## SAARC Chair, Fellowship and Scholarship Scheme

The SAARC Chair, Fellowship and Scholarship Scheme was instituted in 1987 with the aim of providing increased cross-fertilization of ideas through greater interaction among students, scholars and academics in the SAARC countries. The Standing Committee at its Twenty-seventh Session while recognizing the importance of the Scheme for Member States decided to hold a workshop in Nepal to recommend means of more effective implementation of the Scheme.

Pursuant to the above decision, the second meeting of the Technical Committee on Human Resources Development (Colombo, November 2002) considered the recommendations on operational modalities of the SAARC Chairs, Fellowships and Scholarships Scheme as proposed by the Workshop held in Kathmandu on 22-23 October 2002. After approval by the Standing Committee, the revised Scheme has become fully operational.

The Third Meeting of the Committee of Heads of University Grants Commission/Equivalent Bodies held Colombo in January 2007 considered matters relating to [SAARC Chairs, Fellowships and Scholarships Scheme](http://www.saarc-sec.org/userfiles/HSC/SAARCChairFellowshipScholarshipScheme.doc) and underscored the importance of implementing the Scheme more effectively and expressed the view that the Scheme is instrumental in promoting increased cross-fertilization of ideas through interaction among students, scholars and academics in the Member States as envisaged in the SAARC Social Charter.

Since the Scheme came into existence, many SAARC nationals were benefitted with scholarships from the Member States in various fields. Among several SAARC programs and activities, this Scheme is one that brings tangible benefits to the peoples of our region. The scholarships have been offered in the following manner:

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| **Academic year** | **Scholarship** | | **Subject area** | **Offered to** | **Offered by** |
| **Category** | **No.** |
| **2017-2019** | Scholarship | 10 | M.Sc. in Forestry/Environment Management/Wood Science & Technology/Cellulose & Paper Technology | All Member States | India |
| Scholarship | 20 | M.Sc. in Rehabilitation Science  (funded by SDF) | All Member States | Bangladesh Health Professions Institute (BHPI), Dhaka, Bangladesh. |
| Scholarship | 01 | MBBS | Sri Lanka | Nepal |
| 01 | MA in International Relations | Afghanistan |
| **Total number of scholarships – 10** | | | | | |

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| **2016-2017** | Scholarships | 20 | M.Sc. in Rehabilitation Science | All Member States | Bangladesh (funded by SDF) |
| 01 | MBBS | Pakistan | Nepal |
| 01 | Master’s in Rural Development | Sri Lanka |
| 10 | M.Sc. in Forestry/Environment Management/Wood Science & Technology/Cellulose & Paper Technology | All Member States | India |
| **Total number of scholarships – 32** | | | | | |

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| **Academic year** | **Scholarship** | | **Subject area** | **Offered to** | **Offered by** |
| **Category** | **No.** |
| **2015-2016** | Fellowship | 02 |  | All Member States | India |
| Scholarships | 01 | MBBS | Maldives | Nepal |
| 01 | Master’s in Rural Development | Pakistan |
| 01 | Bachelor of Tourism Management | All Member States | Maldives |
| 01 | Bachelor of Teaching |
| 10 | M.Sc. in Forestry/Environment Management/Wood Science & Technology/Cellulose & Paper Technology | All Member States |
| **Total number of scholarships - 16** | | | | | |

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| **Category** | **No.** |
| **2014-2015** | SAARC Fellowship | 02 |  | | All Member States | | India |
| Scholarship | 14 |  | | 02 for each Member States | |
| 10 | M.Sc. in Forestry/Environment Management/Wood Science & Technology/Cellulose & Paper Technology | | All Member States | |
| 01 | MBBS | | India | | Nepal |
| 01 | Master’s in Rural Development | | Maldives | |
| **Total number of scholarships - 28** | | | | | | | |
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| **Academic year** | **Scholarship** | | **Subject area** | **Offered to** | | **Offered by** | | |
| **Category** | **No.** |
| **2013-2014** | SAARC Chair | 01 |  | All Member States | | Bangladesh | | |
| Fellowship | 03 |  |
| Scholarship | 08 | To pursue Master’s/Ph/D. |
| 03 | Diploma in General Nursing & Midwifery | Nepal | | Bhutan | | |
| Bachelor of Business Administration | Pakistan | |
| B.Sc. in Sustainable Development | Sri Lanka | |
| 10 | M.Sc. in Forestry/Environment Management/Wood Science & Technology/Cellulose & Paper Technology | All Member States | | India | | |
| 14 |  | 02 for each Member States | |  | | |
| 01 | MBBS | Bangladesh | | Nepal | | |
| 01 | Master’s in Rural Development | India | |
| **Total number of scholarships - 41** | | | | | | | | |

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| **Academic year** | **Scholarship** | | **Subject area** | **Offered to** | **Offered by** |
| **Category** | **No.** |
| **2012-2013** | fellowship | 07 |  | 01 for each Member States | India |
| SAARC Chair | 03 |  | All Member States |
| Scholarship | 01 | Ph.D. in Environmental Science | Nepal |
| 14 |  | 02 for each Member States |
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| **Total number of scholarships - 25** | | | | | |

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| **Academic year** | **Scholarship** | | **Subject area** | **Offered to** | **Offered by** |
| **Category** | **No.** |
| **2011-2012** | fellowship | 07 |  | 01 for each Member States | India |
| Scholarship | 04 | Bachelor of Business Administration | Afghanistan | Bhutan |
| B.Sc. in Sustainable Development | Bangladesh |
| Diploma in General Nursing & Midwifery | India |
| BA in English and Environment Studies | Maldives |
| 10 | M.Sc. in Forestry/Environment Management/Wood Science & Technology/Cellulose & Paper Technology | All Member States | India |
| 14 |  | 02 for each Member States |
| **Total number of scholarships - 35** | | | | | |

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| **Category** | **No.** |
| **2010-2011** | SAARC Chair | 01 |  | All Member States | Bangladesh |
| 01 |  | On rotation basis | India |
| Fellowship | 04 |  | All Member States | Bangladesh |
| 07 |  | 01 for each Member State | India |
| scholarship | 10 | To pursue Master’s/Ph/D. | All Member States | Bangladesh |
| 21 |  | 03 for each Member States | India |
| **Total number of scholarships - 44** | | | | | |

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| **Category** | **No.** |
| **2009-2010** | SAARC Chair | 01 |  | On rotation basis among Member States | India |
| Scholarship | 21 |  | 03 for each Member States |
| **Total number of scholarships - 22** | | | | | |