

## Review process

---

Applications will be assessed by the South African Department of Higher Education and Training as follows:

- Stage one:** All applications will be screened based on meeting the minimum requirements for eligibility for the scholarship.
- Stage two:** Applications will be ranked according to academic performance and a limited number of applications will move forward to Stage three.
- Stage three:** Applicants who pass the second stage will be invited to attend an interview in person, or via skype in special circumstances. Candidates may also be required to complete a questionnaire at the time of the interview. *No interviews will be done telephonically. Any candidate who does not arrive on time for their confirmed interview without informing us in advance, will immediately be disqualified, regardless of the reason. Candidates who cannot be contacted on the phone number provided will be disqualified.*
- Stage four:** A limited number of PhD applicants will be reviewed by two academics.
- Stage five:** (i) Bachelor's and Master's applicants will be nominated on the outcome of the interview, questionnaire and reference check  
(ii) PhD applicants will be nominated based on the combined outcome of the interview, questionnaire, reference check and the academic review.
- Stage six:** Nominated candidates will be informed that they have been nominated for the scholarship and requested to finalise their Chinese online application as well as undertake a medical test. Their documents will then be reviewed in China, where the final decision will be made regarding the award of the scholarship.

Please note that nominations are based on competitive process due to the limited number of available scholarships.

Nominated candidates may be given a limited amount of time to submit further documents. These documents include medical tests, and/or academic assessments. Institutions in the host country may also require online or telephone interviews. You will be advised accordingly.

Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by email. Unfortunately, individual explanations cannot be provided to unsuccessful applicants.

Successful candidates will be informed by 31 July 2023 and all students who accept the scholarship will be required to attend an orientation in Pretoria before departure. Orientation is meant to assist successful candidates with preparation for departure and provide necessary information.