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Dr Itumeleng Ntatamala

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Dr Itumeleng Ntatamala (Chevener 2015/16)

Birmingham University Cheveners 2015/16

Application Tips

- **Do not procrastinate** - start early: allows ample time for to research, prepare, and write your application
- **Do you qualify this year** - check Chevening eligibility criteria and for the UK Masters programme you are interested in
- Give the **essays and personal statement** your ALL –
  - Demonstrate leadership potential and a commitment to creating positive change
  - Highlight academic and professional achievements, goals
  - Address prompts directly, showcasing your strengths, experiences, and motivations.
  - Organise your application logically, clear intro, body paragraphs, great conclusion.
- **Show (& quantify) your impact** - use concrete examples. How have your past achievements have made a positive impact on your community/field?

Application Tips

- **Choose references carefully** – select those who can speak knowledgeably about your achievements, character, and potential. Provide them with information about your Chevening application
- **Life after Chevening** - Outline how you intend to apply the knowledge and skills gained to contribute to your country's development.
- **Seek feedback** and engage with the **Chevening community**: connect with current or past Chevening scholars to gain insights into the application process (use LinkedIn, Google etc) – learn to network early!

Application Tips – at the interview

- **Usual interview principles** apply - arrive early, sign in (bring passport/ID etc), and relax
- Though nerve wrecking at first, **try speak normally** akin to addressing a familiar senior colleague about your career aspirations
- Smile, be friendly, engaging and non-defensive…above all **be passionate** about the UK, the course(s) you selected, the university, and impact you will make upon your return
- Interview is roughly 30minutes – **draining but keep at it**
- Read the mood and respond to interviewer cues

Chevening opens endless opportunities….

Itumeleng Ntatamala, M&G top 200 young South Africans for 2019

UCT lecturer recognised with Western Cape Government service excellence award

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Dr Itumeleng Ntatamala's work in occupational medicine recently earned him one of the Western Cape Government's 2020 Service Excellence Awards.

Dr Itumeleng Ntatamala, occupational medicine specialist and senior lecturer at the University of Cape Town's (UCT) Faculty of Health Sciences, was recently awarded silver in the category 'Inspirational Support Employee' in the Western Cape Government's (WCG) 2020 Service Excellence Awards.