



Scholarship Applications for the Academic Year 2014-15 Guidance Notes

There is intense competition for our scholarship awards, and incomplete or badly completed applications are likely to be rejected immediately. **Please ensure that you complete the correct application form and submit it by the deadlines of 28 February 2014 for new applications and 15 March 2014 for continuing students** to the address shown in the notes attached to the application form. Applications mailed after that date will not be considered. Applicants in India must attach a colour, passport-size photograph to their application form.

Prospect Burma is introducing new subject criteria and procedures for 2014. Please read these guidance notes carefully before deciding to make an application this year.

For 2014 we are NOT - WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CONTINUING STUDENTS (who should apply on the form for Continuing Students) - accepting:

- (1) applications to study for a doctoral degree;
- (2) applications to study for an undergraduate degree in a first world country (ie UK/Europe, North America, Australia/New Zealand, Japan and Korea) UNLESS a substantial tuition fee waiver has been offered by the university;
- (3) applications to study at IGNOU in India or for any other distance learning/correspondence course;
- (4) applications to study at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) in Bangkok;
- (5) applications to do an immediate follow-on degree.

ELIGIBILITY

You may qualify for an award if you are of Burmese origin and are:

- ◆ Accepted for and/or enrolled in a first degree (undergraduate) course at an accredited college or university in South East Asia, Hong Kong, or India, or - if with proof of another scholarship/fee waiver - at a first world university;
- ◆ Already studying, or accepted for, a Master's degree course;

PRIORITY SUBJECTS

This year we particularly welcome applications to study Governance, Public Administration, Development, Economics and Law.

We will also consider applications to study Agriculture/Forestry/Fisheries, Education/Teaching, Environmental studies, Public and Community Health/Nursing, Human Rights and Social Work. **Please note: all other subjects are excluded and applications for these will not be registered or considered.**

Priority will be given to students currently resident in and applying from Burma



CRITERIA & CONDITIONS

We announce a competition each December/January for awards for the forthcoming academic year. Awards are for one year only, and students must apply again for subsequent years.

We help students who have a good academic record, who can demonstrate financial need, and who will return to Burma to help in the democratic rebuilding of the country.

We do not give full scholarships. Applicants must therefore ensure that they have reliable access to other financial resources to cover any funding gap.

Our awards are intended as a contribution to tuition fees, academic course materials and living expenses including accommodation and food. All applicants **must** ensure that they obtain adequate health insurance or other suitable arrangements to cover medical/dental/optical costs. We **do not** contribute to international travel or debts. We **do not** make a contribution to the costs of dependants (spouses, partners, children).

We will require successful applicants to sign a grant letter and to observe the conditions of the award. If a student fails to observe the conditions, they will be liable to repay the money and will not be eligible for future awards.

WARNINGS

We do not acknowledge receipt of applications, nor do we send rejection notices. If you have not heard from us by 31 July, you should assume that your application was unsuccessful.

Decisions on awards are made by Prospect Burma's Scholarship Committee and are final.

Anyone submitting false documents, making untrue statements or failing to disclose all relevant information will NOT receive a grant this year or in the future.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR 2014-15

There are three different applications forms this year. Please make sure you complete the correct one and follow the instructions in the notes attached to the form.

- **Application for Continued Funding.** This form should be completed by returning students who received a Prospect Burma scholarship for the 2013-2014 academic year and who are continuing in the same degree programme.
- **Application for New Applicants applying to study outside of Southeast Asia and Hong Kong.** This form should be completed by new applicants who wish to study anywhere except Southeast Asia and Hong Kong. Please note: unless applying for study in India or able to supply proof of other scholarships/fee waivers, only Master's degree courses will be considered in this application category
- **Application for New Applicants applying to study in Southeast Asia or Hong Kong.** This form should be completed only by new applicants wishing to study in Southeast Asia or Hong Kong.

Prospect Burma will not make grant payments without proof of a student's acceptance on, and enrolment for, a specific course. But do not delay submission of your application: if you do not have a confirmed university place offer before 28 February 2014 you can provide evidence of your place offer later.

Applicants who received a grant in our 2013 round and who wish to apply again **MUST** attach their narrative reports on their experiences during 2013-14 and give one academic reference from your current university tutor, otherwise the application is likely to be rejected. There is no need to wait for grades; you should send them to us as soon as they become available.

