

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) focus area(s)



APPLICATION DEADLINE

14th September 2020

BACKGROUND

Margaret McNamara Education Grant (MMEG) supports women from developing countries in their pursuit of higher education. The organization draws inspiration from Margaret McNamara, and her vision of education and gender equality. Margaret used her influence as wife of Robert McNamara, the World Bank's fifth President, to advocate for the recognition and inclusion of these critical elements of development programs.

The Margaret McNamara Education Grants (formerly known as MMMF) is a non-profit, public charity founded in 1981, which awards education grants to exceptional women from developing countries, who are at least 25 years old, and enrolled at universities in the US, Canada and select universities in **South Africa** and Latin America.

Today, MMEG grantees are involved in a broad range of activities that benefit women and children, including improving conditions for learning-challenged children, using art therapy to heal ex-child soldiers, providing safe water delivery systems to rural communities, advocating for women's rights, caring for HIV/AIDS orphans, providing counselling to women and children traumatized by war, and training nurses in breast cancer prevention.

Some grantees already are respected leaders in grass-root organizations, and are studying to formalize their knowledge with university degrees. Other grantees are pursuing their studies in hard science (or STEM degrees), where the gender gap remains huge among leadership positions, and serve as role models for women seeking a career in "non-traditional" fields.

Please note that if funding is awarded for contract research (excluding scholarships), a 15% UP recovery is applicable and should be budgeted for by the applicant.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be at least 25 years old at time of application deadline
- Be a national of a country listed on the [MMEG Country Eligibility List](#) (except for the Trinity Washington University program)
- Be enrolled (not just accepted) at an accredited academic institution when submitting application; and plan to be enrolled for a full academic term after award of the grant by the Board
- Not be related to a World Bank Group, International Monetary Fund or Inter-American Development Bank staff member or spouse
- Already be enrolled part time (minimum of 2 courses per semester or term) or full time at one of the universities listed below, and be enrolled for the following academic year (January to December or September to May) at one of the following universities:
 - University of the Witwatersrand
 - University of Cape Town
 - University of Stellenbosch
 - **University of Pretoria**
 - University of the Free State

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS:

In past years, grants of up to US\$15,000 have been awarded in the US/Canada program, and US\$7,000 in the Africa, Latin America and Trinity programs. Grant amounts may vary, based on exchange rates and availability of funds.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must be submitted [online](#).

Please read the [Application Checklist & FAQs](#) before applying and select the "South Africa" in the first question of the application. Application guidelines can be found [here](#).

Please send a complete copy with all supporting documents, that you have submitted online to the Faculty Research Office – natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

14th September 2020

CONTACTS FOR CALL QUERIES

Faculty Contact person: Mrs Natasha Jeftha on 012 319 2378 (Natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za)