Scholarships for study at South African Universities

Scholarship Name:	Margaret McNamara Education Grants (MMEG)
Level:	Certificate, undergraduate, postgraduate, or postdoctoral
Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:	• be a self-identifying woman, and at least 25 years old at time of application deadline • be a national of a country listed on the MMEG country eligibility list. • be registered (not just accepted) at an accredited in-person academic institution and program when submitting their application • plan to be enrolled for at least one full academic semester (half-year term) after award of the MMEG grant • plan to graduate no later than three years after the award of the MMEG grant.
Deadline:	This program accepts applications between May 15 and September 14 (11:59pm Eastern Standard Time) each year. Successful candidates will be personally notified in December.
Link:	https://www.mmeg.org/apply

Scholarship Name:	MINDS Scholarship Programme for Leadership Development
Level:	Postgraduate
Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:	• Be a national of an African country, residing in any African country • Have been formally accepted by one or more MINDS preferred institution/s outside of your country of citizenship and/ or residency • Have been formally accepted by one or more MINDS preferred institution/s to pursue postgraduate studies within the following year • Have obtained at least 70% in each subject/ course in the last two completed years of study • Produce evidence of demonstrated leadership abilities or potential guided by the questions/ requirements set out in the application form
Deadline:	Rolling Applications – No Deadline.
Link:	https://minds-africa.org/scholarship-program-for-leadership-development/

Scholarship Name:	HCI Foundation Scholarship
Level:	Honours or Postgraduate Diploma
Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:	● South African citizens, refugees, and asylum seekers who fulfil the following criteria: o Current HCI Foundation bursary recipients who are continuing their undergraduate studies in 2025 at a public university or university of technology in South Africa. o New 2025 Honours and Postgraduate Diploma students at specific listed institutions. o The gross family income should be less than R38 000 per month. o Age 35 years or under in September of the application year.
Deadline:	Applications open annually from 01 August to 30 September.
Link:	https://www.hcifoundation.co.za/bursaries/

Level:	Undergraduate and Postgraduate (Honours level)
Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:	● The bursary is targeted at students whose degree certificates/academic records have been withheld due to outstanding debt owed to the university, after completion of undergraduate/Honors studies. You must: o be a national of, or have refugee status in any African country. o have completed undergraduate studies (three year or four year Bachelor or Honours degree) in a degree programme within Thekgo's focus disciplines in the Humanities, listed on the website, at any public university in South Africa. o have missed one graduation already and/or was not able to receive the degree due to outstanding debt not exceeding R10,000 owed to the university. o demonstrate academic merit o demonstrate financial need
Deadline:	The application deadline is typically in August each year.
Link:	https://canoncollins.org/scholarships/thekgo-bursaries/

Scholarship Name:	DAFI Scholarship
Level:	Undergraduate

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:	• Who can Apply:
	  o Have refugee status or be registered with UNHCR or the government in the country of asylum;
	  o Have successfully completed secondary school to a standard sufficient to perform and succeed at a tertiary level;
	  o Have no other financial means of support for university studies;
	  o Select a course of study that is likely to lead to employment in the country of asylum or country of origin;
	  o Be 28 years or younger at the beginning of studies;
	  o Have no other family member receiving a DAFI scholarship.
	• Who can NOT Apply:
	  o Individuals with an advanced resettlement process;
	  o Individuals above 28 years of age (exceptions may be made depending on circumstances);
	  o Individuals who already hold a tertiary or higher-level degree.

Deadline:	The application deadline is typically in November each year.
Link:	https://www.unhcr.org/what-we-do/build-better-futures/education/higher-education-and-skills/dafi-tertiary-scholarship-0

Scholarship Name:	Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program
Level:	Undergraduate and Postgraduate
Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:	• Variable
Deadline:	The application deadline is dependent on the institution of application.
Link:	UCT: https://www.uct.ac.za/mcfsp UWC: https://www.uwc.ac.za/study/partnerships/mastercard-foundation-scholars-program

Scholarship Name:	UCT Refugee & International Scholarship
Level:	Postgraduate study in any discipline at UCT.
Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:	• Must have refugee status.
Deadline:	The application deadline is typically in August each year.
Link:	https://uct.ac.za/students/fees-funding-postgraduate-degree-funding-bursaries-scholarships/international-and-refugee-scholarships

Scholarship Name:	Canon Collins Sol Plaatje Scholarship
Level:	Postgraduate (Masters and PhD level)
Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:	• be a national of, or have refugee status in, one of the following countries: Namibia, South Africa, Zimbabwe • be normally resident in one of the above countries • be in possession of a good first degree (minimum second class, upper division or equivalent) or about to graduate in the year of application • be studying or applying to study at a South African university
Deadline:	The application deadline is typically in August each year.
Link:	https://canoncollins.org/scholarships/canon-collins-sol-plaatje-scholarships/

See scholarships for International Universities on the next page.

Scholarship Name:	University Corridors (UNICORE)
Country of study:	**Italy**
Level:	Master's degree
Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:	• Refugee students residing in South Africa with a recognised refugee status or Section 24. • Holding a bachelor's degree obtained in or after 2019, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (or equivalent). • Candidates may apply to a maximum of two universities.
Deadline:	The application deadline is typically in April each year.
Link:	https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it/

Scholarship Name:	The UNIV'R University Corridor Program
Country of study:	**France**
Level:	Postgraduate
Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:	• Refugees residing in a first country of asylum outside of the European Union • Must hold a recognised refugee status • Ages between 19 - 40 years at the time of application • All nationalities are welcome to apply • Hold at least a bachelor's degree in a relevant field of study • Have a B2 or C1 language level in English and/or French
Deadline:	The application deadline is typically in February each year.
Link:	https://services.unhcr.org/opportunities/education-opportunities/couloir-universitaire-pour-les-refugies-vers-la-france-programme-univr-0

Scholarship Name:	Southern New Hampshire – Global Education Movement (SNHU-GEM) Scholarship
Country of study:	**Study in South Africa and obtain a degree from Southern New Hampshire University (USA)**
Level:	Diploma and Undergraduate (BA in Operations and Logistics Management, Communications Management, or Healthcare Management).

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:	● Valid documentation to reside in South Africa ● Live in Cape Town and surrounds. ● Minimum grade 12 school-leaving certificate or equivalent (any country)
Deadline:	This program accepts applications throughout the year.
Link:	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9zpGE5Dcchk6F1zPBXgM1HB8AJ2CPr84Jmv1YUJ8Bq4r6Rg/viewform