

Do you have experience of, or a serious interest in, technology-enhanced learning? Would you like to gain a Master's degree with one of the UK's leading Institutes in digital teaching and learning? The Open University's Institute of Educational Technology (IET) has been awarded 5 fully funded Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarships for citizens of [developing Commonwealth countries](#) who wish to study IET's [Masters in Online and Distance Education](#). We are pleased to invite applications for these scholarships. **The closing date for applications is 3rd May 2016 at 23:59 hours BST.**

These Scholarships are funded by the [UK Department for International Development \(DFID\)](#) and are intended to contribute to the development needs of Commonwealth countries by providing training for skilled and qualified professionals in key development areas.

Intended beneficiaries

High-quality postgraduate students who wish to access training not available in their home countries, who wish or need to remain in their home country while they study, and who have the potential to enhance the development of their home countries with the knowledge and leadership skills they acquire.

About the Masters in Online and Distance Education

The Open University Masters in Online and Distance Education is studied wholly online. The Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarships are for three years' part-time distance learning, commencing in February 2017. The scholarships will cover the full cost of tuition fees.

It is likely that Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarship holders will study the following modules, in the order stated. However, there may be some variation in the exact content offered.

Two compulsory 60 credit modules

- **February 2017:** [H800 Technology-enhanced learning: practices and debates](#) - the first module of the MAODE. This module develops a range of information literacy skills, introduces various educational technology tools and practices, and introduces key debates in educational technology (e.g. the relative contributions of acquisition and participation in learning, situated cognition, OER, the boundaries of institutions and the role of personal learning environments).
- **February 2018:** [H817 Openness and innovation in e-learning](#). This module explores OER, Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), Learning Design, learning analytics and assessment within an overall focus on openness and innovation.

A further 60 credits, currently drawn from the following modules, though provision may have changed slightly by 2018:

- **October 2018:** [H818 The networked practitioner](#). This is a project-based module in which learners explore an aspect of their own professional practice by building a collection of assets (e.g. videos, PowerPoint presentations and/or posters). With their peers, they collaboratively reflect on these assets through forums and then present on their created asset at an online conference.

- **April 2019:** [H819 The critical researcher: educational technology in practice](#). This module focuses on developing skills in finding, interpreting and evaluating research and cutting-edge innovations in educational technology, from a global perspective.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for a Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarship to study the Masters in Online and Distance Education you must have:

- A Bachelors degree from a recognised university.
- Citizenship and residency of a [developing Commonwealth country](#)
- Proficiency in the English language to IELTS 7.0 or equivalent (shortlisted applicants may be required to do an English language proficiency exam)

You will also need access to a computer with broadband internet access. You do not need to be working in technology-enhanced learning but you should be interested in developing expertise in this area.

How to apply

- 1) Visit the [Masters in Online Distance Learning website](#), and the web pages for the modules listed above, to find out more about the programme.
- 2) Complete the [Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarship application form](#) by **3rd May 2016, 23:59 BST** and submit it online.
- 3) If you have any questions, please contact IET-COURSES@open.ac.uk in the first instance.