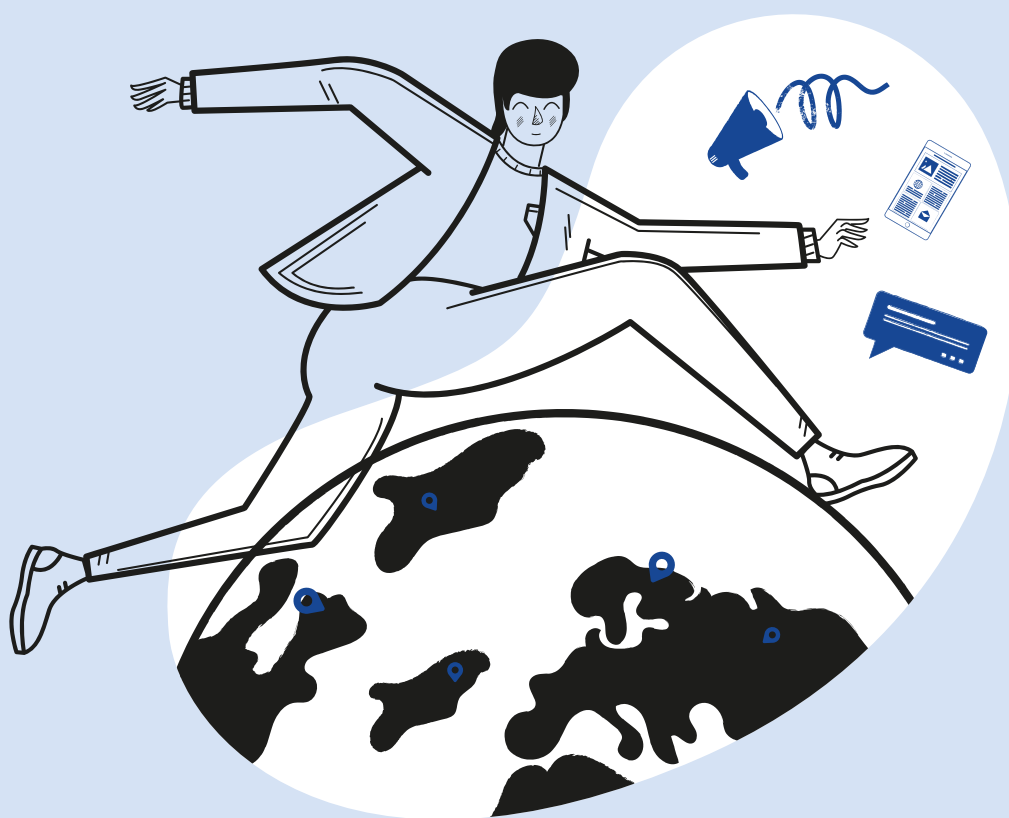


OUR FAVOURITE GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS

& HOW TO APPLY FOR THEM

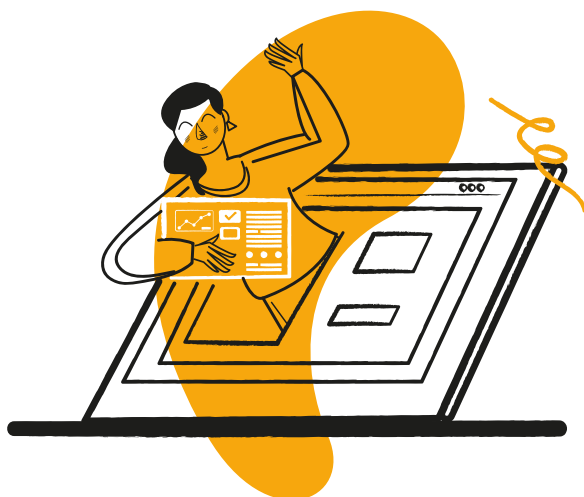


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Our favourite scholarships from around the world

 How to apply for them



Studying at a top university can be expensive but don't despair. This guide will give you the starting point you need for a successful scholarship application.

Almost all top universities have scholarships available for students to apply for. You just need to know what they are, where you can find them, and how you can put yourself forward for them. To begin, you need to realize that putting together a successful scholarship application does often require a significant amount of time. But of course, if you're successful, your efforts will be well worth it.



Where do you start?

Do your research

To avoid putting pressure on yourself, start your research early. You need time to research scholarships, request information and application forms, and complete your application by the specified closing date. Remember that some scholarships may close before your academic year starts.

Start your search for a scholarship by looking in these places:

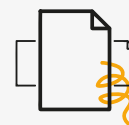
- Your university's scholarship office or your school's careers advisor
- The government of your preferred study destination has any scholarship schemes which you are eligible for
- Any private organizations offering financial aid related to your field of study.
- **TopUniversities** has an extensive range of scholarship lists for you to check through.

Check if you're eligible



Unfortunately, you won't be eligible for every scholarship you find. Focus on the scholarships most appropriate for you so you don't spend time putting together an application for a scholarship you don't even meet the criteria for.

Be organized



Keep all of your scholarship material in a separate folder so you always know where it is, and make sure you have the most up-to-date information in there. This will also help you to keep track of the different deadlines for each of the scholarships you are applying for.

Include all the required information



Make sure you have all of the information the selection panel has requested within your application. An application with missing items doesn't make the best first impression.

Think about the presentation



A scholarship application is very similar to a job interview. You want to give a good impression and spelling mistakes or illegible writing do not look good. Before you submit anything, ask a friend to proof-read it for you.

Provide correct information



Small details such as your full email address, or a new phone number if you've lost your mobile, will avoid any unnecessary delays, as well as make you look professional.

Provide references

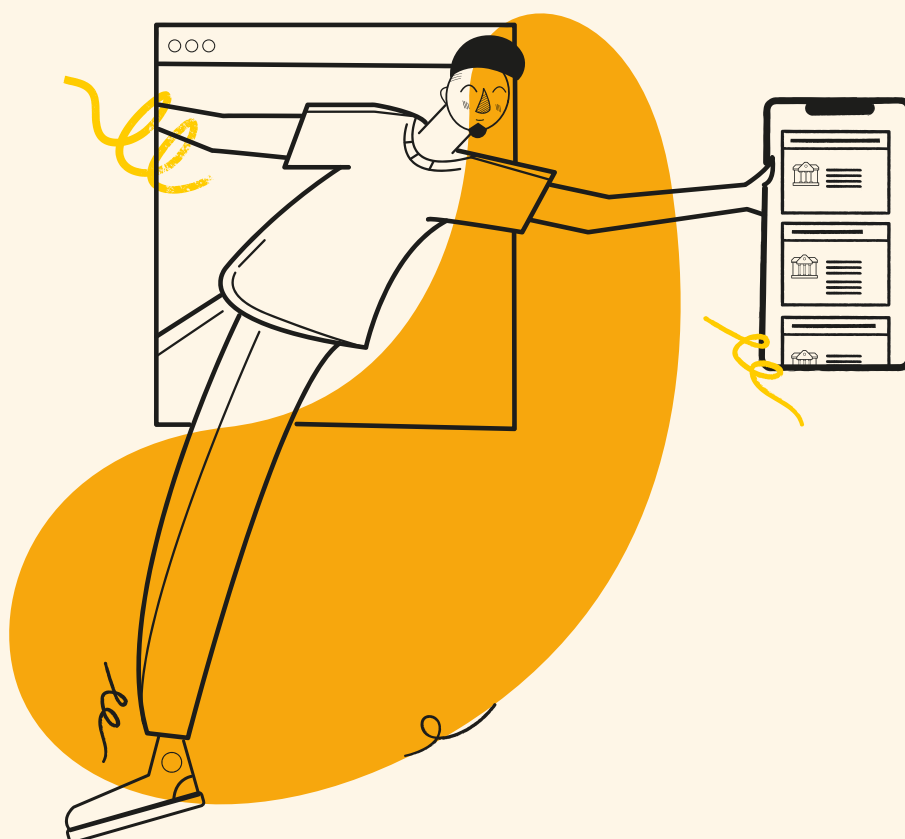


Choose these people carefully. After all, there's a lot hanging on this application. You also need to let each of your referees know and tell them something about the kind of skills and experience you need to demonstrate.

Don't miss the deadline



Always give yourself an extra few days leeway when applying for a scholarship. Remember, late applications won't usually be considered. If your scholarship doesn't have a deadline, keep in mind that the earlier you apply, the better your chance of receiving some money.



Types of scholarship

With so many options, there's bound to be a scholarship opportunity out there to match your needs. Here are the most common types of scholarship:

A Merit-based scholarships

Merit-based scholarships are awarded to students who show exceptional talent in their subject. They recognize students' academic achievements, such as an impressive grade point average (GPA), or a high score in a standardised test. Athletic scholarships are a subtype of these, and are most commonly found in the US (they are rare or unheard of elsewhere). These are awarded based on excellent sporting ability and can be quite competitive. You don't have to be on a sports-related course to apply for athletic scholarships.

B Need-based scholarships

Need-based scholarships are awarded based on an assessment of your own financial situation, and that of your parents. They are intended to aid less fortunate students in following their academic dreams, and consider a range of factors, including income and dependents.

C Student-specific scholarships

These are scholarships which are offered for a particular group of students, often aiming to provide additional support for an under-represented or disadvantaged group. This includes scholarships for minority groups, scholarships for women in male-dominated industries, and scholarships for LGBTQ students.



D Subject-specific scholarships

Many scholarships are also available within specific subjects, often centered around a particular career path. Examples include medical scholarships, business school scholarships and engineering scholarships.

E University-specific scholarships

Many universities offer their own scholarships, often including a combination of the types of scholarship listed above. Eligible students may be automatically considered for these when they apply to the university, or may need to submit a separate application.

F Unusual scholarships

In addition to the main types of scholarship listed above, you may also encounter some rather more unusual scholarships, which often require applicants to complete a particular challenge. Examples include a duck calling contest, a competition for making prom dresses entirely out of duct tape, and a contest for the best essay on the subject of copyright.

Scholarship Options

Here are some places to begin your search

Global scholarships

Erasmus+ is the largest provider for scholarships to study in the EU. It provides grants towards living costs when participating in an exchange programme to study in Europe

TopUniversities and TopMBA also offer scholarships for different types of studies and universities.

You can also find study abroad scholarships [here](#)



For women

Name	Target
<u>Faculty for the Future</u>	Women who are from developing and emerging economies, for PhD or postdoctoral studies
<u>Margaret McNamara Education Grants</u>	Women aged 25 or over who are studying in the US, Canada, or select universities in South Africa and Latin America
<u>Palantir Scholarships for Women in Technology</u>	International scholarships for women in STEM subjects
<u>L'Oréal-UNESCO Women in Science</u>	Awarded to female students within the UK and Ireland studying in scientific fields
<u>Women Techmakers Scholars Programme</u>	Global scholarships for minority women to pursue degrees in technology and computing

You can find additional scholarships for women [here](#) and [here](#)

LGBTQ

Name	Target
<u>The Queer Foundation</u>	All students who plan on studying in the US
<u>The Point Foundation</u>	All LGBTQ students
<u>Roy Scrivner Research Grants</u>	All graduate students to conduct research
<u>The LOUD Foundation</u>	Canadian LGBTQ+ citizens or residents
<u>The LEAGUE Foundation</u>	US citizens

You can find additional scholarships for the LGTBQ community [here](#)



USA

Name	Target
<u>Fullbright Foreign Student Program</u>	Graduate students, young professionals and artists
<u>AAUW International Fellowships</u>	Female international students
<u>East-West Center Scholarships and Fellowships</u>	International students from the Asia-Pacific region
<u>#YouAreWelcomeHere Scholarship</u>	All overseas students
<u>Abbey Road Summer Scholarships</u>	Language and art students

You can find additional scholarships for the US [here](#)

UK

Name	Target
<u>British Chevening Scholarships</u>	International students
<u>Commonwealth Scholarships for Developing Commonwealth Countries</u>	Students from developing countries in the Commonwealth
<u>Euraxess UK</u>	Researchers in Europe
<u>Marshall Scholarships</u>	For US students
<u>Great Britain China Centre Chinese Student Awards</u>	For Chinese students

You can find additional scholarships for the UK [here](#)

China

Name	Target
<u>Chinese Government Scholarships</u>	EU students
<u>USTC Scholarship Program</u>	International degree-seeking or exchange students
<u>Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)</u>	PhD scholarships for international students
<u>Chinese Scholarships-Great Wall Programme</u>	International students from developing countries
<u>HKSAR Government Scholarships Fund</u>	Asian students

Australia

Name	Target
<u>Australia Awards Scholarships (AAS)</u>	Students from Asia-Pacific region, Africa and the Middle East
<u>Destination Australia awards</u>	Domestic and international students
<u>The Northcote Graduate Scholarship</u>	UK students
<u>Fulbright Programme</u>	American citizens
<u>Research Training Programme (RTP)</u>	Domestic and international students

You can find additional scholarships for Australia [here](#)

France

Name	Target
<u>Eiffel Excellence Scholarships</u>	International students for a Masters or Phd
<u>Charpak Scholarship of Excellence</u>	Indian students for a Bachelor, Masters or research
<u>Make our planet great again</u>	International students for a Masters of Phd
<u>Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie</u>	African students for a Masters degree
<u>Association Nationale des docteurs</u>	International students for a Phd

Canada

Name	Target
<u>IDRC Research Awards</u>	Students from developing countries to undertake a master's or doctoral-level research degree
<u>Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master's Programme</u>	Canadian students
<u>Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships Programme</u>	Doctoral students internationally
<u>Canada Memorial Scholarship</u>	British postgraduate students
<u>NSERC Postgraduate scholarships</u>	International students in natural sciences or engineering

You can find additional scholarships for Canada [here](#)



Russia

Name	Target
<u>Government of Russian Federation Scholarships</u>	International students
<u>BP in Russia Research Scholarships</u>	Students studying for degrees in energy and economics
<u>Open Doors: Russian Scholarship Project</u>	International students studying a master's degree in mathematics, physics, computer science or economics
<u>The School of Russian and Asian Studies (SRAS)</u>	US students
<u>Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarships</u>	Undergraduate students

You can find additional scholarships for Russia [here](#)

Germany

Name	Target
<u>DAAD Scholarships</u>	International students at various levels
<u>Heinrich B. II Scholarships for International Students</u>	International students at various levels
<u>Humboldt Research Fellowships for Postdoctoral Researchers</u>	Postdoctoral scholarships for scientists and scholars of international students
<u>Mawista Scholarship</u>	International students for those who are taking care of a child
<u>Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) Scholarships</u>	International students who are under 30

You can find additional scholarships for Germany [here](#)

Japan

Name	Target
<u>ADB-Japan Scholarship Programme</u>	Graduate students from various Asian and Pacific countries
<u>The Monbukagakusho Honors</u>	International students at an undergraduate and graduate level
<u>Master's Degree ABE Initiative</u>	Postgraduate African students
<u>MEXT Scholarship Programme – Japan</u>	Canadian citizens
<u>Otsuka Toshimi Scholarship Foundation</u>	International students

Spain

Name	Target
<u>International studies abroad diversity scholarship</u>	International students at all levels
<u>The fullbright programme – Spain</u>	US students at all levels
<u>Global Experiences Generation Study Abroad Scholarship</u>	International students at all levels
<u>Carolina Foundation Grant Training Programme</u>	Latin American students at all levels
<u>Santander grants</u>	International students at all levels



Scholarship checklist



Are you eligible?

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Have you got all the necessary information?

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This will vary depending on the scholarship application, but usually includes: academic record, proof of financial circumstances; confirmation of your study plans; application essay

Do your referees know what scholarship(s) you are applying for?

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Have you and a friend/family member proofread your scholarship application?

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Have you submitted your application before the deadline?

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Learn how to write your perfect scholarship essay.

[Download the guide](#)

Additional Resources



If you're looking for additional information on topics such as scholarships, rankings, online learning and more, then take a look at our other free guides:

[Rankings 101: How to use rankings to choose what to study](#)

[Top 10 student cities - Everything you need to know](#)

[MBA ROI Calculator](#)

[Your complete guide to an MBA degree](#)

[Leading MBA salaries by country](#)

[Your complete guide to applying for a masters degree](#)

[Your student visa guide: Top 10 study destinations](#)

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[Your ultimate guide to choosing a university](#)

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[TopUniversities.com](https://www.topuniversities.com)

For scholarships, visit our scholarships home page to find and apply to the QS World Merit Scholarship and other exclusive university scholarships:

[Scholarships](#)

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