

Guideline for Choosing Eligible Programs

Pension Office Scholarship Program 2026

This guideline is intended to assist applicants of the Pension Office Scholarship Program 2026 in selecting eligible study programs within the approved fields of study.

Approved Fields of Study

Scholarships will be awarded for postgraduate degrees in the following fields:

1. Actuarial Science (top priority)
 - Applicants must select programs primarily and explicitly focused on "Actuarial Science."

Sample Institutions Offering Actuarial Science Programs:

University or College Name	Country	Course/Program Title (Official Name)	Source Link(s)
University of Melbourne	Parkville, Australia	Master of Actuarial Science	https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-actuarial-science/
UNSW Sydney	Australia	Master of Actuarial Studies	https://www.unsw.edu.au/study/postgraduate/master-of-actuarial-studies
University of Amsterdam	Netherlands	Master's in Actuarial Science and Mathematical Finance	https://ase.uva.nl/content/masters/actuarial-science-and-mathematical-finance/actuarial-science-and-mathematical-finance.html?cb

2. Financial Risk Management

- Applicants must select programs primarily and explicitly focused on "Financial Risk Management", with a strong focus on "quantitative risk".



Sample Institutions Offering Financial Risk Management Programs:

University or College Name	Country	Course/Program Title (Official Name)	Source Link(s)
UCL	United Kingdom	Financial Risk Management MSc	https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught-degrees/financial-risk-management-msc
University of Glasgow	United Kingdom	Financial Risk Management MSc	https://www.gla.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/financialriskmanagement/
University of Toronto	Canada	Master of Financial Risk Management	https://www.rotman.utoronto.ca/programs/specialized-programs/master-of-financial-risk-management/
Imperial College London	London	MSc Risk Management & Financial Engineering	https://www.imperial.ac.uk/business-school/masters/risk-management/

3. Econometrics

- Applicants must select programs primarily and explicitly focused on "Econometrics", statistics, mathematics, economics or other similarly quantitative fields.

Sample Institutions Offering Econometrics Programs:

University or College Name	Country	Course/Program Title (Official Name)	Source Link(s)
University of Nottingham	United Kingdom	Economics and Econometrics MSc	https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/pgstudy/course/taught/economics-and-econometrics-msc
Monash University	Australia	Master of Applied Econometrics	https://www.monash.edu/study/courses/find-a-course/applied-econometrics-b6036?international=true



Program Eligibility Criteria

Selected program must be:

- a postgraduate (Masters) degree;
- offered by a university ranked within the top 200 in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2025;
- recognized by the Maldives Qualifications Authority (MQA).

Note: Please refer to the MQA Qualifications Recognition Process for detailed guidance. To apply, use the official Application Form for Recognition of the Intended Programme provided by MQA.

Important Notes

- The sample programs and universities provided are for reference purposes only and have not been verified by the Maldives Qualifications Authority (MQA) for recognition.
- Applicants may select eligible programs from different universities (universities ranked within the top 200 in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2025).
- When filling the information for selected program in the application form, applicants must:
 - Provide the official title and description of the program.
 - Provide a direct web link to the university's official program page.
- Programs that do not meet the eligibility requirements or fail the verification process will not be considered for the scholarship.

