The University of Pretoria (UP) in partnership with the Mastercard Foundation (MCF) is currently offering scholarships for high achieving African students from West, East and Central Africa interested in studying at postgraduate levels (Honours & Masters), commencing in January 2022.

The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program (MCFSP) targets academically talented yet economically disadvantaged young people in Africa who will contribute to the transformation of the continent through their knowledge, skills, attitudes and values evidenced by their leadership. Community service and internships are essential components of the Program. The MCFSP offers a full scholarship to selected students who have been provisionally admitted to study towards a postgraduate degree at UP.

Graduates must return to their home countries on completion of their studies and give back to their communities.

Closing dates for applications

Applications for the MCFSP opened on **1 May 2021** and close on **31 October 2021**. Selection will focus on prior academic achievement, but also on the fit of the applicant to the ethos of the Program, which is focused on leadership and community development for Africa in addition to academic success. Successful applicants must be committed to completing their qualifications in minimum time, returning to their home countries and giving back to their communities.

Applications for study at the University of Pretoria in 2022 are fully online. www.up.ac.za/apply

Instructions

- In order to apply for the scholarship, you MUST have been admitted into a degree at UP. You will need your student number to complete the MCFSP application, which must be accompanied by your academic records and other supporting documents as outlined in the application form.
- Be sure to include documents that support what your family, guardian or foster parents can afford to pay. Examples of such documentation include bank statements, pay slips and loan documents.
- Only students admitted to full-time study at UP will be considered for the scholarship.

- Prospective and current registered students who cannot afford to pay the full fees are eligible to apply. Do not apply for funding if you or your parents, guardian or foster parents can afford the full tuition fees.
- All the information provided must be accurate and true. Any falsification of information on the application form may result in disqualification from consideration for a scholarship.

If your application is successful, the Program will cover the following:

- Full tuition fees
- Accommodation and meals in a UP residence or UP-accredited accommodation
- A modest monthly stipend
- Text books and printed material
- Medical aid cover for the duration of study
- VISA costs
- Reasonable travel costs (including flight ticket) to and from your home
- Leadership development opportunities
- Academic advising and counselling support

How to apply

Step 1
You may apply online at www.up.ac.za/apply.

To use the online application system, you will need internet access and an email address that you can access regularly. As soon as you submit your online application, a student number (EMPLID) will be sent to this email address as confirmation of receipt.

Alternatively, you can submit a hard copy of your application form to the following address:

University of Pretoria
Information Technology Building, Level 3
Hatfield
Pretoria 0028
South Africa

Step 2
The application will be evaluated by members of the relevant faculty and you will be informed of the outcome.

Postgraduate applicants are required to have their certificates verified by the South African Qualification Authority (SAQA). Please visit www.saqa.org.za

Step 3
Download application forms for the MCFSP from www.up.ac.za/mcfsp.

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARS
- ☐ Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
- ☐ Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
- ☐ Faculty of Humanities for entry into the Honours or Masters (Political Studies or International Studies, Development Studies, Anthropology, Sociology and Philosophy(Ethics only))
- ☐ Faculty of Engineering
- ☐ Law

For more information on the specific courses offered in the abovementioned faculties, please visit: https://www.up.ac.za/programmes

Application enquiries can be directed to:
mcfsp@up.ac.za
Tel: 012 420 4297

Please visit https://www.up.ac.za/international-cooperation-division for general information for international students.

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