




OUR FAVORITE SCHOLARSHIPS

FROM AROUND THE WORLD

⊕ **HOW TO APPLY FOR THEM**



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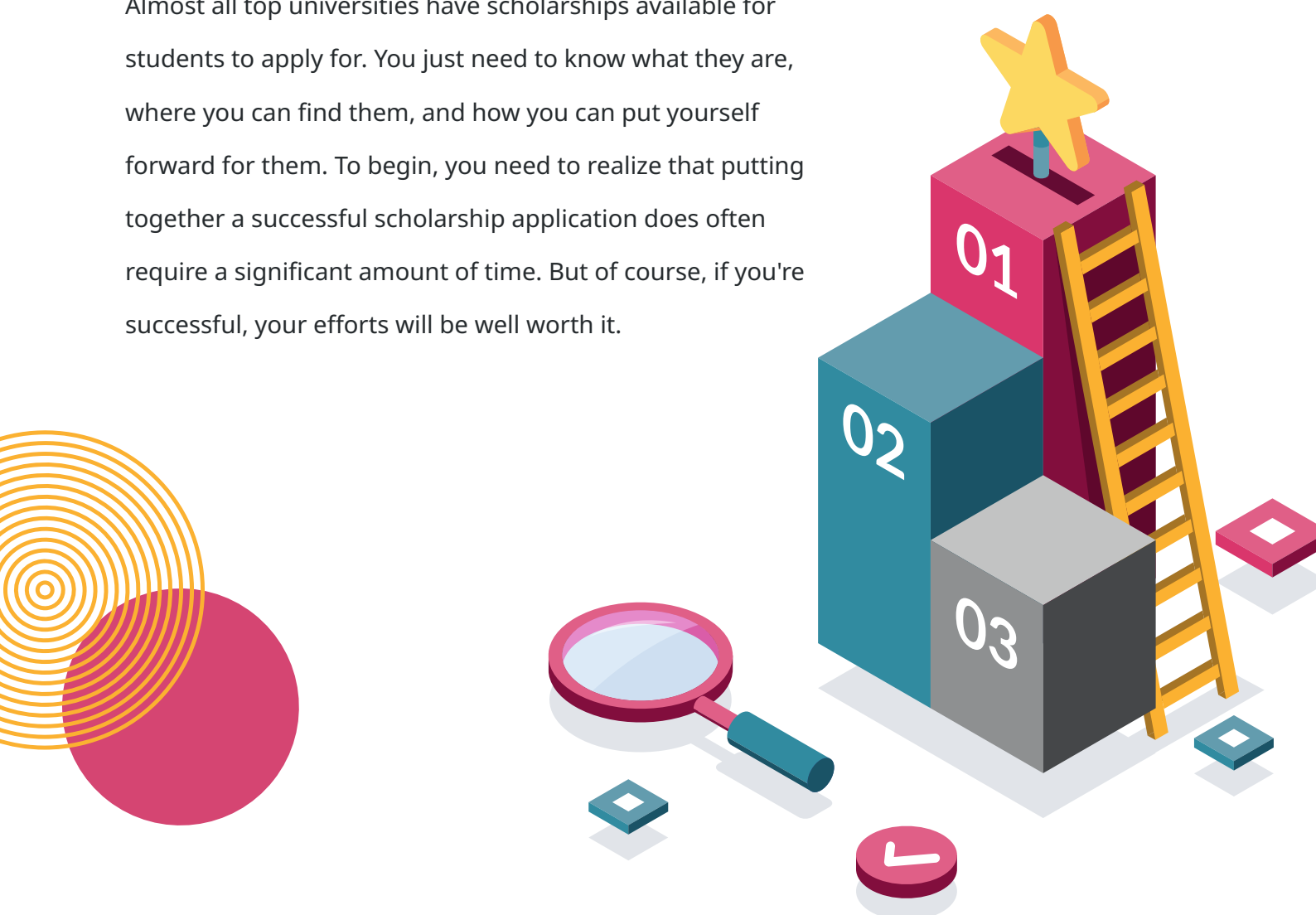
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Our favorite scholarships from around the world

⊕ 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.



I | 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.



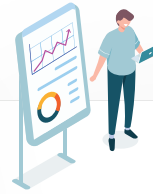
Think about the presentation

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.



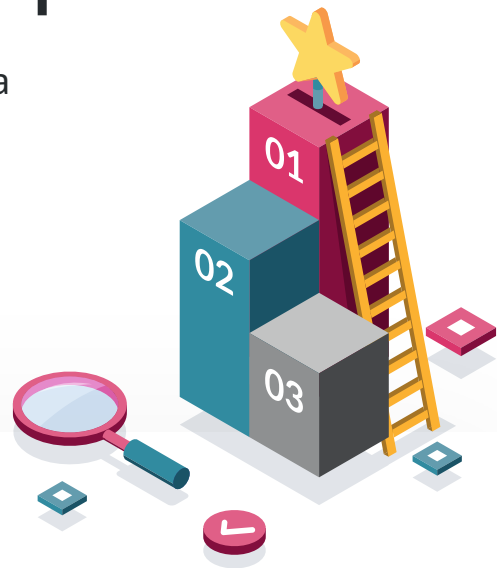
Don't miss the deadline

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.



II | Types of scholarship

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

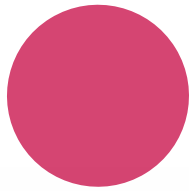
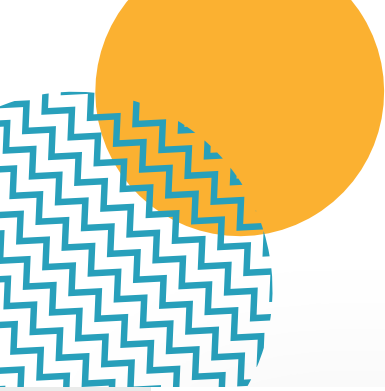


A Merit-based scholarships

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 standardized 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.



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.



III | 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 program 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](#)

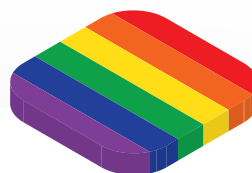


For women

Name	Target
Faculty for the Future	Women who are from developing and emerging economies, for PhD or postdoctoral studies
Margaret McNamara Education Grants	Women aged 25 or over who are studying in the US, Canada, or select universities in South Africa and Latin America
Women Techmakers Scholars Program	Women studying in the field of computer science and technology at undergraduate or graduate level
L'Oréal-UNESCO Women in Science Fellowships	Awarded to female students within the UK and Ireland studying in scientific fields.
Women Techmakers Scholars Program	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
The Queer Foundation	All students who plan on studying in the US
The Point Foundation	All LGBTQ students
Roy Scrivner Research Grants	All graduate students to conduct research
The LOUD Foundation	LGBTQ Canadian residents or citizens
The LEAGUE Foundation	US citizens

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

USA



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

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

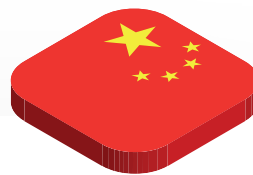
UK



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

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

China



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

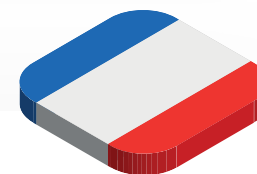
Australia



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

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

France



Name	Target
Eiffel Excellence Scholarships	International students for a Masters or Phd
Charpak Scholarship of Excellence	Indian students for a Bachelor, Masters or research
Make our planet great again	International students for a Masters or Phd
Agence universitaire de la francophonie	African students for a Masters degree
Association nationale des docteurs	International students for a Phd

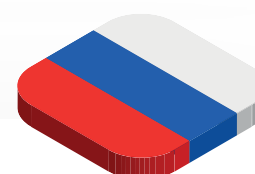
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Name	Target
IDRC Research Awards	Students from developing countries to undertake a master's or doctoral-level research degree
Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master's Program	Canadian students
Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships Program	Doctoral students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

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

Russia



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

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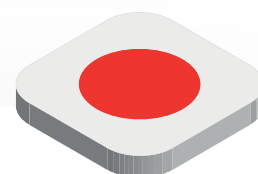
Germany



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

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

Japan



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

Spain



Name

Target

[International studies abroad diversity scholarship](#)

International students at all levels

[The fullbright program - Spain](#)

US students at all levels

[Global Experiences Generation Study Abroad Scholarship](#)

International students at all levels

[Carolina Foundation Grant Training Programme](#)

Latin American students at all levels

[Santander grants](#)

International students at all levels



IV | Scholarships 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

