

Catch your dreams: International scholarships that shape your career

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Many students dream about studying abroad. It's no secret that education offers students the opportunity to make new friends, gain internship experience, explore the world, create professional connections, and immerse themselves in a new culture. However, many students falsely believe that studying abroad is too expensive for their budget and don't know where to start on the scholarship application process in a different country. There are plenty of study abroad scholarships for international students who are interested in pursuing a course or a degree abroad. These opportunities can range from funds to cover your flight to scholarships that allow you to study abroad for free. Scholarships not only act as financial aid but are essential due to several other reasons and a great source of financial aid for such students. On the other side, many students are unaware of the various scholarships. Last week, we detailed our readers about scholarships in J&K and India. This article briefs about international scholarships.

US scholarships

The US is an ideal destination for Indian students to further their education. Its quality courses and programs enable students to reach their fullest potential while offering job opportunities for those that are ready to take their next step in life. US scholarships will help bring you there. Besides offsetting your tuition fees, some US scholarships cover your accommodation, stationaries and even your flight ticket to America.

ADB-Japan Scholarship Programme for Developing Countries in Asia and Pacific:

The Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Programme (ADB-JSP) aims to provide an opportunity for well-qualified students living in developed countries to undertake a PG course at any participating academic institutions in several Asian countries and the US. Upon completion of your programme, scholars are going to be contributing to the economic and social development of their home countries. Programs covered by the ADB-JSP are PG courses in economics, management, health, education, agriculture, environment, natural resources management, science and technology, and other development-related fields.

The ADB-JSP awards full tuition fee coverage, a monthly subsistence and housing allowance, an allowance for books and stationaries, medical insurance, and travel expenses.

The scholarship is applied for one year where it can be further extended to your second year of study if you maintain a satisfactory level of performance as determined by your university or institute. The maximum duration is only two years for master's and doctorate programmes.

Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program: The Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program (JJ/WBGSP) is open to

anyone from developing countries with relevant professional experience, who carry a history of supporting their country's development efforts, and for those who are applying for a master degree program in a development-related topic.

Aga Khan Foundation International Scholarship Program: The Aga Khan Foundation provides a limited number of scholarships each year for outstanding students from developing countries who lack financial capabilities for their education. Scholarships are awarded on a 50% grant to 50% loan basis through an annual competitive application process. The Foundation offers priority to master's level courses but would also consider applications for PhD programs. The foundation only covers tuition fees and living expenses. Travel costs are not included in AKF scholarships. Funding for PhD programs is only provided for the first two years of study, after which students will need to find alternative sources of assistance. Half of the scholarship amount is taken into account as a loan, which must be reimbursed with an annual interest of 5%. Students would need to repay the loan in five years, six months after your study period has been funded by the foundation.

Rotary Foundation Global Scholarship Grants for Development: The Rotary Foundation Global Scholarship Grants for Development funds graduate-level coursework or research up to four academic years. The coursework or research that the scholarship covers is that of the foundation's six areas of focus: Peace and conflict prevention or resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development. The minimum award for a global grant scholarship is US\$30,000 up to a whopping US\$400,000 which will fund passport or visa fees, inoculations, travel expenses, school supplies, tuition fees, accommodation, household supplies, and language training courses.

American University Emerging Global Leader Scholarship: The American University Emerging Global Leader (AUEGL) scholarship is targeted at high-achieving international students who are pursuing a bachelor's degree within the US and who are dedicated to positive civic and social change. It is intended for international students who are returning home to enhance under-resourced, underserved communities in their home country. The AUEGL scholarship covers all expenses like full tuition fees and accommodation. The scholarship doesn't cover expenses like health insurance, books, airline tickets and miscellaneous expenses.

French University Scholarships for International Students

There are many reasons why international students should study in France. According to data from Campus France, as of 2020, the country hosted an international student population of 358,000, and it's no surprise why.

· **École Normale Supérieure International Selection:** Each year, the ENS organizes an international selection allowing about thirty of the most promising international students, either in Science or in Humanities, to follow a two or

three-year course at the ENS. They receive a monthly stipend of approximately 1,000 Euros for 2-3 years. About 30 foreign students are awarded each year.

- **Ampere Scholarships of Excellence at ENS de Lyon:** The ENS de Lyon and its partners offer scholarships for excellent international students to enrol in its Masters programs in the Exact Sciences, the Arts, and Human and Social Sciences (excluding Professional Masters in teaching) through the Ampere Scholarships of Excellence. The scholarships cover €1000/month for a duration of 12 months and is renewable with conditions.

- **Emile Boutmy Scholarships at Sciences Po University:** Sciences Po created the Emile Boutmy Scholarships after the founder of Sciences Po in order to attract the very best international students from outside of the European Union who are applying and previously admitted to Sciences Po University. The scholarships can take different forms ranging from €5,000 to €10,000 for 2 years of postgraduate study or €3,000 to €12,300 for 3 years of undergraduate study.

- **Grenoble Institute of Technology Foundation Scholarships:** The Grenoble Institute of Technology Foundation supports a scholarship program for international students who wish to pursue an international master program at Grenoble INP. The grant amounts to 5,000 euros per semester.

- **INSEAD MBA Scholarships:** The INSEAD Scholarships are limited in number and there is significant competition for each award. These scholarships are granted under various criteria and fall into two major categories: need-based and non-need-based (based on either merit, nationality, gender, professional background, leadership abilities, field of previous studies etc.). The value of the scholarships range from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

- **HEC Paris MBA Scholarships:** HEC Paris offers generous scholarships to international students from different countries and backgrounds. HEC scholarships fall into various categories: merit-based, need-based or based on specific criteria. The amount of the scholarship varies from €6,000 to €24,000.

- **Campus France Charpak Scholarships:** Indian Students seeking admission in France can apply for this scholarship for Indian students who wish to pursue a master's program at this university. They also offer a separate travel grant scholarship. All the scholarships are based on merit and only those who are 30 and under can apply for the scholarship. The two scholarships awarded include- Charpak AME Scholarship (Allocation Mensuelle d'Entretien) which includes a living allowance of up to 700 euros along with a fee waiver of up to 5000 euros and a waiver on a student visa and campus France fee, Charpak BCS (Bourse de Couverture Sociale) that grants a waiver on a student visa and campus France fee along with social security and assistance in finding affordable accommodation. Apart from this they also offer a travel grant which includes a one-way ticket from India to France in economy class and a waiver on the Campus France fee and student visa.

Other scholarships:

Scholarships in UK:

When it comes to applying for good, generous UK scholarships, the competition is really high, and some of the best providers take into consideration many requirements your previous academic history often being one of them. Here are some of the best-known scholarship opportunities awarded every year for international students who want to study in the United Kingdom:

The Chevening Scholarships: These scholarships are offered by the UK government to individuals with impressive academic results who demonstrate high leadership potential.

Recipients of the scholarships are personally selected by British Embassies around the world. Future decision-makers have a chance to develop academically, to create professional networks, experience the UK culture, and much more.

The scholarship program offers financial support to study a one-year Master's degree at any of the UK's leading universities, with over 1,500 Chevening Scholarships offered globally during every academic cycle.

The Commonwealth Scholarships: The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK (CSC) awards a wide range of scholarships and fellowships, including:

- Commonwealth PhD Scholarships
- Commonwealth Master's Scholarships
- Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarships

The scholarships are offered each year to students coming from low and middle-income Commonwealth countries, who couldn't afford to study in the UK without this financial support. Candidates are selected based on their previous academic results and their potential to aid in developing a better life for people in their home countries.

The Royal Society Grants: The Royal Society is a Fellowship of many of the world's most eminent scientists. It is also the oldest scientific academy in the world that remains active even today. The Royal Society has 3 main goals:

- to promote excellence in science
- to support collaboration at an international level
- to prove the importance of science to everyone

Scholarships from UK universities: Top universities in the UK often provide generous funding for international students based on their academic achievements or financial needs. Here are just a few scholarships and scholarship-finding tools offered by some of the best universities in the UK:

- University of Cambridge
- University of Oxford
- Imperial College London
- King's College London
- London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
- University College London (UCL)

You can look for scholarships or financial aid programmes at any university using their official websites. The information is often under the section “Fees and funding”, “Funding” or “Scholarships”. If you’re not able to find anything, get in touch with a university representative who should be able to answer all your questions.

Scholarships in Australia: Australia is one of the favorite study destinations for international students due to its educational standards. Admission to various Australian colleges and universities is open under the Australia Awards Scholarship (AAS).

Australian Awards (AAS) Scholarships 2023-2024 academic session will be open for applications for international students in early 2022. If you want to pursue your graduation or master's degree in Australia, you can take advantage of applying for this scholarship.

Students from all the developing countries, especially those living in the Indo-Pacific region, are encouraged by the Australian government to apply for the Australian Awards Scholarship to continue their studies in leading Australian universities. The winners of this scholarship will enhance their skills and expertise in various subjects and serve their nation in better ways.

Harvard University

Reinforcing its commitment to opportunity for all talented students regardless of their economic resources, the University is also announcing a significant expansion of the Harvard Financial Aid Initiative (HFAI) for low- and middle-income families. This is an increase from the \$65,000 annual income threshold in previous years. Nearly a quarter of Harvard College students come from families with incomes under \$75,000.

Harvard continues to make investments in financial aid program to lessen the enormous pressures that low- and middle-income families face in sending their deserving students to college.

Harvard’s undergraduate financial aid program continues to benefit from the consistent and aggressive investment. Since launching HFAI in 2005, the University has awarded almost \$2.9 billion in scholarship aid to undergraduates. During this period, Harvard’s annual financial aid budget has risen more than 190 percent, from \$80 million to \$235 million in 2022.

Beginning in the 2022-2023 academic year, all first-year students from families with incomes below \$75,000 with typical assets will also receive a \$2,000 start-up grant to help with move-in costs and other expenses incurred in the transition to college. The grant was launched in 2016.

Based on projections, 55 percent will receive need-based grants, allowing aided families to pay an average of \$12,700 annually. In addition, 25 percent of students qualified for the HFAI.

In 2020, Harvard further expanded its financial aid program by eliminating the summer work expectation from aid awards beginning in the 2020–21 academic year and replacing it with scholarship funds. Students are not required to take

out loans and are only expected to contribute \$3,500 through term-time work to meet their estimated personal expenses, including books.

Harvard's net-price calculator makes it easy for families to get a sense of the College's affordability. For students not receiving need-based aid, the total cost of attendance (including tuition, room, board, and fees) is scheduled to increase by 3 percent to \$76,763 for the 2022–2023 academic year.

Other international scholarships for Indian students:

British Council Great Scholarships for Indian Students

The British Council of India in collaboration with the UK's GREAT Britain campaign offers scholarships for Indian students who possess exemplary academic and extra-curricular records. They offer approximately 35 scholarships for full tuition fee at the undergraduate level, the first-year tuition fee at the postgraduate level, and the entire tuition fee for a one-year master's program or the first-year tuition costs if you wish to pursue a two-year program.

LSE Commonwealth Share Scholarships Scheme (CSSS)

In an attempt to facilitate students who, possess brilliant academic calibre, the Department for International Development (DFID) along with participating institutions awards 5 scholarships to students from developing nations part of the Commonwealth who wish to pursue a post-graduate degree from the London School of Economics and Political Science so that they can benefit from the excellence of the UK's premier institution. They cover the full costs of the awardee, including the travel costs, maintenance allowance, and the entire cost of the tuition fee. They have previously granted up to £225 to cover thesis costs and also cover the cost of excess baggage for books up to 10 kilograms. It is one of the most sought-after scholarships for Indian students.

UCD Global Graduate Scholarships for Indian Students in Ireland

If you wish to study in Ireland, you can look at these options which are a popular choice for scholarships for Indian students. The University of Dublin, set in Ireland, grants scholarships to those who wish to pursue their graduate-level education, the scholarship is funded by the university itself.

UNSW Sydney supports ambitious future students from India

Ambitious students from India can find the support and guidance to succeed at UNSW. Through our international scholarships and awards, your future as a global citizen is supported, recognized and powered by UNSW.

- **International Student Award:** UNSW celebrates the impact and contribution of international students with this new scholarship. We support motivated students from India and other eligible countries to realize their full potential at UNSW. All Indian students are eligible for our new International Student Award.

- **International Scientia Coursework Scholarship:** This scholarship recognizes and rewards academic merit, leadership (within your school, workplace, or community), extra-curricular activities (such as sport,

volunteering or cultural activities) and your personal motivation for wanting to study at UNSW.

- **Future of Change Scholarship:** A scholarship dedicated to supporting Indian students who want to make a positive impact in the world. When you apply to study at UNSW, you are automatically considered for this scholarship. There are a limited number of scholarships available, it helps to submit your application as soon as possible.

- **Australia's Global Award:** This scholarship recognizes and rewards applicants with outstanding academic merit. When you apply to study at UNSW, you are automatically considered for this scholarship. There are a limited number of scholarships available, it helps to apply to study as soon as possible.

- **UNSW Global Academic Award:** If you missed out on direct entry to study at UNSW and successfully complete a UNSW Foundation program, this scholarship rewards your motivation and academic merit. If you intend to continue your studies with a bachelor's degree at UNSW you will be automatically considered for this award.