

### 1. What is the British Council IELTS Award 2018 for IELTS candidates in Greece?

The British Council IELTS Award 2018 for IELTS candidates in Greece is designed to assist a high calibre individual who has a strong motivation to develop their career and who can demonstrate that they have the potential to contribute to society with their studies.

The successful applicant will receive an award of up to a maximum of £10,000 to assist with the tuition fees for an undergraduate or postgraduate programme at an institution of higher education in Greece or abroad, or for a course of study at a college or other provider of post-secondary education or vocational training in Greece, which accepts IELTS as part of its admission requirements.

The payment will be made directly to the educational organisation where the successful applicant will undertake the course of study.

### 2. Who is eligible to apply for the British Council IELTS Award 2018?

Before applying, please make sure you will be able to meet the following eligibility criteria. You must:

- be aged 18 years or over on 31 July 2018
- have taken an IELTS test at a British Council centre in Greece and received an official Test Report Form (TRF) dated between 3 June 2017 and 1 June 2018 issued by the British Council in Greece
- have achieved a minimum overall band score of 6.5, plus a minimum score of 6.5 in each of the four components of the IELTS test
- be commencing a full-time undergraduate or postgraduate study programme in Greece or abroad, or a course of study at a college or other provider of post-secondary education or vocational training in Greece, in the 2018–19 academic year starting August 2018 onwards, which accepts IELTS as part of its entry requirements (check the [official recognition list](#))
- be able to provide an acceptance letter from the relevant educational organisation by 30 June 2018.

Shortlisted applicants will be required to provide evidence to support their application, such as a copy of their ID and a copy of their IELTS Test Report Form (TRF).

### 3. What is the application deadline for the British Council IELTS Award 2018?

The [online application form](#) will be open to receive applications from **15 December 2017 until 14.00 (Greek time) on 4 June 2018**.

*Please note that it takes several minutes to complete the form and we strongly advise you to apply before the deadline in order to avoid disappointment. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered for the British Council IELTS Award 2018.*

### 4. Where can I find the online application form?

Apply [here](#).

## 5. How many awards are available?

One successful applicant will be selected and will receive an award of up to a maximum of £10,000 to assist with tuition fees.

## 6. What is the application process?

You must take an IELTS test at a British Council authorised centre in Greece and receive an official Test Report Form (TRF) dated between 3 June 2017 and 1 June 2018 issued by the British Council in Greece.

Complete and submit the [online application form](#) by **14.00 (Greek time) on 4 June 2018**.

## 7. I have a disability. Can I apply?

The British Council IELTS Award 2018 is open to everyone.

## 8. What is the selection process?

- Applications will initially be reviewed to ensure that they meet the British Council IELTS Award 2018 eligibility criteria and assessed by a panel of British Council/higher education representatives.
- Five applicants will be shortlisted based on their applications, including their personal statement.
- We will notify all applicants by email between 6 and 13 June 2018 at the latest to inform them whether or not they have been shortlisted.
- The final shortlisted applicants will be invited to a British Council office in Greece to be interviewed by a panel of British Council/higher education experts between 18 and 27 June 2018. They will be asked to give a short presentation before being interviewed for final selection.
- Shortlisted candidates will be required to provide evidence to support their application, such as a copy of their IELTS Test Report Form (TRF), their ID and a letter of acceptance from the institution they plan to attend, on the day of the interview. The letter of acceptance may be provided by 30 June 2018 at the latest. Failure to provide the required evidence by the above deadlines will result in the applicant's removal from the British Council IELTS Award 2018 shortlist.
- We will notify all shortlisted applicants of the final results by email by the week of 2 July 2018 at the latest.

The panel will be looking for a high calibre individual who has a strong motivation to develop their career and who can demonstrate that they have the potential to contribute to society as a result of their study experience. The successful applicant will also be able to demonstrate their commitment to networking within the IELTS community and sharing their experience with other IELTS candidates.

If the successful applicant does not respond in accepting the award, including failure to provide the British Council with any required information or documentation by 30 June 2018

at the latest, the British Council may grant the said award to the second successful applicant selected by the committee. In the event that after the payment of the tuition fees directly to the educational organisation of the first successful applicant's choice for the 2018–19 academic year there is a remainder of the above award, then the British Council may also grant a part of the remainder to the second selected successful applicant, which will not exceed the sum granted to the former.

#### **9. How will the successful applicant receive the award?**

The award will be paid directly to the educational organisation where the successful applicant will undertake their course of study, subject to the British Council officially confirming their application status with the institution.

#### **10. What expenses will the award cover?**

The award can only be used to cover tuition fees for one academic year, up to a maximum of £10,000, or the equivalent in euro or any other currency based on the exchange rate of the relevant currencies on the date of disbursement.

#### **11. Will I be reimbursed if I have already paid a deposit to the educational organisation where I plan to study if I win the award?**

No. The British Council cannot reimburse you for any deposit on the tuition fees already paid before the announcement of the winner of the British Council IELTS Award 2018. The British Council will pay the remainder of the tuition fees directly to the educational organisation for one academic year (2018–19) up to a maximum of £10,000, or the equivalent in euro or any other currency based on the exchange rate of the relevant currencies on the date of disbursement.

#### **12. At which educational organisations can the award be used?**

You can use the award at any educational organisation in Greece or abroad that recognises IELTS for the purposes of undergraduate or postgraduate admission requirements. You can search our [worldwide list](#) of recognising educational organisations.

*Global IELTS recognition is growing all the time and if the educational organisation where you plan to study is not listed, we strongly recommend you contact the institution directly for confirmation of their latest admission requirements.*

#### **13. Can I apply for the award if I have registered for an IELTS test but have not taken it or if I'm waiting for my test results?**

No, you can only apply with your IELTS score and if your score meets the minimum eligibility requirement of overall band 6.5, with a minimum of 6.5 in each of the four components.

#### **14. Can I apply if I am waiting for an acceptance letter from my educational organisation?**

Yes. Only shortlisted applicants will have to provide an acceptance letter from the educational organisation where they plan to study by 30 June 2018. This organisation must use IELTS scores to satisfy their English language requirements for admission.

### **15. I have a valid IELTS score. Can I apply for the award?**

You can apply for the British Council IELTS Award 2018 if you provide an IELTS Test Report Form (TRF) dated between 3 June 2017 and 1 June 2018 issued by the British Council in Greece.

### **16. I took the IELTS test at my educational organisation, not at a British Council centre. Can I apply for the award?**

Yes, if the test was administered by the British Council at your school or other educational organisation and you received your scores on an IELTS Test Report Form (TRF) dated between 3 June 2017 and 1 June 2018, issued and stamped by an official British Council centre in Greece.

### **17. Am I eligible to apply for the award even though I already have partial funding through another programme or loan scheme?**

Yes, you are eligible. You will have to give details of other funding sources in your application. However, if you are applying to other grant authorities, you are advised to check if they allow you to receive another award.

### **18. I already have a full tuition award. Am I eligible to apply?**

No, you are not eligible. If you receive an award that covers your full tuition costs for the academic year 2018–19 after you apply for the British Council IELTS Award 2018, you must inform us immediately and we will no longer consider your application. If we find that you have not disclosed full details of any other awards, we reserve the right to withdraw or terminate the British Council IELTS Award.

### **19. Can I apply for the British Council IELTS Award 2018 as well as for the Global Study Awards?**

Yes, you can apply for both award programmes as long as you meet the eligibility criteria of each scheme. However, a successful applicant can only receive one source of support from the British Council. If you win one of the awards mentioned above, you will automatically be disqualified from the other programme.

If you are already in Greece and are going to study at an educational organisation in Greece, you can only apply for the British Council IELTS Award 2018. [The Global Study Awards](#) are applicable only for the purpose of studying abroad.

### **20. What are the terms and conditions of the British Council IELTS Award 2018?**

You can download the British Council IELTS Award 2018 Terms and Conditions from the 'Downloads' section of our [IELTS Award 2018](#) webpage.