

1. Research potential (20%)

What this means: Candidates will be assessed on their accomplishments to date and future promise within the context of the opportunities they have had available to them.

Score	Descriptor	Indicators
1 (Low)	Minimal evidence	Unclear research goals; limited prior research output; little or no relevant past research experience.
2 (Moderate)	Promising but incomplete	Some relevant research experience; basic clarity of research goals; potential but lacks strong evidence.
3 (High)	Strong and clear research potential	Clear, well-defined research direction; relevant outputs/experience.

2. Benefit to the Scholar (20%)

What this means: How the programme would meaningfully enhance the candidate's skills, career trajectory, and research capacity.

Score	Descriptor	Indicators
1 (Low)	Unclear benefit	Vague or general reasons for applying; unclear personal development goals.
2 (Moderate)	Some benefit	Reasonably articulated growth areas; some evidence the programme can help; specific skills identified.
3 (High)	Clear, substantial benefit	Well-argued case for impact on career; strong fit between needs and what Global Scholars offers.

3. Benefit to Their Environment (20%)

What this means: How the applicant plans to translate knowledge and skills gained back to their home institution or research community (local impact).

Score	Descriptor	Indicators
1 (Low)	Minimal evidence of impact	No or weak plan for local dissemination or influence.
2 (Moderate)	Moderate impact plan	Some ideas about sharing knowledge, but limited concrete steps or expected outcomes.
3 (High)	Strong, actionable impact	Clear, feasible strategy for training others, catalysing research capacity, or building collaborations locally.

4. Fit to OxCIN Research Themes (20%)

What this means: Alignment between the applicant's scientific interests and [OxCIN's research areas](#) (preclinical and clinical neuroimaging, MRI physics/analysis, integrative brain science...).

Score	Descriptor	Indicators
1 (Low)	Poor alignment	Research topic is disconnected from OxCIN's mission/activities.
2 (Moderate)	Partial alignment	Some overlap with OxCIN themes, but not central to MRI/neuroimaging focus.
3 (High)	Strong alignment	Research clearly situated within OxCIN's core activities and strategic priorities.

5. Enthusiasm & Understanding of the Programme (10%)

What this means: Shows insight into what the Global Scholars programme is, and genuine enthusiasm for engaging with it.

Score	Descriptor
1 (Low)	Misunderstands or shows little enthusiasm
2 (Moderate)	Basic understanding and some enthusiasm
3 (High)	Clear understanding with strong, specific motivation

6. Communication & Clarity (10%)

What this means: How clearly the applicant expresses ideas, plans, and motivations in their application.

Score	Descriptor
1 (Low)	Unclear, disorganized
2 (Moderate)	Clear but not compelling
3 (High)	Clear, compelling, persuasive