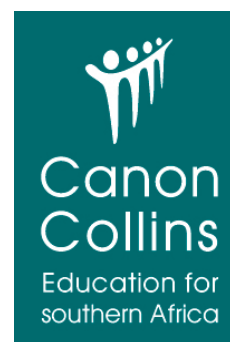


Canon Collins Trust Scholarships for Study in South Africa in 2013 Guidelines for Applicants



General Information

Canon Collins Trust invites applications for scholarships for postgraduate study in South Africa in 2013. We will provide funding for up to a maximum of two years for Masters and three years for PhD. Continued funding depends upon satisfactory progress and academic reports.

Canon Collins scholarships are not full scholarships and funding depends on the type of course you are doing. Awards in 2012 were at a value of around ZAR 40,000. In 2013 the scholarships are increasing slightly in value to around ZAR 50,000, per academic year.

Please do not use this application form for the Graça Machel scholarship scheme or for scholarships for study in the UK. Information and the appropriate application forms on these schemes are available on our website.

Are you eligible?

Applicants must be:

- be nationals of or have refugee status in one of the following countries:
**Angola – Botswana – Lesotho – Malawi – Mozambique –
Namibia – South Africa – Swaziland – Zambia – Zimbabwe;**
- in possession of a good first degree, with a minimum grade of a 2:1, or upper second;
- be seeking this scholarship for postgraduate study at Masters or doctoral level;
- be registered to study or wish to study at a South African university.

Please apply **only** if you are eligible.

Application Process

The application form is of primary importance as it serves as the basis for assessment. It **MUST** be neat and easy to read. Please do not type in block capitals. The form should be completed on a computer and submitted via email to: scholarships@canoncollins.org.uk.

Please put your name and surname in the title of the email, e.g. Application: Sandile Mazibuko. The following supporting documents must be included, and should ideally be sent with the application form in **a single email**. If this is not possible you may send extra email(s), but please make sure it is clearly labelled with your name and a series number, in the subject line of the email. E.g. Sandile Manzibuko (2 of 3).

- Certified copy of undergraduate degree certificate
- Certified academic transcripts (from university only)
- Reference letters from two referees
- A copy of your two most recent payslips, if applicable
- A thesis proposal for your PhD, if applicable

Ideally, you should submit an academic reference (preferably from your current supervisor) and a reference from an employer. If you have never been employed, we will accept a reference from voluntary work, or two academic references.

You should ask your referees to write a reference that relates to your application for this bursary. It should outline your strengths as an applicant, demonstrate your capacity to study at the level required, how you would benefit from further study, and identify your potential impact in the future, if possible with regard to the theme.

You can submit your references with all the other supporting documents or, should your referee prefer to submit their reference directly, ask them to email it directly to scholarships@canoncollins.org.uk. The subject of the email should state that it is a reference and comprise the name and surname of the applicant, e.g., Reference: Sandile Manzibuko.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the references are sent to us by the deadline. Late references will not be considered.

We will not assess applications that have documents missing. Please do not submit your application until you have all the necessary information.

Timetable

The deadline for applications is **August 3rd 2012**. Late applications will not be considered.

Please do not email us to ask about the outcome of your application. All notifications will be by email so please make sure you provide an accurate email address.

We will let you know the outcome of your application in November 2012.

Getting a place on your course

You must apply to the universities you wish to study at for a place on your chosen course(s). If you are offered a Canon Collins scholarship but fail to get a place on a course, we will withdraw the offer.

How many scholarships are available?

There is no set number. The Trust makes awards on the basis of available funding and suitable applicants. It is, however, highly competitive. We make awards to less than 5% of those who apply. Please apply only if you meet all the criteria.

Selection Criteria

In selecting scholars, the Trust will apply a number of criteria including academic merit, need and the potential to contribute to southern Africa's future prosperity. We favour applications for courses or degrees that are relevant to the development needs of Southern Africa. We are looking for future leaders in their fields and therefore demonstrable leadership qualities are important.

Canon Collins Trust awards scholarships in all disciplines but we are particularly interested in the following fields of study:

- Conservation, biodiversity and related fields
- Law and Human Rights
- Leadership in Health
- Leadership in Education

The past achievements of the applicant, present commitment to further study, as well as their future plans, will be assessed in relation to how that will contribute to the development of southern Africa.

Applicants for all schemes within the 2013 SA Scholarship Programme will be assessed on the basis of the information that they supply on their application form against the criteria outlined below:

1. Academic Record and References

Applicants should have a minimum of a good second-class (2.1) undergraduate degree and excellent references. Applicants with a first class degree will have a distinct advantage.

2. Relevance to Priority Areas

All applicants need to articulate how their research field or study area relates to 2013 priority areas detailed above. We favour applicants who can describe why their chosen institution and course choice fits with their ambitions to make a difference in the sector. Please note that we will award some scholarships outside the priority areas, but these will be few in number.

3. Work Experience

We favour applications where there is a demonstrable continuity between applicant's past study and career and their proposed course of study.

4. Leadership Competencies

Applicants will be asked to demonstrate how they have developed their leadership skills in the workplace, academia or in their personal life. Priority will be given to those who can describe an occasion/s in which they have used their skills to formulate a shared vision or strategy, build strategic relationships and networks, support peers and mentor others, and/or deliver results that have led to innovation and step changes. Canon Collins places a great deal of emphasis upon the leadership potential of individuals.

5. Commitment to Country/Community

We will favour applicants who most clearly show a desire to be part of and to contribute to the future prosperity of southern Africa.

6. Application form

The application form matters. Applicants should:

- Demonstrate a good command of the English language;
- Answer all of the questions properly and completely; and
- Complete the application and deliver all supporting documents in a timely manner.

Send your completed form and supporting documents by **Friday 3rd August 2012** to scholarships@canoncollins.org.uk.

Good luck! We look forward to receiving your application.