



# **Community College Initiative Program**

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

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**Frequently Asked Questions for the Community College Initiative Program**

### **For whom is this program intended?**

The Community College Initiative Program (CCIP) is designed to enable young professional from Pakistan (with 2 year Bachelor's degree and less than 10 years of work experience) to spend one year studying at community colleges in the United States, earning a vocational certificate in the process, while immersing themselves in U.S. cultural life. The promise of this program is its value in modeling for Pakistanis the U.S. system of flexible and blended education for lifelong learning. The program engages promising non-elite students who by virtue of disadvantages or interest may not qualify or be appropriate for a four year Bachelor's/Master's degree program- and who, through the exchange, will receive a technical certification that may be useful in Pakistan's developing economy or perhaps develop an interest continuing for a regular degree program in Pakistan.

### **What are the eligible fields of study?**

- Agriculture
- Applied Engineering
- Media
- Business Management & Administration
- Tourism & Hospitality
- Health Technology

### **What is included in the CCI program grant?**

The grant funds tuition, textbooks, airfare, a living stipend, accommodation and health insurance

### **If I'm selected when will I begin studies in the US?**

Fall 2012

### **Application**

#### **Where do I get the soft copy of application from?**

<http://www.usefpakistan.org/CCIP2012.html>

#### **Do I have to take the TOEFL?**

Applicants will be required to take the TOEFL after their selection has been finalized and will be notified by USEFP.

#### **I have done a two year bachelor's degree am I eligible?**

Yes, as long as you are currently working in the eligible fields listed above.

#### **I have done a two year bachelor's degree but I am currently not employed, can I still apply?**

No, you need to be currently working in one of the relevant fields to be eligible for the CCI program.

#### **I have completed a four years Bachelors degree and I am working in one of the eligible fields, can I apply for this program?**

No, persons with a four years Bachelors degree are ineligible to apply for this program.

#### **I have completed a three year Bachelors degree and I am working in one of the eligible fields, can I apply for this program?**

Yes, you can apply as far as you are working in one of the specified fields.

**I have completed my Masters degree and I am working in one of the eligible fields, can I apply for this program?**

No, persons with a Master's degree are ineligible to apply for this program

**I have completed my Bachelor's degree and currently I am enrolled into a Master's program, can I apply for this program?**

No, current students are ineligible to apply for this program.

**I understand that I must submit two letters of reference. Whom should I ask to write such a letter?**

Consider asking teachers, advisors, or other professionals who are familiar with you and your work. Since you are currently working, ask your supervisor or other professional. Family members or other relatives are not eligible to write letters of reference. **PLEASE DO NOT WRITE THE REFERENCE LETTER YOURSELF AND JUST ASK YOUR REFEREE TO SIGN IT.** It is usually obvious when this has been done and it reduces the value of the reference.

**Should referees send our reference letters directly to USEFP, or can they be sent with our application form?**

Reference letters should be sent directly to USEFP by your referees in sealed envelopes. It is important that your referees should clearly mention the name of the program the applicant is applying for and the applicant's name.

**How will I know that my application was received?**

The USEFP Office will notify you of receipt of your application by email. This may take some time as there are many applications to process. Please do not phone or email to check.

**Should I send my original documents with my application form?**

**NO.** Do not send us any original document. Please send **attested photocopies** of all your documents (transcripts, degrees, certificates, etc.)

## **Selection**

**How does the selection process work?**

Applications will be reviewed in four stages:

**Round 1:** All applications will be screened by USEFP staff for completeness and minimum qualifications.

**Round 2:** Complete applications that meet the minimum qualifications will be evaluated according to a set of established criteria and short listed.

**Round 3:** In-person interviews of short-listed applicants will take place in Islamabad between November and December 2011. The interview panels are made up of both U.S. and Pakistani citizens.

**Round 4:** Final nominations will be made in January, 2012. Applicants who have been nominated will be notified by telephone. Those who have not will be notified by mail.

**Final approval** is given by the higher authorities in the U.S.

**After Selection**

**Will I need to submit any additional documents if I become a finalist?**

Yes, finalists will be required to submit copy of the data page of valid passport and a completed Medical History and Examination Form.

**Can I defer my grant to the following academic year?**

No, you cannot defer. You can, however, decline the grant and reapply at a later date.

**Will I have to get admission to a university on my own?**

No, The Community Colleges for International Development Inc. (CCID) will find an appropriate placement for you.