

Press release

British Council IELTS 25th Anniversary Scholarships 2014 open for applications

IELTS candidates eligible for £25,000 bond-free scholarships



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25 February 2014 (SINGAPORE) – In celebration of the 25th anniversary of IELTS, the British Council is extending the IELTS scholarships to the East Asia region for the first time in 2014, increasing the amount of **individual scholarships to £25,000**. Since its launch in 2012, the British Council IELTS Scholarships have been well received by Singapore students pursuing further education. With the help of the scholarships, in the past two years, a total of 10 students have succeeded in applying for their desired universities in different countries, including the UK, the USA, Australia and Canada.

“IELTS is an international English proficiency test that puts people first, and there is no better way of underlining this than helping more people realise their aspirations and access to international educational opportunities,” **says Greg Selby, Director of Examinations British Council, East Asia**. “To celebrate our 25th anniversary, we are launching the British Council IELTS 25th Anniversary Scholarships 2014 in 12 countries across East Asia, awarding a total of 57 local scholarships worth £2,500 each, and 3 regional scholarships worth £25,000 each, to individuals pursuing further education either locally or overseas.”

One of the 2013 IELTS Scholars, Mao Ning, who is pursuing a Post-Bachelor of Science PhD Programme in Biomedical Engineering at Boston University, USA, commented, “The IELTS score gives me strong recognition of my English skills, and that allows my university applications to be problem-free. I’m very grateful that British Council provides many forms of support, whether it’s preparation for the exam, or even financial aid.”

The British Council IELTS 25th Anniversary Scholarships 2014 are open for applications from now until 31 May 2014. The top three scholars in the East Asia region (includes China, Hong Kong & Macau, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam) will each receive £25,000, and up to three students in Singapore will each receive £2,500. The scholarships will go towards tuition fees of the scholars’ chosen courses.

The British Council IELTS Scholarships aim to award outstanding students who have career aspirations and demonstrate the potential to contribute to society what they have gained from their undergraduate/postgraduate study experience locally or overseas.

Candidates currently residing in the East Asia region who will begin undergraduate/postgraduate study in 2014 at a higher education institution that accepts IELTS as part of its admission requirements are eligible to apply. They must be able to provide an acceptance letter from the attending institution and must have taken their most recent IELTS test at the British Council, with a minimum band score of 6.0 in each of the four component parts of the test.

For details of the British Council IELTS 25th Scholarships 2014, please visit:
www.britishcouncil.org.sg/IELTS-scholarship

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Notes to Editors:

(1) About International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

IELTS is the International English Language Testing System, the world's most popular English language proficiency test with two million tests taken in the last year. Over 8,000 organisations trust and accept IELTS as a secure, valid and reliable indicator of true to life ability to communicate in English for education, immigration and professional accreditation. IELTS is jointly owned by British Council, IDP: IELTS Australia and Cambridge English Language Assessment.

About the test

Candidates are tested in listening, reading, writing and speaking. All tests are scored on a banded system from 1 (the lowest) through to 9 (the highest possible band score).

IELTS offers a choice of two versions, to serve both academic and non-academic purposes. **IELTS Academic module** measures English language proficiency needed for an academic, higher learning environment. The tasks and texts are accessible to all test-takers, irrespective of their subject focus. **IELTS General Training module** measures English language proficiency in a practical, everyday context. The tasks and texts reflect both workplace and social situations. The General Training module is suitable for immigration purposes to Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

(2) About the British Council

The **British Council** creates international opportunities for the people of the UK and other countries and builds trust between them worldwide. We are a Royal Charter charity, established as the UK's international organisation for educational opportunities and cultural relations. Our 7000 staff in over 100 countries work with thousands of professionals and policy makers and millions of young people every year through English, arts, education and society programmes.

In Singapore, the work of the British Council includes teaching English to adults and young learners; teacher and corporate training; IELTS and other Exams; providing the latest information about studying in the UK; promoting British education and training; and demonstrating the innovation, creativity and excellence of British arts, literature and design.

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