



DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION
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SHIROMANI GURDWARA PARBANDHAK COMMITTEE, AMRITSAR: A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, Amritsar, Punjab (India), an apex democratically elected body of Sikhs residing all over the world was established under a special Act of Parliament in 1925. Besides managing the Sikh Gurdwaras (i.e. Holy Sikh Shrines) and religious affairs of this most dynamic, vibrant and enterprising community, Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (S.G.P.C.) also looks after its cultural and historical monuments. At the same time, it runs and supports a number of Educational Institutions; Charitable Hospitals; Houses for the physically and mentally challenged people and Welfare Cradles for Orphans.

In order to provide value-based education, S.G.P.C. has established a large number of institutions. At present, the SGPC is running about 31 colleges and 50 Schools which include two Medical Colleges; one Dental College; One Nursing college; four Colleges providing Technical Engineering Courses; and a number of other Postgraduate and Undergraduate Colleges providing specialized Education in Management, Computer Sciences, Life Sciences including Bio-Technology, Bio-Informatics and Microbiology, etc. and Commerce, Humanities and Pure Sciences. S.G.P.C. has also set up a full-fledged multi-disciplinary University named after 'Guru Granth Sahib' at the historic town of Fatehgarh Sahib in Punjab.

All the Institutions of S.G.P.C. strive for excellence, producing not only successful professionals, managers and entrepreneurs; but also responsible Human Beings who care for core human values and ethics. It is worth mentioning that the major contribution of S.G.P.C. lies in providing School and College Education accessible to common and needy people in remote and rural areas of Punjab and other states of India.

SHIRMOANI GURDWARA PARBANDHAK COMMITTEE CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP-2010
For M.Phil & Ph.D Studies
at
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, UK

Procedure for admission to M.Phil. or Ph.D. courses in University of Cambridge, U.K. for the session September/October 2010. The broad guidelines are given below:

- (i) Application is to be made on an application form [Graduate Admission and Scholarship Application Form (the GRADSAF form)] for entry to the University of Cambridge, for entry to a Constituent College and for funding from the Cambridge Trusts.
- (ii) The basic criteria for all applicants are the equivalent of a 1st class or higher 2nd class degree from a recognized university and a fluent command of the English language.
- (iii) The applicants are required to visit the website of the relevant Faculty or Department to ensure that the subjects available on the research projects and programs are appropriate for their course of study.
- (iv) Most of the information is accessible on the under-mentioned website link about the application and the admission process : www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/gsprospectus/applying
- (v) The students are also advised to visit website of the university regarding graduate studies/graduate admission (www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/gradstud/admissions/)
- (vi) Application can be made either online or on a paper.
- (vii) After submission of the application, the candidate will have access to a self service webpage to track the progress of his/her application.

S.G.P.C.- CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIPS

- (i) University of Cambridge, U.K. offers about 1500 study scholarships to the students of Commonwealth countries. These scholarships are granted on the basis of academic merit and are for those who fulfill admission norms and standards of University of Cambridge. These scholarships are routed through Cambridge Commonwealth Trust (CCT) which deals exclusively with grant of scholarships on academic merit.
- (ii) Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee, Amritsar has recently signed an MOU with University of Cambridge, U.K. to provide Joint Financial Support leading to research degrees of M.Phil. and Ph.D. for the meritorious Sikh students who wish to pursue Higher Studies in University of Cambridge.

The scholarship carries an amount of approximately 25000 Pounds per annum for each scholar who will be admitted in any research degree course to University of Cambridge. The amount of scholarship will be shared equally (50:50) by S.G.P.C. and University of Cambridge through CCT.

- (iii) A separate application will have to be filed for admission in any course of the choice and for availing SGPC-Cambridge Scholarships. The application for scholarship will have to be filed with **Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, UK & Directorate of Education, SGPC, # 6, Kalgidhar Niwas, Sector 27-B, Chandigarh** which offer funding to the students who are likely to gain the admission to the university in normal way.
- (iv) The applicants/students are advised to complete the process of admission in the course of their choice according to the guidelines given by Directorate of Education, SGPC/University of Cambridge, UK. They will be eligible for the SGPC-Cambridge Scholarships only after receiving provisional consent of admission in the chosen course from the University of Cambridge. Meanwhile the students can file a separate application for grant of scholarship as per the norms and guidelines of Directorate of Education, SGPC and CCT.
- (v) The students are informed that the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, UK or Directorate of Education, SGPC cannot admit applicants to the University of Cambridge. The applicants are required to meet the norms and standards for admission to various courses of University of Cambridge. The funding of courses through SGPC-Cambridge scholarships comes into the picture only after the applications are accepted and provisional admission is assured.

SELECTION CRITERIA OF DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION, SGPC FOR GRANT OF SGPC-CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIPS:

1. The applicant should be a Sikh by religion, belonging to a Sikh family and should have faith and belief in Sikh tenets, follower of Guru Granth Sahib & its teachings and should not be a 'PATIT'.
2. If selected, Every Sikh candidate will have to execute a Judicial Bond to SGPC that during the tenure of studies at Cambridge if he/she abdicates the Sikh Religion, the scholarship will be withdrawn and the candidate will be required to refund the amount of scholarship which he/she has been granted.
3. Every Sikh candidate applying for SGPC Cambridge Scholarship will have to give an undertaking in the form of Judicial Bond to Director Education, SGPC that after the completion of his/her course, the candidate will have to serve any institution of Higher Education of SGPC for at least 5 years. SGPC, of course, will offer suitable jobs (Assistant Professor/Associate Professor) to such candidates in its institutions.

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