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## CALENDAR OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS

The Department of Higher Education and Training (the Department) has developed the below calendar of scholarship application dates to assist interested candidates in estimating when international scholarship calls for applications are likely to be opened. The dates indicated below are based on previous calls and should be used primarily for planning purposes, although dates may change from year-to-year.

The Department does not have control over the scheduling of the calls for applications but will endeavor to update the calendar periodically to ensure it remains current and as accurate as possible.

Interested individuals should continue to visit the [International Scholarships Website](http://www.internationalscholarships.dhet.gov.za/) on <http://www.internationalscholarships.dhet.gov.za/> to explore available opportunities as well as to register on the website to receive e-mail alerts when new opportunities become available.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES					
Month	Country	Scholarship Programme	Open dates	Fields of study	Levels of study
JANUARY	Russia	Russian State Scholarship	Opens: January Closes: February	Open to all fields	Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees
	United States	Fulbright Scholarship	Opens: January Closes: May	Open to all fields	Master's and Doctoral degrees
	Serbia	The World in Serbia Project Scholarship	Opens: January Closes: end January	Open to a variety of fields	Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees
	Turkey	Türkiye Scholarship	Opens: January Closes: February	Open to a variety of fields	Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral degrees

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					and Research degrees
	<b>Azerbaijan</b>	Scholarship Programme for the citizens of the OIC and the NAM member countries	Opens: December Closes: February	Open to all fields	Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>China</b>	Chinese Government Scholarship: Semester Programme	Opens: February Closes: September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural Sciences</li> <li>• Engineering</li> <li>• Agricultural Science</li> <li>• Health Science</li> <li>• Education Sciences</li> <li>• China Studies</li> <li>• Media Studies</li> </ul>	One semester in China: Master's students from SA universities
	<b>Mauritius</b>	Mauritius-Africa scholarship (August intake)	Opens: January Closes: April	Open to all fields	Diploma, Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees
	<b>Netherlands</b>	Orange Tulip Scholarship	Opens: February Closes: April	Open to a variety of fields	Bachelor's and Master's degrees
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>Germany</b>	The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's German Chancellor Fellowship Programme	Opens: March Closes: October	Fellowship project in any field as agreed with host institution	12 month fellowship
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>France</b>	Embassy Scholarship	Opens: April Closes: TBC	Open to all fields	Master's and Doctoral degrees
	<b>France</b>	Embassy – DHET NESP Scholarship	Opens: April Closes: August	Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics fields	Master's degrees in France, followed by

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<b>MAY</b>	<i>To be announced</i>				
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>Chile</b>	Nelson Mandela Master's Scholarship	Opens: June Closes: October	Open to a variety of fields	Master's degrees
	<b>United Kingdom</b>	The Rhodes Scholarships for Southern Africa	Opens: 1 June Closes: 15 August	Open to all fields of study	Master's and Doctoral degrees
<b>JULY</b>	<b>Ireland</b>	Kader Asmal Fellowship	Opens: July Closes: August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriculture, Environmental Science, Conservation and Rural Development</li> <li>• Food Science and Food Engineering</li> <li>• Pharmacy, Biotechnology and Bioengineering</li> <li>• Health, Medicine and Health Economics</li> <li>• Development Studies, Peace Studies, Conflict Resolution and Humanitarian Action</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Social Policy, Social Research, Community Development and Sociology</li> <li>• Women's Studies, Gender Studies, Equality Studies</li> <li>• Law and Human Rights</li> </ul>	One-year Master's degrees

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Relations, Politics, Government and Ethics</li> <li>• Engineering, Hydrology, Sustainable Technology</li> <li>• Economics, Finance and Accounting</li> <li>• Management and Business</li> <li>• Information Systems and Communications Technology</li> <li>• Tourism</li> </ul>	
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>Switzerland</b>	Swiss Excellence Scholarship	Opens: August Closes: December	Open to all fields	PhD, Postdoctoral and Research Fellowships
	<b>Japan</b>	ABE Initiative	Opens: August Closes: October	Open to a variety of fields	Master's degrees
	<b>Japan</b>	SDG Global Leadership Programme	Opens: August Closes: October	Open to a variety of fields	Master's and Doctoral degrees
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>United Kingdom</b>	Chevening Scholarship	Opens: September Closes: November	Open to all fields	Master's degrees
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>Australia</b>	Australia Awards	Opens: October Closes: December	Open to all fields	Master's degrees
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>Hungary</b>	Stipendium Hungaricum	Opens: November Closes: January	Bachelors: Agricultural Science, Computer Science and Information Technology and Engineering Science	Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees

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				Master's: Agricultural Science, Social Science, Computer Science and Information Technology, Legal Science, Economic Science, Engineering Science and Natural Science  One-Tier-Master: Veterinary Science  Doctoral: All fields	
	<b>Sweden</b>	Swedish Institute Scholarship for South Africa	Opens: November Closes: January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer Science and IT</li> <li>• Design (industrial Design, architecture, urban / regional planning)</li> <li>• Engineering</li> <li>• Environmental Technology / Sustainable development</li> <li>• Gender Studies</li> <li>• Nanotechnology</li> <li>• Public Health</li> </ul>	Master's degrees
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>China</b>	Chinese Government Scholarship	Opens: December Closes: January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriculture</li> <li>• Biotechnology</li> <li>• Chinese language studies</li> <li>• Computer Science</li> <li>• Environment and Climate change</li> </ul>	Language, Master's, Doctoral degrees and Research (senior scholars' programmes)

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engineering Sciences</li> <li>• Food Science</li> <li>• Hydrogeological Engineering</li> <li>• Maritime Studies</li> <li>• Natural and Physical Sciences</li> <li>• Nuclear and Renewable Energy</li> <li>• Space Science and Technology</li> <li>• Telecommunication</li> </ul>	
	<b>Papua New Guinea South Pacific and Sri Lanka</b>	Queen Elizabeth Commonwealth Scholarship	Opens: December Closes: January	As identified by host country / institutions	Master's degrees
	<b>South Africa</b>	Queen Elizabeth Commonwealth Scholarship	Opens: December Closes: January	As identified by South African host universities	Master's degrees for non-South African Commonwealth citizens
	<b>Brunei Darussalam</b>	Brunei Darussalam Scholarship for Foreign Students	Opens: December Closes: <i>TBC</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts</li> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Business</li> <li>• Engineering</li> </ul>	Diploma, Bachelor's and Master's degrees
	<b>United Kingdom</b>	Commonwealth Master's Scholarship	Opens: December Closes: January	Themes identified by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission	Master's degrees

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