

# **Mission Statement**

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# **About UWC**

UWC was founded in 1962 with the vision of bringing together young people whose experience was of the political conflict of the Cold War era. By offering an educational experience based on shared learning, collaboration and understanding it was intended that the students would act as champions of peace. UWC schools, colleges and programmes deliver a challenging and transformational educational experience to a diverse cross section of students, inspiring them to create a more peaceful and sustainable future.

# **Key Facts**

#### The UWC Movement

- The first UWC college, UWC Atlantic College, opened in 1962 in Wales, UK. Today there
  are 18 UWC schools and colleges around the world. (UWC East Africa is the newest
  addition in 2019).
- UWC is represented in 155+ countries and students are selected through a robust system of <u>National Committees</u>. In India and for eligible Indian diaspora, selections for the 18 colleges are run by the <u>UWC Committee of India</u>.
- As a student you apply to the movement and not to individual colleges. More than 60,000 students from all over the world have studied at UWC schools, colleges and programmes through National Committee selections.
- The UWC Committee of India will select around 40 60 Indian or Indian-origin students per year for the <u>IB Diploma Programme</u> (11th & 12th standard equivalent) across the 18 UWCs.

## The UWC Educational Model

- Read more about the Guiding Principles of a UWC Education
- Academic rigor via the International Baccalaureate Programme
- Focus on <u>Life at UWC</u>
- Co-curricular activities





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#### **UWC Values**

International and intercultural understanding | The celebration of difference Personal responsibility and integrity | Mutual responsibility and respect Compassion and service | Respect for the environment A sense of idealism | Personal challenge | Action and personal example

# The UWC Student

Our students are selected based on their *potential* to build a better world. We look for merit based achievements in the context of 'How has this applicant best made use of the opportunities available to them?'. While a certain level of academic achievement and a working fluency in English is mandatory, we place equal emphasis on the following core UWC qualities:

Intellectual curiosity and motivation: A genuine urge to learn about the world around oneself and the ability to recognize the details and grasp the breadth of issues (for example global and local concerns) involved in any given topic and to analyse them thoroughly



- Active commitment: The ability to develop and readiness to reflect, question and confront one's own values, to measure one's behaviour within family and community against one's values, and to act on one's own beliefs accordingly and responsibly
- Social competence: The ability and readiness to make contact with other people, to
  interact respectfully with them, to work together with them in a team and to achieve
  solutions; the ability to express oneself adequately in different situations and to different
  people
- Resilience, personal responsibility and integrity: The ability to look after oneself
  physically and emotionally during the challenging and transforming experience that a
  UWC offers; the personal motivation to adhere to UWC's common moral and ethical
  principles, a sense of humility and an ability to listen and value another person's opinion
  and experience
- Motivation for UWC: Passion, ability and serious incentive to contribute to and actively promote UWC's values

# **Emphasis on Diversity**

The UWC movement has succeeded in bringing together a diversity of races and nations in its schools and colleges. The next challenges we must face are linked to our vision of selecting students based on their own merit and potential, without regard for their ability to pay. We wish to be selecting the most deserving and determined youngsters in the country from a diversity of socio-economic, cultural, ethnic, linguistic and other backgrounds. We are looking for students who use their backgrounds to tell compelling stories about where they are from and what they aspire to.

# **Scholarships and Fees**

We believe that the best and the brightest students should be able to attend UWC irrespective of their family's ability to pay. UWCs are amongst the premier residential educational schools in the world and fees range from approximately 11.50 lakhs per annum to 35.50 lakhs per annum, depending on the college and prevailing currency exchange rates. All students who apply are eligible for scholarship support, which is largely needs-based and takes into account the financial position of the family based on a means-testing at the time of interviews. UWC India receives funding from a variety of sources in order to provide these scholarships, including individual UWC schools and colleges, interest from endowments, and much appreciated donations from UWC alumni and other generous individuals/corporates. Unfortunately, these sources cannot cover all costs, and some scholarships will require the candidate and their family to contribute part of the cost, as determined through financial assessments.

#### **Eligibility**

To apply to the UWC Committee of India students must be Indian Nationals or PIO/OCI Card holders or residents of India at the time of application. Students must also currently be in Grade X or XI and must be between 16 and 18 years on September 1st of the year they enroll at a UWC



College. (For 2023 entry this means students must be born between 1st September 2005 and 1st September 2007.)

Applicants who will be 15 years of age at the time of enrollment may also apply, however the National Committee cannot guarantee that all colleges will accept nominations from candidates who are this young)

#### **Selections Process**

Our selection process is unique to the UWC movement. There are national committees and selection contacts in over 155 countries which students can apply through.

Students applying from India would apply to the UWC Committee of India for selection to the 18 UWCs across the world as per the process detailed on the <u>website</u>. **Application fee waivers** are available for students showing demonstrable need (see fee waiver process).

Selections Timeline (for 2023 Entry)

### **Important Dates:**

Active Now - Application available via UWC Committee of India

**Application Deadline: 20th November 2022** 

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted between December and January for interviews to be held.

## **Selections Guidelines**

UWCs have a strict honesty policy and students must fill the application form by themselves. Prospective students are expected to have a working fluency of the English language but may be allowed to speak in their regional language to answer questions during the interview process. We expect students to do some research on the UWCs and be able to articulate what this opportunity would mean to them. For this we recommend pursuing the college websites, social media & YouTube accounts.

#### **Your Contact Points**

UWC Committee of India (applications@uwccommindia.net)

Website: <a href="http://www.in.uwc.org/">http://www.in.uwc.org/</a>

Online Application Portal: <a href="http://muwc.azurewebsites.net/account/registration.aspx">http://muwc.azurewebsites.net/account/registration.aspx</a>

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/uwcindia