



*IB Scholarship
2017/2018*

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**BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
OF HOUSTON**

A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL



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The British International School of Houston is delighted to invite students to apply for a fully funded place in the International Baccalaureate Programme for the start of the 2017/2018 academic year.

This scholarship programme provides an outstanding educational opportunity that is worth more than \$55,000 over a 2-year period for an exceptional student.

Our educational approach is grounded in each student's unique experiences, capabilities and interests. It empowers students to success, preparing them for university and college and giving them a global passport to their future. We have a lot to offer, including:

- Personalised learning
- New educational concepts in the arts, sports and sciences: including customised classrooms, MIT inspired maker-spaces and Apple technology.
- Performing Art Programme in collaboration with The Juilliard School in New York
- Access to the world's top universities and colleges
- Roots in the Houston community
- International curricular founded on British values

Universities worldwide respect the IB Programme as a challenging and desirable qualification and look for this credential on transcripts.



About the IB Diploma Programme

The IB Diploma Programme is a demanding academic programme, widely recognised to be the most challenging course of study currently available to students between 16 and 18 years of age and highly valued by universities throughout the world.

Scored out of 45 points, the IB Diploma programme requires students to take six subjects:

- A literature-based course
- A world language course
- A social science
- An experimental science
- A mathematics course
- An elective: these may include visual arts, theatre arts, geography, history business management, economics, psychology, a second experimental science, a second language, and more

Three of the six subjects are normally studied at a higher level (in courses representing 240 teaching hours). The remaining three are studied at standard level (representing 150 teaching hours).

In addition, students must also complete three additional requirements:

- **The Extended Essay:** A 4,000-word independent, primary research paper on a topic related to one of the six subjects being studied
- **Theory of Knowledge:** A critical thinking course combining philosophy and reasoning
- **Creativity, Action and Service:** Alongside their academic studies students complete a range of extracurricular activities within 18 months based around Creativity, Action, and Service.



Our Success

The British International School of Houston teaches the IB as a core programme at Post-16 level, and teachers and staff have inspired students to exceptional success:

For five consecutive years, BISH students have achieved an average of 35 points in the IB Diploma programme with record results of 37 point averages for the past two years, 7 points higher than the global average of 29.8 points.

Some students have achieved scores of 44, putting them among the top 1% in the world. 23% of our students score in the top 5% of all students worldwide on the IB Exam. 77% of our students score 35 points in IB, automatically giving them access to top universities worldwide.

Over 52% of our graduates attend a university ranked globally in the top 200 including renowned institutions such as Oxford, West Point, Cornell, Imperial College London, and the University of Durham.

The British International School of Houston has just been awarded the Best International Baccalaureate Results North America 2015/16 out of all Nord Anglia Education schools.

Details

The BISH scholarship is awarded to young people of high aspirations, talents and accomplishments for a period of up to two years.

Students should be about to enter Grade 11/Year 12, the first year of the IB Diploma Programme, aged 15 and above at the time of enrollment and demonstrate intellectual curiosity and independent thinking, while being respectful of other views and concerned to make a difference in the world.

Successful candidates must follow the IB Programme and maintain a high level of achievement throughout the two years in order to retain the scholarship.

Although English is the language of instruction in the classroom, applications are very much welcomed from candidates for whom English is a second language, although they must show that they are capable of writing and learning in English at a very high level.

A BISH scholarship student is expected to:

- be highly talented and academically ambitious
- be very keen to participate fully in the life of the school and beyond the classroom
- be an exemplary role model for both peers and younger students

If a scholarship student fails to honour this undertaking, the School reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship award.



Who Can Apply

- Students of all nationalities may apply for a BISH scholarship.
- Students must have a strong academic record.
- A strong command of written and spoken English is essential.
- Unfortunately, scholarships are not available to students whose fees are paid by a sponsoring company.



How to Apply

STEP 1: The Application

- Submit a letter of approximately 500 words.
- Candidates should write about themselves, their future ambitions, why they feel they would benefit from the programme and what they believe they can bring to the school. Please let us know if you are involved in music, sports, arts, community service, etc.
- The letter should be in English but should indicate if English is not the candidate's first language.
- Download and complete the form showing which subjects the candidate would like to study in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.
- Submit a full record of the candidate's school results and reports for the previous three years of schooling.
- Submit a letter of recommendation from their current school.

STEP 2: Interviews

Candidates will be invited to BISH and spend the day with various stakeholders within our school community. This includes our Principal, IB Coordinator, teachers and students. A mathematics, English and critical thinking test will also be part of the day. Interviews will be scheduled in February.

Closing date for applications is May 19th 2017.

Required Documents

- ✓ Application Statement.
- ✓ Application Form and Teacher Evaluations.
- ✓ Letter of recommendation from current school.
- ✓ Full record of school results and reports for the previous three years of schooling.
- ✓ Please submit all paperwork to anne-marie.derry@houston.nae.school by May 19th 2017.



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