



ELIGIBILITY, MERIT & FUNDING CRITERIA FOR ONE-YEAR FOREIGN MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM

| Eligibility Criteria |
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| 1). Hold four years Bachelor's degree or a two years Bachelor's and Master's combination (16 years of formal education) for foreign one year Master's Degree and having at least five (05) years of public sector work experience in BPS-17 or above . |
| 2. Not be 50 years of age at the date of commencement of degree program. |
| 3). Have an admission offer letter from top 100 QS ranked university. |
| 4). Be a regular employee of Government belonging to Federal services (PAS only), Provincial services (PMS only) and P&D Board officers, currently on active strength of Govt. of the Punjab. He / She must not be currently on deputation with a donor agency or international agency. Not be on long leave from the government (equal or more than one year). |
| 5). Furnish an undertaking on stamp paper that he/she will serve the Government at-least for five (05) years after completion of degree otherwise all the expenditures incurred on for the course will be reimbursed to Government exchequer. |
| 6) The applicant must not be facing any ongoing inquiry or disciplinary proceedings, and no major penalty should have been imposed in the past. |
| 7). Intended degree program of the applicant shall be relevant with the past experience of the officer and the kind of service he is expected to provide in future. Decision of PSC would be final in this regard. |
| 8) Officers who already hold a Foreign Master's Degree shall not be eligible for the PRMPU's Foreign Master's Degree Scholarship Program. |
| 9) Be in good mental and physical health. |
| 10) Furnish a duly filled PRMPU Application Form (to be downloaded from the PRMPU official website), within the given deadline. |



| Merit Criteria |
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| <p>I. University Ranking (Max 70 points)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">University Ranking Score = (101 - University Ranking) * 0.7</p> |
| <p>II. Course/Subject Ranking (Max 30 points)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Course / Subject Ranking Score = (101 - Course / Subject Ranking) * 0.3</p> |
| <p>III. Merit List Preparation</p> <p>1. Applicants will be ranked based on their Total Merit Score.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Total Merit Score = University Ranking Score + Subject Ranking Score</i></p> <p>2. Selection will be made in order of merit based on total score out of 100.</p> <p>3. In case of a tie in Total Merit Score, the following criteria will be applied in order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Higher University Ranking Scoreb. Years of relevant public sector service experiencec. Final decision by the Program Steering Committee (PSC) <p>4. The final merit list will be approved by the Program Steering Committee (PSC).</p> |

Note: PRMPU will annually identify and prepare a list of priority areas/fields in accordance with the capacity-building requirements of the Government of the Punjab, subject to approval by the PSC. Applicants who secure admission in priority areas will be given preference.



Funding Criteria

1. TUITION FEE: 100% (Full Coverage)

The complete tuition fee for the approved degree program will be covered for all awardees regardless of their merit ranking or university ranking.

2. LIVING STIPEND: 100% (Full Coverage)

Living stipend covers: Accommodation, food, local transportation, books, stationery, and other incidental expenses as per approved rates for the specific country and city of study. It will be benchmarked against comparable international / regional scholarships (e.g. Chevening, Fulbright, and Erasmus Mundus etc.)

3. PAYMENT MECHANISM

The fee shall be directly deposited into the respective university account by PRMPU, or reimbursed to the officer if it has already been paid by him/her. The officer shall provide an affidavit confirming that he/she will deposit the fee to the university within one (1) month of receiving the amount in his/her account. In the case of an advance payment, the scholar must ensure that the fee is paid within 30 working days from the issuance of the invoice by the respective university. The living stipend may be disbursed on a bi-annual basis in advance, in accordance with the approved funding criteria.

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS

- i. All funding is subject to the scholar maintaining satisfactory academic progress as certified by the university.
- ii. Scholars must submit semester-wise progress reports to PRMPU