



Beyond the Bar: Exploring Alternative Legal Careers in Public Service

- 📅 Date: 12 September 2025
- 📍 Venue: Building 15, UNISA Sunnyside Campus
- 🕒 Time: 09:00 – 14:00

Hosted by: Society of Legal Excellence (317-788 NPO | NPC 2024/713124/08)

In collaboration with: UNISA Counselling and Career Development Services

Programme Overview

09:00 – 09:30 | Opening Segment

- Welcome & Context – UNISA Counselling and Career Development Services (10 min)
- Convenors – Society of Legal Excellence (10 min)
- Wellness Input – Tumagole Trading Enterprise (10 min)

(Sets the stage: student challenges, career opportunities, and the importance of wellness in professional readiness.)

09:30 – 10:30 | PANEL 1: Law in Service of the Public

Theme: “*Serving Society While Building Your Career*”

Participating Organizations:

- Legal Aid South Africa – Access to justice and public defender pathways.
- National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) – Prosecution as a public service career.
- Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (Hawks) – Tackling corruption, financial crimes, and organized crime.
- Companies Tribunal – Corporate governance and dispute resolution.
- UNISA Law Clinic – Clinical legal education, pro bono, and community impact.

10:30 – 11:30 | PANEL 2: Regulation, Compliance & Professional Readiness

Theme: “*The Rules of the Game: Articles, Exams & Emerging Careers*”

Participating Organizations:

- Legal Practice Council (LPC) – Admission to practice, new fifth board exam, fit & proper requirements.
- Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) – Training (LEAD), readiness, and avoiding common student mistakes in applications for articles.
- Compliance Institute of Southern Africa (CISA) – Careers in compliance, governance, and risk management.
- Department of Employment and Labour – Workplace rights, employment regulation, and career pathways in labour law.

11:30 – 12:15 | PANEL 3: Funding, Further Study & Global Exposure

Theme: “*Investing in Your Future: Scholarships, State Support & Global Opportunities*”

Participating Organizations:

- Department of Higher Education & Training (DHET) – Bursaries, scholarships, and state support.
- British High Commission (Chevening Scholarships) – International study opportunities and contributing back to South Africa.
- Flying Jurist – Aviation law and niche global legal careers.

12:15 – 12:30 | Transition to Booths

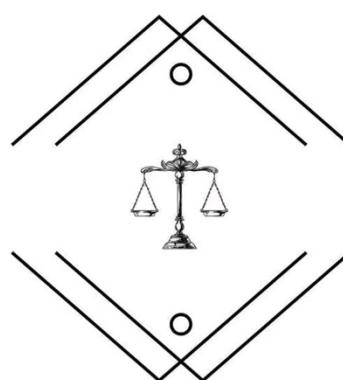
- Moderator guides students to booths.
- Map distribution and announcements.
- Reflection question posed to guide booth engagement.

12:30 Onwards | Booths & Inclusive Participation

All participating organizations will be showcased through:

1. **Interactive Booths** – Direct engagement, mentorship, and resources.
2. **Multimedia Spotlight Interviews** – 10-minute recorded overview per organization.
 - Shared online for extended student access.
 - Ensures visibility of every organization's mandate, even if not in panels.

Some of the organisations participating include...



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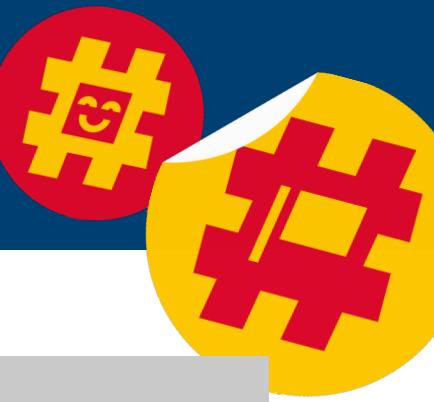
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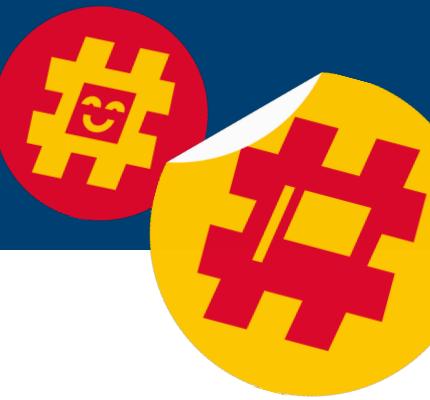


Chevening is the UK Government's scholarships programme, offering fully funded scholarships to study for a master's degree at any UK university.

You'll need:

- A realistic and achievable idea to create positive change
- Outstanding influence, leadership, and networking skills

WHO SHOULD APPLY TO CHEVENING?



A Chevening Scholarship is for people who:

- Have *at least* two years' work experience
- Can articulate good examples of your influence and leadership skills
- Are great at building new relationships
- Are solutions-focused and determined to play a role in solving the world's most pressing challenges

If you don't yet have the experience or examples to prove your skills, we encourage you to wait to apply until you do.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



Be a citizen of one of 160+ Chevening-eligible countries or territories.



Hold an undergraduate degree.



Have at least two years of work experience.

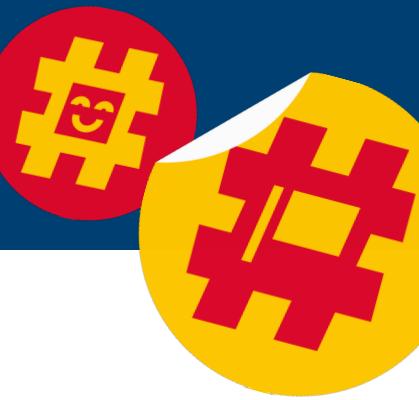


Demonstrate outstanding future leadership potential.

Check if you're eligible at chevening.org/eligibility



WHAT DOES CHEVENING COVER?

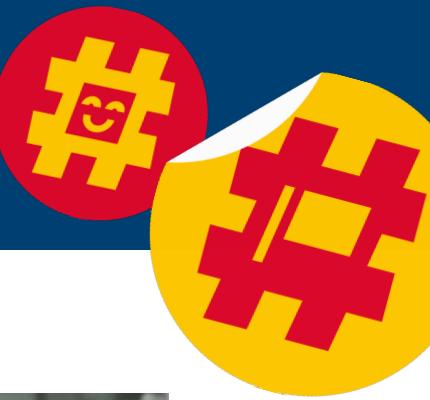


- Fully covered* tuition fees
- A living allowance at a set rate (for one individual)
- An economy return flight to the UK
- Additional grants to cover essential expenditure

*There is a fee cap of £22,000 for MBA programmes that requires you to cover any additional costs.



UNLOCK OPPORTUNITIES WITH CHEVENING



Chevening is more than just a scholarship. You'll also benefit from:

- ✓ A vast programme of exclusive networking events, the chance to explore UK culture, and opportunities to volunteer for great causes during your time in the UK.
- ✓ Lifetime access to a global network of 60,000+ supportive and like-minded Chevening alumni.
- ✓ Access to the Chevening Alumni Programme Fund upon graduation. Find out more at chevening.org/alumni.

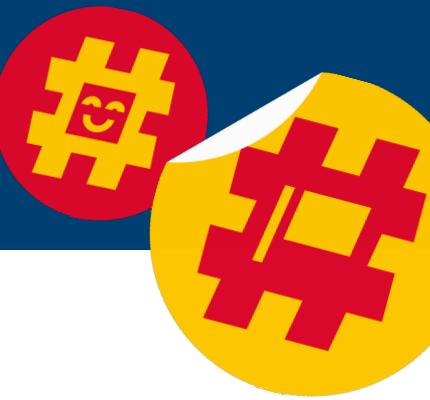


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Prime Minister of Namibia
University of Dundee

APPLICATION TIMELINE



Chevening only accepts individuals who can demonstrate outstanding leadership, influence, and networking skills. Our comprehensive application process is a minimum of eight months long to assess you against these criteria.

You'll hear if you've been successful between June and July 2026.

For more information, and key dates, please visit chevening.org/application-timeline



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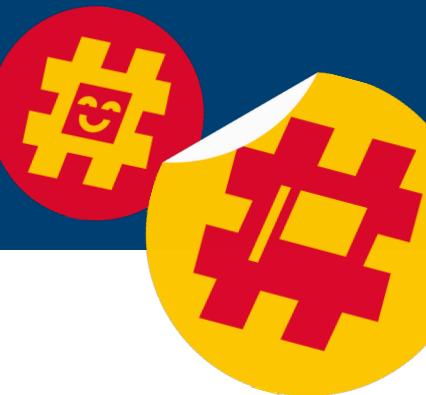


Submit your application to benefit from:

-  160+ eligible UK universities
-  99% scholar satisfaction rate
-  Exclusive events each year
-  40 years of developing future leaders
-  1 life-changing Chevening experience



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Interested but looking for research programmes or shorter 8-10 week professional development opportunities to elevate your career?

Chevening also offers diverse fellowship programmes aimed at mid-career professionals.

Citizens of [insert your country here] can apply for [insert the name(s) of any Chevening Fellowship programmes applicable to your country here. A list of our Fellowship programmes and eligible countries can be found in SharePoint].

Find out more at chevening.org/fellowships.



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