

International Scholarships for Afghans

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There are more than * 91 * scholarship programs in this list as well as resources on where to find more scholarships for Afghans. Specific scholarship programs for 2012-13 follow. Entry dates and deadlines usually are the same from year to year, but you should consult the website and sponsoring organization to confirm. NOTE! These are not organized in any particular order, you can search by according to topic or education level, country and other tags on this website: <http://www.scholars4dev.com>. Best of success!

Below are important guidelines and tips to help you on your way. Using this effectively will save you time, make your efforts more effective and hopefully successful, as well as prevent frustration and getting overwhelmed.

PRIMER: HOW TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

WHAT NOT TO DO: Apply for all scholarships, prepare your applications quickly, trying to apply for as much as possible and failing to take time to research and understand the program and donor you are applying to. Your time and energy is limited and therefore precious. You need to manage both effectively and efficiently. Too many applications are dismissed early on by reviewers because the applicant failed to follow instructions, take time to understand the program requirements or simply did not make a sufficient investment in preparing their application. For example, one of the most important elements of the application, irrespective of scholarship, is the motivation statement and personal background. This tells your story and provides an important convincing argument why you - among potentially hundreds of other worthy, qualified applicants - are the best applicant and should be chosen. Often, people make the mistake of thinking more applications increase your chances for getting a scholarship. Actually, the reverse is true. Fewer applications that are more carefully prepared are what will make you ultimately successful. Time spent doing some basic research to understand why the scholarship is being offered, the profiles of past scholarship recipients, and what the donor or sponsoring organization is focused on (mission, vision, goals, activities) will help you understand how to "sell yourself" or connect to the end goals and objectives they're seeking.

How to use this guide and apply for scholarships effectively:

1. First, scan or quickly read through the scholarships and identify the **degree type or level** that are applicable for you. Use a pen or highlighter – which will be helpful to color code the programs that appear to be of most interest to you. If you are needing to get your Bachelor's Degree, do not apply for graduate or post graduate degrees (MA, MS or PhD). If you see a program that's not quite the country or area of study you prefer – use a different color to note this. *Scanning* is a very important skill in English reading. It helps you go through large amounts of information and text to identify only the most important or needed information first. This skill will serve you well both in education and the workplace. So, approach this whole effort of seeking scholarships as a skills and knowledge building activity. This will also help you from getting discouraged.
2. Second, review your highlighted programs and make sure this is a country or program that fits what and where you want to study. **Degree topic or career focus** is taken very seriously and your motivation for studying a particular topic will strengthen your application. Too many people, in their desire for education and opportunity, will apply indiscriminately for any field of study. This will weaken your application and the chances of securing a scholarship. Donors have very specific and important reasons why they are funding their scholarships, especially if they only fund a certain field of study. Take time to understand your interests and passions and those of the scholarship program. Make sure, to the best of your ability, they are aligned or a good match.

3. Next, **prioritize your choices**. Choose no more than 10 of the best-matched programmes to focus your efforts. Later on, once you finish with these, you can then go back and select another 5-10 organizations to apply for. It's important to focus, be very strategic and not overwhelm yourself. Starting out with a smaller, select list and targeting your efforts will help.
4. Now you are ready to **research your selected programs**. DO NOT prepare any application before first spending some time researching! Research should include a careful review of the program, its history, past recipients (often you can find profiles or quotes), and the application along with any guidelines.
 - Pay particular attention to **honored candidates** and those profiled in the literature or program website. These are the 'ideal candidates' and understanding what makes them so will help you highlight similar qualities you have in your application. The closer you are to the ideal candidate, the closer you are to being their next scholarship recipient.
 - Try to identify key information that will help you frame and focus the message and content of your application. Useful questions to answer: Why is the organization offering this scholarship? What are they hoping to ultimately achieve? Who has gotten scholarships in the past and why? What are the most important qualities this program is seeking in candidates?
5. Consider **forming a small group** of friends and colleagues also seeking scholarships. It is much easier to work together to share the workload of researching programmes. It also provides an ideal opportunity for peer review – that is having your colleagues review and comment on your application. Often they will be able to identify errors in English, incomplete sections and also provide their feedback and insights on the quality of your writing and answers. This is a free and invaluable way to strengthen your application and increase your chances of success.
6. Now you are ready to **prepare you application**. Start by carefully reviewing all the guidelines and following them section by section. It's useful to print out a copy of the application and guidelines, highlighting important information and any sections you might be confused about. All of your questions should be addressed in the guidelines, but if they aren't politely request for clarification from the donor (but first make sure this is absolutely necessary and was not overlooked in your review of the guidelines).

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Thank you -

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UBC International Leader of Tomorrow Scholarships

Univ of British Columbia
Bachelor's Degree

Deadline: 31 Jan 2013 (annual)

Study in: Canada
Course starts 2013

Clarendon Scholarships at University of Oxford

Oxford University Press
MS/PhD Degrees

Deadline: 18 Jan 2013 (annual)

Study in: London, UK
Next course starts 2013

UMGF Scholarships in Canada for International Students

University of Manitoba
MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: 15 Jan 2013 (Annual)

Study in: Canada
Course starts Aug-Sept 2013

Lund University Global Scholarships in Sweden

Lund University
Bachelors/Masters Degree

Deadline: Jan 2013 (annual)

Study in: Sweden
Course starts September 2013

Westminster International Scholarships for Developing Countries

University of Westminster
Masters (MS) Degree

Deadline: 1 Nov/31 May (annual)

Study in: UK
Next course starts Jan 2013

University of Twente Scholarships for International Students

University of Twente
Masters (MS) Degree

Deadline: 15 Dec/15 Mar (annual)

Study in: Netherlands
Next course starts Feb 2013

University of Bern Excellence Scholarships for International Students

University of Bern
Masters (MS) Degree

Deadline: Dec 2012 (annual)
Study in: Switzerland
Course starts September 2013

[Flinders University Scholarships for International Students](#)

Flinders University
MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: 31 Aug 2012 (annual)
Study in: Australia
Course starts Jan-March 2013

[Vanier Canada Scholarships for International Students](#)

Canadian Government
Graduate Degree

Deadline: 6 Nov 2012 (annual)
Study in: Canada
Course starts May/Sept 2013

[Gates Cambridge Scholarships for International Students](#)

Gates Cambridge Trust
MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: 4 Dec 2012 (annual)
Study in: UK
Course starts October 2013

[Swiss Excellence Scholarships for Foreign Students](#)

Swiss Government
PhD/Postdoctoral Degree

Deadline: varies, around Oct-Nov
Study in: Switzerland
Course starts 2013

[Sydney Achievers International Scholarships](#)

University of Sydney
Bachelor/Masters Degree

Deadline: 15 Jan/30 June 2013
Study in: Sydney, Australia
Next course starts 2013

[University of Adelaide Fully-funded Scholarships for Outstanding International Students](#)

University of Adelaide
Masters/PhD Degree

Deadline: 31 August (annual)
Study in: Australia
Course starts 2013

Quota Scholarships in Norway for Developing Countries

Norwegian Government
MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: 1 December (annual)
Study in: Norway
Next course starts 2013

The University of Western Australia Scholarships for International Students

Univ. of Western Australia
MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: 31 August 2012 (annual)
Study in: Australia
Course starts July 2013

Tuition-Free Online Degree Scholarships at University of the People

University of the People
Online Bachelor's Degree

Deadline: around Sept (annual)
Study in: any Country
Course starts 6 Sept 2012

Melbourne University Scholarships for International Students

University of Melbourne
MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: 31 October (annual)
Study in: Australia
Next course starts November 2013

University of Lausanne Master's Grants for Foreign Students

University of Lausanne
Masters Degree

Deadline: 15 December 2012
Study in: Switzerland
Course starts September 2013

London Met Scholarships for International Students

London Metropolitan University
Master's Degree

Deadline: 31 Oct/31 May
Study in: London, UK
Course starts February 2013

ISH/London Met Scholarships for Selected Developing Countries

London Metropolitan Univ
Bachelors/Masters Degree

Deadline: 31 Oct/31 May
Study in: London, UK
Next course starts February 2013

International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (IPRS) at Australian Universities

Australian Gov't/DIISR
MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: varies, July-Oct (annual)
Study in: Australia
Course starts Jan-March 2013

Leiden University Excellence Scholarships for International Students

Leiden University
Masters (MS) Degree

Deadline: 15 Oct/1 April (annual)
Study in: Netherlands
Course starts Feb 2013

Curtin International Postgraduate Research Scholarships

Curtin University
MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: Rolling (annual)
Study in: Australia
Course starts 2013

Radboud University Scholarships for International Students

Radboud University
Masters Degree

Deadline: 15 March 2012
Study in: Netherlands
Course starts September 2013

Macquarie University Scholarships for International Students

Macquarie University
BS/MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: 31 Oct/30 April (annual)
Study in: Australia
Next course starts February 2013

Heinrich Boll Scholarships in Germany for International Students

Heinrich Boll Foundation
MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: 1 Sept/1 Mar (Annual)
Study in: Germany
Next course starts April 2013

International Development Scholarships at University of East London

University of East London
Masters (MS) Degree

Deadline: 13 July 2012
Study in: London, UK
Course starts September 2012

DAAD Masters Scholarships in Public Policy and Good Governance

DAAD
Masters (MA/MS) Degree

Deadline: 31 July 2012
Study in: Germany
Next course starts 2013

International Water Leader Scholarships for International Students

International Water Centre
Masters (MS) Degree

Deadline: 1 August (annual)
Study in: Australia
Next course starts Feb 2013

ALA Fellowships for Developing Countries

AusAid
Short Course/Research

Deadline: 20 June 2012 (bi-annual)
Study in: Australia
Course starts 2013

University of Sydney Scholarships for International Students

University of Sydney
MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: 31 July/31 Dec (annual)
Study in: Australia
Course starts 2012

GeTMA Scholarships for International Students in Turkey/Germany

DAAD
Masters (MS) Degree

Deadline: 15 June 2012 (annual)
Study in: Turkey and Germany
Course starts September 2012

Turkey Scholarships for International Students

Turkish Government
BS/MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: 1 June 2012 (annual)
Study in: Turkey
Course starts September 2012

Italian Government Bursaries for Foreign Students

Italian Government
BS/MS/PhD Degrees

Deadline: 11 June 2012 (annual)
Study in: Italy
Course starts September 2012

Hubert Humphrey Fellowships for International Students

USA Government
Training Fellowship

Deadline: varies, May-Sept (annual)
Study in: USA
Program starts Apr-Sept 2013

University of Bradford Scholarships for Developing Countries in Crisis

University of Bradford
Masters Degree

Deadline: 11 June 2012 (annual)
Study in: UK
Course starts September 2012

Cardiff University Scholarships for International Students

Cardiff University
BS/MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: 15 July 2012
Study in: UK
Course starts September 2012

University of Birmingham Scholarships for International Students

University of Birmingham
Masters (MS) Degree

Deadline: 1 June 2012 (annual)
Study in: UK
Course starts September 2012

Endeavour Executive Awards

Australian Government
Short Course/Training

Deadline: 30 June 2012 (annual)
Study in: Australia
Next course starts: Jan-Nov 2013

JFUNDU Scholarships in Development for Developing Countries at United Nations University

JFUNDU
Masters Degree

Deadline: 30 April 2012
Study in: Japan
Course starts September 2012

Netherlands Masters Fellowship Program for Developing Countries

Netherlands Government
MS/MA Degree

Deadline: 7 Feb/1 May 2012
Study in: Netherlands
Course starts September 2012

UNIPV International Scholarships for Developing Countries

University of Pavia
Masters Degree

Deadline: 18 May 2012
Study in: Italy
Course starts Sept 2012

Hungarian Government Scholarships for International Students

Hungarian Government
Diploma/BS/MS/PhD

Deadline: 26 April 2012 (annual)
Study in: Hungary
Course starts AY 2012-2013

WMF Scholarships for Developing Country Students

Wells Mountain Foundation
Bachelor's Degree

Deadline: 1 April (annual)
Study in: any developing country
Course starts September 2012

Malaysia Government Scholarships for International Students

Gov't of Malaysia
MS/PhD/PostDoc

Deadline: 30 April 2012
Study in: Malaysia
Course starts 2012

Greece Government Scholarships for International Students

Greece Government
BS/MS Degree

Deadline: 30 April 2012
Study in: Greece
Course starts 2013

[Korean Government Scholarships for International Students](#)

Korean Government
MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: 31 March 2012 (annual)
Study in: Korea
Course starts September 2012

[Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship Awards](#)

DEEWR/Australian Gov't
MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: 30 June 2012 (annual)
Study in: Australia
Course starts 2013

[DAAD Scholarships for Postgraduate Courses with Special Relevance to Developing Countries](#)

DAAD
Masters (MS) Degree

Deadline: 31 July (annual)
Study in: Germany
Course starts September 2012

[UEA International Development Scholarships for Students from Developing Countries](#)

University of East Anglia
BS/MS Degree

Deadline: 16 March 2012
Study in: UK
Course starts Sept 2012

[Australian Leadership Awards Scholarships](#)

Australian Government
MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: Mar-June 2012 (annual)
Study in: Australia
Course starts 2012 Intake

[Global Development Academy Scholarships for Developing Country Students](#)

University of Edinburgh
Masters Degree

Deadline: 2 April 2012 (annual)
Study in: UK
Course starts September 2012

OFID Scholarships in International Development

OFID
Masters (MS) Degree

Deadline: 28 May 2012
Study in: any Country
Course starts Sept 2012

One World Scholarship Program for Developing Countries at Austrian Universities

Afro Asiatisches Institut
BS/MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: 31 May (annual)
Study in: Austria
Course starts September 2012

Anne van den Ban Scholarships for Developing Countries at Wageningen University

Anne van den Ban Fund
Masters (MS) Degree

Deadline: 1 May 2012 (annual)
Study in: Netherlands
Course starts September 2012

Aga Khan Foundation International Scholarships for Developing Countries

Aga Khan Foundation
MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: 31 March (annual)
Study in: any Country
Course starts 2012

Undergraduate Scholarships for Developing Countries at University of Westminster

University of Westminster
Undergraduate Degree

Deadline: 31 May 2012(annual)
Study in: UK
Course starts September 2012

Australian Development Scholarships

Australian Government
BS/MS/PhD Degrees

Deadline: Mar-Apr 2012 (annual)
Study in: Australia
Course starts Sept 2012

Japanese Government Scholarships for International Undergraduate Students

Japanese Government
Bachelor's Degree

Deadline: March-May 2012
Study in: Japan
Course starts October 2012

Japanese Government Scholarships for International Research Students

Japanese Government
MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: March-May 2012
Study in: Japan
Course starts October 2012

Emile Boutmy Scholarships for International Students

Sciences Po
BS/MS Degree

Deadline: 13 Mar/2 May 2012
Study in: France
Course starts September 2012

K.U. Leuven Science Scholarships for International Students

K.U. Leuven Faculty of Science
Masters (MS) Degree

Deadline: 1 March 2012 (annual)
Study in: Belgium
Course starts September 2012

University of Oulu International Master's Scholarship Programme

University of Oulu
Masters Degree

Deadline: 31 Jan 2012 (annual)
Study in: Finland
Course starts September 2012

Joint Japan/World Bank Scholarships for Development-Related Studies

Japan/World Bank
Masters Degree

Deadline: 31 March 2012 (annual)
Study in: selected Countries
Course starts AY 2012-2013

Taiwan Government Scholarships for International Students

Government of Taiwan
BS/MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: 31 Mar 2012 (annual)
Study in: Taiwan
Course starts September 2012

Global Undergraduate Scholarships for International Students at York University

York University
Bachelors (BS) Degree

Deadline: 15 March 2012 (annual)
Study in: Canada
Course starts September 2012

Swedish Institute Study Scholarships for International Developing Country Students

Swedish Institute
BS/MS Degree

Deadline: 25 March 2012 (annual)
Study in: Sweden
Course starts August 2012

USA Fulbright Scholarships for International Students

USA Government
Masters/PhD Degrees

Deadline: varies, Feb-Dec 2012
Study in: USA
Course starts AY 2013-2014

Chinese Government Scholarships for International Students

Chinese Government
BS/MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: Jan-April 2012 (annual)
Study in: China
Course starts Sept 2012

Talent for Governance Training Scholarships for Developing Countries

The Hague Academy for Local Gov
Training

Deadline: 2 January 2012
Study in: Netherlands
Course starts 2012

Gc21 E-Academy Online Training Scholarships in Development

GTZ/Global Campus 21
Online Training

Deadline: varies/ongoing
Study in: any Country
Course starts 2011

Chevening UK Scholarships for International Students

British Government/FCO
MS/MA/PhD Degree

Deadline: varies (annual)
Study in: UK
Course starts AY 2012/2013

Netherlands PhD Fellowship Program for Developing Countries

Netherlands Government
PhD Degree

Deadline: 7 Feb/2 Oct 2012
Study in: Netherlands
Research study starts 2012

Eiffel Scholarships in France for International Students

EGIDE
MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: 6 Jan 2012 (annual)
Study in: France
Course starts AY 2012-2013

Czech Government Scholarships for Developing Countries

Czech Republic Government
BS/MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: 15 January (annual)
Study in: Czech Republic
Course starts AY 2012-2013

EWC Graduate Degree Scholarships for Asia and the Pacific

East-West Center
MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: 1 November (annual)
Study in: Hawaii, USA

Weidenfeld Scholarships at University of Oxford

ISD/Univ of Oxford
MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: 6/20 Jan 2012 (annual)*
Study in: UK
Course starts 2012

Reach Oxford Undergraduate Scholarships for Developing Country Students

University of Oxford
Undergraduate Degree

Deadline: 24 Feb 2012 (annual)
Study in: London, UK
Course starts October 2012

Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowships (IIF) for Developing Countries

EU CORDIS
Postdoctoral Fellowship

Deadline: 11 Aug 2011 (annual)
Study in: Europe

Slovak Government Scholarships for Developing Country Students

Slovak Gov't
BS/MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: 30 May 2011 (annual)
Study in: Slovakia
Course starts Sept 2011

Global Online Distance Learning Scholarships for Africans and Asians at University of Edinburgh

University of Edinburgh
Masters (MS) Degree

Deadline: 31 May 2012 (Annual)
Study in: any Country (online)
Course starts Sept 2012

Edinburgh Global Masters Scholarships for International Students

University of Edinburgh
Masters Degree

Deadline: 1 Apr 2011 (annual)
Study in: UK
Course starts September 2011

Spanish Government Scholarships for International Students

MAEC-AECI
MS/PhD Degrees

Deadline: January 2011
Study in: Spain
Next course starts Oct 2011

Utrecht Excellence Scholarships for International Students

Utrecht University
BS/MS Degrees

Deadline: 1 March 2011 (annual)
Study in: Netherlands
Course starts September 2011

e8 Scholarships for Developing Countries in Sustainable Energy Development

e8
MS/Postdoctoral Studies

Deadline: 11 March 2011 (annual)
Study in: any Country
Course starts 2011

UNESCO-Japan Research Fellowships for Developing Countries

UNESCO/Japan
Research Fellowships

Deadline: 7 Jan 2011 (annual)
Study in: any country
Next course starts Sept 2011

Hellenic Scholarship Programme for Foreign Students from Developing Countries

Greece Ministry of Foreign Affairs
BS/MS/PhD Degree

Deadline: 30 July 2010 (annual)
Study in: Greece
Course starts 2011

Schlumberger Cambridge Scholarships for Students from Developing Countries

Schlumberger Research Ltd
PhD Degree

Deadline: 1 Sept 2010 (Annual)
Study in: UK
Course starts October 2011

PhD Fellowships for Developing Countries at University of Groningen

University of Groningen
PhD Research Fellowship

Deadline: Rolling
Study in: Netherlands

NUS Graduate Student Fellowships for Asians

Nat'l Univ of Singapore
Research Fellowships

Deadline: 15 November 2009

Study in: Singapore

Program starts 10 May 2010

UNDP Human Development Academic Fellowship for Asia Pacific

UNDP Asia and Pacific Region
Fellowship

Deadline: 1 September (annual)

Study in: any Country

RESOURCES:

- <http://www.scholars4dev.com/tag/scholarships-for-afghans>
- <http://www.foundationforafghanistan.org/blog/2011/09/23/seeking-applications-college-scholarships-in-the-us-for-afghan-students/>

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