienza University of Rome (Italy) ➤ Sorbonne University (France) ➤ Stockholm University (Sweden) ➤ Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (Sweden) ➤ Technical University of Berlin (Germany) ➤ Technical University of Darmstadt (Germany) ➤ Technical University of Denmark (Denmark) ➤ Technical University of Munich (Germany) ➤ Trinity College Dublin (Ireland) ➤ TU Dresden (Germany) ➤ Ulm University (Germany) ➤ Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium) ➤ Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium) ➤ University College Dublin (Ireland) ➤ University of Amsterdam (the Netherlands) ➤ University of Antwerp (Belgium) ➤ University of Barcelona (Spain) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ University of Basel (Switzerland) ➤ University of Bayreuth (Germany) ➤ University of Bergen (Norway) ➤ University of Bern (Switzerland) ➤ University of Bologna (Italy) ➤ University of Bordeaux (France) ➤ University of Cologne (Germany) ➤ University of Copenhagen (Denmark) ➤ University of Duisberg-Essen (Germany) ➤ University of Erlangen-Nuremberg (Germany) ➤ University of Freiburg (Germany) ➤ University of Geneva (Switzerland) ➤ University of Gothenburg (Sweden) ➤ University of Hamburg (Germany) ➤ University of Helsinki (Finland) ➤ University of Innsbruck (Austria) ➤ University of Kiel (Germany) ➤ University of Konstanz (Germany) ➤ University of Lausanne (Switzerland) ➤ University of Milan (Italy) ➤ University of Oslo (Norway) ➤ University of Padua (Italy) ➤ University of Pisa (Italy) ➤ University of Southern Denmark ➤ University of Stuttgart (Germany) ➤ University of Vienna (Austria) ➤ University of Zurich (Switzerland) ➤ Uppsala University (Sweden) ➤ Utrecht University (the Netherlands) ➤ Vienna University of Technology (Austria) ➤ Vita-Salute San Raffaele University (Italy) ➤ Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (the Netherlands) ➤ Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium) ➤ Wageningen University (the Netherlands)
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HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE OMAN MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE 'DIRECT ENTRY' UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FOR MAJORS EXCEPT FOR MEDICINE, DENTISTRY & VET OR MPHARM - AY 2019/20

- Boston College
- Boston University
- Brown University
- California Institute of Technology
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Duke University
- Emory University
- Georgetown University
- George Washington University
- George Mason University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Harvard University
- Indiana University Bloomington
- Iowa State University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- Michigan State University
- New York University
- North Carolina State University
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- Ohio State University
- Pennsylvania State University

- Princeton University
- Purdue University
- Rice University
- Rutgers (New Brunswick) University – The State University of New Jersey
- Stanford University
- Stony Brook University
- Texas A&M University
- Tufts University
- University of Buffalo
- University of California, Berkeley (Berkeley)
- University of California (Davis)
- University of California (Irvine)
- University of California (Los Angeles)
- University of California (Riverside)
- University of California (San Diego)
- University of California (Santa Barbara)
- University of California (Santa Cruz)
- University of Chicago
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of Delaware
- University of Florida
- University of Georgia
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of Iowa

- University of Minnesota – Twin Cities
- University of Maryland
- University of Massachusetts
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Pennsylvania (UPenn)
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Rochester
- University of Southern California
- University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- University of Texas at Austin
- University of Virginia
- University of Washington
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Vanderbilt University
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech)
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Yale University

HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE OMAN MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE 'DIRECT ENTRY' UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20 INSTITUTIONS RECOMMENDED FOR MEDICINE, DENTISTRY, MPHARM OR VETERINARY MEDICINE

- The Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are listed by country (and the countries are listed in alphabetical order)
- An offer at one of these HEIs has to concern a direct entry to the undergraduate degree programme, **NOT** a foundation programme or a language course. Students need to apply for 2019/20 entry (either first or second intake) but do not seek admission to a programme that starts before August 2019!
- The following universities are **NOT** necessarily also recommended for any of the other external scholarships (other than the direct entry scholarship) – the lists of universities recommended for the other types of scholarships will be announced on the HEAC website and in publications in due course.

ASIAN COUNTRIES	AUSTRALIA		CANADA
NOT APPLICABLE (=NOT AN OPTION TO PURSUE UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN MEDICINE, DENTISTRY, VET OR MPHARM IN ASIAN COUNTRIES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Monash University (Medicine) ➤ Adelaide University (Dentistry) ➤ Sydney University (Veterinary Medicine) 		NOT APPLICABLE (=NOT AN OPTION TO PURSUE UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN MEDICINE, DENTISTRY, VET OR MPHARM IN CANADA)
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (OTHER THAN THE UK)	THE UNITED KINGDOM		NEW ZEALAND
NOT APPLICABLE (=NOT AN OPTION TO PURSUE UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN MEDICINE, DENTISTRY, VET OR MPHARM IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ University of Aberdeen ➤ University of Birmingham ➤ University of Bristol ➤ University of Cambridge ➤ Cardiff University, University of Dundee ➤ University of East Anglia ➤ University of Edinburgh ➤ University of Glasgow ➤ Imperial College of Science ➤ Technology and Medicine ➤ King's College London ➤ Lancaster University ➤ University of Leeds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ University of Leicester ➤ University of Liverpool ➤ University of Manchester ➤ University of Newcastle ➤ University of Nottingham ➤ University of Oxford ➤ Queen Mary University of London ➤ University of Sheffield ➤ Queen's University of Belfast ➤ University of Southampton ➤ St George's Hospital Medical School ➤ University of Warwick ➤ University College London ➤ University of Exeter Medical School ➤ University of Glasgow ➤ University of St Andrews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ University of Auckland ➤ University of Otago
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA			
NOT APPLICABLE (=NOT AN OPTION TO PURSUE UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN MEDICINE, DENTISTRY, VET OR MPHARM IN THE USA)			