



**ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY OF CANADA  
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**Commonwealth Day - March 14th 2016 - Celebrated worldwide**

Theme: An Inclusive Commonwealth

Contact your local RCS Branch for local events.

[www.rcs.ca](http://www.rcs.ca)

<http://thecommonwealth.org/inclusivecommonwealth>

**The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition (RCS)**

Open to all Commonwealth citizens under the age of 18.

This year's essay themes revolve around "An Inclusive Commonwealth."

**Deadline:** May 1st, 2016

<https://www.thercs.org/youth-and-education/the-queens-commonwealth-essay-competition/>

**Recruitment of mentors for Queen's Young Leaders (RCS)**

The QYL Programme consists of exceptional young leaders who have contributed to a Commonwealth community. The Programme is in need of mentors to help Queen's Young Leaders develop social, environmental and cultural projects. Mentorship will be between June and December 2016. Personal mentors get a free coaching course provided by the University of Cambridge's Institute of Continuing Education.

**Deadline:** February 28th, 2016

<http://www.commonwealthroundtable.co.uk/journal/harry-hodson-memorial-prize/>

**National Student Commonwealth Forum (RCS - Ottawa)**

Annual Forum for Canadian high school students where they learn about and discuss the contemporary Commonwealth through a theme, this year's being Immigration, Migration and Refugee Issues. Delegates travel to Canada's capital in early May to meet youth from across the country, and participate in a model Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting to reach consensus on resolutions they build themselves.

**Application deadline:** March 15th, 2016

[www.nscf-fnec.ca](http://www.nscf-fnec.ca)

**Training: Third Country Programmes (Commonwealth Secretariat)**

A number of capacity development programmes for professionals are available through a series of unique training courses. Currently the Government of India has allocated 75 places for participants from Commonwealth member states for the 2015-2016 Programme. There are 280 short-term, medium-term and long-term courses available. Other nations will offer courses soon.

**Deadline:** not stated; openings fill quickly

<http://thecommonwealth.org/third-country-programmes>

**Commonwealth Scholarships in low and middle income countries (ACU)**

The Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan (CSFP) is offering scholarships for studies in Bangladesh, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Pakistan, Rwanda, Swaziland and Uganda. Applicants must be citizens of a Commonwealth country.

**Deadline:** 29 February 2016

<https://www.acu.ac.uk/focus-areas/scholarships/commonwealth-scholarships/>

**Leading Change Journalism Bursary (University of Cambridge)**

Five Leading Change Journalism Bursaries will be awarded to one young person aged 18-30 in each Commonwealth region, who is keen to develop his or her journalism skills and experience while building a portfolio. Up to £900 available.

**Deadline:** February 28th 2016

<http://qyl.ice.cam.ac.uk/resources/the-leading-change-journalism-bursary-2016>

**Commonwealth Summer School (ACU)**

The Commonwealth Summer School was first instigated by the ACU in 2011, to provide a forum for students from every corner of the Commonwealth to come together and discuss multidisciplinary issues of global importance. The School is open to students from all disciplines who are in their final year of an undergraduate degree or undertaking Masters or Doctoral level degrees at any university in a Commonwealth member state. Program is in Rwanda in August 2016.

**Deadline:** March 31st 2016

<https://www.acu.ac.uk/events/commonwealth-summer-school/commonwealth-summer-school-2016/>

**Harry Hodson Memorial Prize (The Roundtable)**

This is an annual award by *The Round Table* in memory of the journal's late Editor, Harry Hodson. It is awarded for a publishable article, contributed by anyone aged 30 years or younger. Applicants for the award should contribute an essay of between 1500 and 2000 words in length on a topic of relevance to the contemporary Commonwealth.

**Deadline:** December 31st 2016

<http://www.commonwealthroundtable.co.uk/journal/harry-hodson-memorial-prize/>

**Blog: Using Sport to Teach Values**

A fourth year Sports Management student at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario Canada, Queen Elizabeth Scholar and Commonwealth Games Canada SportWORKS Officer at the Swaziland Olympic and Commonwealth Association blogs about her experiences while being placed in the beautiful country of Swaziland for four months.

<http://www.commonwealthgames.ca/news/featured/using-sport-create-young-leaders-teach-values.html>

**Additional Resources:**

<http://www.youngcommonwealth.org/>

<http://www.yourcommonwealth.org/>

<http://thecommonwealth.org/our-work/youth>

<https://www.thecommonwealth-educationhub.net/>

<http://thecommonwealth.org/jobs>

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