

The Felix Scholarship

Competition 2014 (for entry academic year 2014-15)

The Felix Scholarship competition is open to candidates applying for either taught Masters or Postgraduate Research Degrees who are either Indian nationals, or from developing countries, and who fulfil the following criteria:

Candidates will:

- be under 30 years of age on 31 January 2014
- have attained at least a First Class Bachelor's degree
- not currently be living or studying outside their home country
- not previously have studied outside of their home country for one year or more
- not already hold degrees from Universities outside their home country
- not already have taken up a scholarship to pursue PhD studies at another University

Candidates from India will also have to demonstrate financial need and must undertake to return to India upon completion of their studies.

The Felix scholarship competition is funded and administered (including the setting of criteria) by an external Trust and involves Reading and two other participating UK Universities. For Reading, this competition comprises:

- Five awards for students from India that pay fees at the International rate and a stipend
- One award for students from developing countries¹ that pays fees at the International rate and a stipend.

As defined by the Felix Trustees, awards are payable for a maximum duration of 3 academic years for PhD and 1 academic year for taught masters.

Application process:

- Candidates must hold an offer of a place at the University by the closing date for applications

¹ Guidance obtained from the Felix Trustees has indicated that the 1 Scholarship for 'developing countries' is aimed primarily at African candidates and excludes "all Western countries, including most of the European Community and China / Taiwan". If nominated by the University for the award, the eligibility of high quality candidates for the Felix Scholarships from countries other than India and Africa will be need to be approved by the Felix Trustees. Therefore, Schools wishing to nominate a candidate from a country other than India or Africa should advise the Graduate School (details overleaf) as soon as possible, in order to approve this with the Felix Trustees.

- Candidates must complete a Felix Scholarship application form (details below) and submit this to the Graduate School by the closing date
- **The closing date for applications to be received is 31 January 2014**
- Heads of School will then be sent paperwork on any candidates within their School by the Graduate School shortly after the 31 January closing date.
- Schools are asked to consider and rank any candidates. Schools can put forward **up to a maximum number of 3 candidates for the awards for Indian students and a maximum of 1 student for the award for students from developing countries (meaning Schools can nominate a total of 4 candidates for the awards)**. The ranking provided by Schools will be advisory for the University Shortlisting /Selection Committee.
- The University Selection Committee will then shortlist candidates for interview. For Indian nationals, interviews take place in India and are carried out by a panel acting on behalf of the Felix Trust. There is no interview for the 1 non-Indian candidate, who is selected by the Felix Trustees on the recommendation of the University.

Application Forms

The necessary forms for making an application to the Felix Scholarship competition can be found at the following URL:

<http://www.reading.ac.uk/gs-felix.aspx>

Summary of key internal dates:

Felix Scholarship competition 2014 (Reading internal timetable)	
Meeting / Deadline	Date
Deadline for applications to be received from students by the Graduate School	Fri 31 January 2014
Graduate School copy applications for collection by nominated Department/School contacts	Fri 7 February 2014
Deadline for Schools to return rankings and complete paperwork for applications to Graduate School	Friday 21 February 2014
Circulation of papers to the University short-listing panel	By 27 February 2014
University short listing panel	w/c 17 th March 2014
Interviews abroad for Indian candidates	<i>April 2014 (TBA)</i>

Further information

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