

ACES Alumni Graduate School Applications Scholarship

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We can establish a PHD application fund. The idea is to have a lump sum of money that is enough for applying to 10 (\$800-\$1000) universities. The students who are applying that year can submit an application to the alumni association on the 1st Nov including the following material. 1) All application material for universities 2) A list of universities they are applying to along with the reasons for picking them and 3) An essay explaining their financial situation 4) Confirmation of their household income.

The selection will be done by a panel of academic staff members. They will rank students by (1+2) only. Then they will decide if students are eligible for financial assistance by considering (3+4). The financial award will go to the student who has the max score of (1+2) and is eligible for (3+4). Every student with better (1+2) but is not eligible from (3+4) will be given a "nominal award".

This will have 3 benefits. (1) It is a "nice to have thing" on the application for both financial and nominal award students. (2) This will allow financial award students to APPLY to top schools without worrying about the cost of applications (3) All the students will have a copy of their application material ready by 1st Nov and they can improve it very well based on staff feedback by 15th Dec.

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We decided to incorporate this idea into the higher education development plan to be put forward by the Higher Education standing committee. Therefore, we will not be moving forward with this idea as a standalone venture for the time being.