

**GRADING SYTEM FOR ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATIONS FOR COMMONWEALTH ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS TENABLE
IN THE UNITED KINGDOM 2010**

GRADE	ACADEMIC MERIT	DEVELOPMENT IMPACT	QUALITY OF APPLICATION
Grading Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Career progression to date</i> • <i>Academic record</i> • <i>Referees' reports</i> • <i>Academic prizes or awards.</i> • <i>Other relevant academic achievements</i> • <i>Publications and Conference participation</i> • <i>Research Grants</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Extent to which the candidate has shown that the proposed work will have a positive impact on 'development'¹</i> • <i>The way and extent to which the candidate proposes to use the experience of this award to contribute to development in his/her own country</i> • <i>Evidence of past commitment to 'development' agendas through voluntary work or through leading and participating in relevant projects or programmes.</i> • <i>Relevance and extent to which the Plan of Study fits well with the career progression and strengths of the candidate.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Extent to which the work programme has been well researched and a suitable host identified</i> • <i>Extent to which project builds on past experience of candidate – likely value added.</i> • <i>Degree of innovation and clarity of presentation.</i> • <i>Likely impact and relevance to field.</i> • <i>Feasibility of project completion within the tenure of the award</i> • <i>Potential for future publication or other dissemination</i> • <i>Potential for ongoing collaboration</i>

¹ *The definition of 'development' is contentious, but can be considered to include, amongst other themes, the Millennium Development Goals, environmental issues, public health, education, governance, political, social and economic development.*