# HOW TO APPLY FOR POST GRADUATE STUDIES IN US, CANADA, UK , IRELAND AND POLAND

BY

### SCHOLARSHIP ABROAD ACADEMY

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## PART 1 : SCHOLARSHIP AND VISA APPLICATION TO THE US

## **INTRODUCTION**

Scholarship is a grant or payment made to partly/ fully support a student's education, awarded on the basis of academic or other achievement.

Scholarships are cost effective/efficient as it costs an average of \$30,000 for school fees and living expenses.

Also, the study route is one sure way to achieve your travel abroad dreams.

Post-graduate scholarship is not a child's play and the guiding principles to attain one include; self-drive, debunk the myth that it is impossible (there are thousands of universities in the United States, Europe, etc.), get an accountability partner, dedicate time/ resources and spread your tentacles by applying to different schools and different countries.

## **TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

Research Assistantships (GRA)

Teaching Assistantships (GTA)

Graduate Assistantships (GA)

Fellowships (Bill Gates Foundation, Ford Foundation etc.)

Sponsorships (NGO)

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

The best time to apply for scholarships is from August to January as admission committee meets in January/February to make decisions.

#### To apply for Post-Graduate Scholarships, you need to:

-Be a Graduate from a higher institution.

-Be a self-motivated student with leadership potentials.

-Gain supervisors' commitment.

-Have a captivating statement of purpose, CV and recommendation letter.

-Get your transcript, degree certificates and/or writing sample in order.

\* GRE, Academic IELTS/ TOEFL, WES Evaluation are an added advantage especially if you made less than a second class upper or you have a large study gap.

## **CHOICE OF SCHOOL/ COURSE OF STUDY**

Your visa approval journey begins here.

You could search up a course or school with mobile search engines like Google, a course related to your first degree programme.

There are R1 and R2 Universities, although state Universities increase the chances. You can search the acceptance rates of universities on Google (desktop view).

It is essential to look out for accredited schools here <u>http://www.ed.gov/accreditation</u>. Also, for student and exchange visitor program certified schools that are eligible to enroll F-1 and M-1 students visit <u>http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/school-search</u>.

Find out if they offer I-20 (an essential document needed for visa application) and visit mastersportal.com or phdportal.com for more list of schools.

Some schools you can check if you have a low grade:

#### LIST OF SCHOOLS

Iowa State University

Washington State University

University of Minnesota

University of Oregon

Portland State University

Montana State University

North Dakota State University

South Dakota State University

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

University of Montana

University of Michigan

Michigan State University

South Carolina State

University of South Carolina

North Carolina State University

University of North Carolina (different campuses)

Purdue University University of Tennessee Illinois State University University of Illinois Urbana Campaign Northern Illinois University Eastern Illinois University University of Connecticut Texas tech University Texas A&M University University of Florida University of Georgia Georgia State University Oklahoma State University University of Oklahoma Kansas State University University of Kansas University of Arizona Arizona State University Northern Arizona University University of Kentucky Southern University of Georgia University of Hawaii Emporia State University

Wichita State University

University of Missouri

Colorado State University

University of Iowa

University of New Orleans

Southern University

Pennsylvania State University

University of Pennsylvania

University of Boston

University of Ohio

Ohio State University

University of Cincinnati

University of Texas El-paso

University of Alabama

Virginia Tech University

University Clemson

New York University

University of Arkansas

University of California Davies

Syracuse University

Central Michigan University

University of New Mexico

New Mexico State University

Binghamton University University of Wyoming University of Nevada University of Vermont Use the link below to search for schools: Mastersportal.com Phdportal.com

## **CONTACTING A SUPERVISOR**

Searching a school and department not only informs you of their requirements for scholarship but also increases your chances of getting a supervisor.

To contact a supervisor, search your choice school and department, read up the faculty officers and get their contact (preferably email address).

A great LinkedIn profile is helpful as you can search keywords like MSc student scholarships, hashtags etc.

Additionally, to find a professor who has funding and might be recruiting visit National Science Foundation (<u>https://nsf.gov/awardsearch/</u>) and National Institute of Health (reporter.nih.gov), in Europe (<u>https://erc.europa.eu/project-figures/stories/erc-starting-grants-2021</u>).

After getting their contact, send a mail to them with the right title, introduce yourself, state your intention to apply to their school, talk about your goals, background, interest, achievements and

how you would be of support through training or research Assistantships. You may attach your CV and transcripts but be informed that a research proposal may be requested and you may be called to an interview however, preparation is key.

## PREPARATION FOR SUPERVISOR'S INTERVIEW

Dress decently even if it is an online interview, be audible, have a stable Internet connection, have a basic knowledge of the school/department and explain how your work aligns with the supervisor.

Show that you are a great team player by asking for collaborations and smart questions like; are there funded projects? Do you have reservations about my ability to get this position? Etc.

#### **IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS**

#### **☆PERSONAL STATEMENT**

This is where you market yourself. Begin with a detailed introduction of yourself and connect it to your anticipated course of study. Your interest, educational/ research background, academic, volunteer and work experience should be included.

This statement should exude courage, boldness and leadership skills.

#### **☆RECOMMENDATION LETTER**

It is essential that laudable things be written about you in a captivating manner.

You can get academic/ professional referees who will state how they know you, their relationship with you, your strengths, work experience, leadership potentials and ability to stand the rigors of post graduate school.

To facilitate this, draft your reference letter and attach your updated CV. Send it to your referee(s) and reach out months before the timeline. Save reference letters and resend in other applications.

#### ☆CV

This should contain your contact details, professional experience, education and training, volunteer experience(s), awards and honors, conference paper presentations and skills. Religion and marital status are not necessary here.

## **\*WRITING SAMPLE**

This could be a chapter of your undergraduate thesis or your master's thesis. It could also be a paper you have previously published. For most schools, they request for a draft, it must not be a published paper.

#### ☆VISA

Admission letter, I-20, Passport, visa fees, servis fees, bank statement, proof of income, ties back home (parents/siblings), confidence and boldness are required to get a Visa.

#### To apply;

-Visit <u>https://www.ustraveldocs.com</u> for the Ds-160 form (I-20 and servis fees will be needed).

- Take your confirmation form to pay visa fees in the bank.

-Book appointments (mornings are better).

-Practice with family and friends.

-For the visa interview, speak confidently, talk about future plans in your home country, career goals, work and research experience.

**NB:** F1 Visa is for academic pursuit.

If denied, there is a possibility of a second denial.

#### **VISA INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

\*Why study in the U.S/school/University? (Talk about how the institute is considered the best for your career path etc.).

\*Tell me about the curriculum

\* How many universities you applied to?

\*How this helps your future

\*Your study plans

\*Do you plan to return home? Of course (this is a tricky one and your answer should be affirmative. Talk about your plans to return home and contribute to the nation's development, talk about your political ambitions).

\*Are you married?

\*What will this degree do for you? (How it will make you knowledgeable and poised to proffer solutions to covid 19, to qualify for a faculty role in your alma matter etc.)

\*If you have a deficit, who will pay? (Talk about your business at home, that of your parents/siblings, their assets- don't sell yourself cheap).

\*Where you denied previously? (If yes, state factors, probably the loss of a loved one that made you unsettling on the day of the interview etc.)

Conclusively, visa is a privilege not a right, however, cost incurred in the Scholarship application process including fees, exams, flights, WES Evaluation, GRE/TOEFL, IELTS and others will be regained few months after you win the scholarship.

## PART 2 – SCHOLARSHIP AND VISA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND PART A: UNITED KINGDOM

OUTLINE

#### **DOCUMENTS REQUIRED**

SCHOOL SEARCH

#### **COURSE SELECTION**

#### **APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

#### **APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### VISA APPLICATION

#### **DOCUMENTS REQUIRED INCLUDE;**

#### **1. International Passport**.

2. Admission Letter: This is after the school search and application process are successful.

**3. CAS Letter:** It shows eligibility for VISA by way of proof of fund. If your funding is by scholarship, send a mail to the international body in the university to get a CAS letter for you. For self-funding students, you have to pay 10% or more of your tuition to your university account to be issued this letter.

**4. VISA- Tier 4:** The application for this can be done by the individual not necessarily an agent.

**5. TB Test Certificate:** This is very important to submit during the visa application process and it is done after CAS. Some countries are exempted but Nigeria is not.

**6. Proof of funds:** This needs to be uploaded on the VISA website. Go with the hard copy to the visa office in Lagos or Abuja.

**7. Degree Certificates and Transcripts:** Reach out to your university to get the student copy. The official copy is sent in a sealed envelope through your university to the school.

**8. IELTS OR TOEFL (Not mandatory in some cases):** IELTS is for the British, TOEFL is for the American and they are designed to test your proficiency in English. Although, Nigeria is seen as an English-speaking country. WAEC Results can be proof of your proficiency in English if you defend that at the admission council.

9. Personal Statements (See Day 1 Notes).

**10. Recommendation Letters:** This is the third-party reviewer to your application/ admission, so take your lecturers/ coworkers seriously. See Day 1 Notes for more.

11. Any award or honoraria received (official/ unofficial): It shows your credibility.

**12.** Academic CV: This is very different from a professional CV. It states your academic experience, research experience, academic workplace, publications, conferences attended, paid visits, software skills like the use of Microsoft word, graphic design software skills like Corel draw, SPSS, R-Programming, Python, MATLAB etc. It also lists your referees.

#### SCHOOL SEARCH

#### \*By Name

\*Using Webometrics https://www.webometrics.info/en

Webometrics lists universities in order of their rankings and can link you directly with the university's website.

\*By Referral

#### **TYPICAL APPLICATION PROCESS**

Course Selection – Admission

Click on the website

Example: University of Portsmouth (<u>https://www.port.ac.uk/</u>)

Find a Course

- Click on your degree of interest (Post Graduate).

- Search your choice course of study.

- Read through the overview and proceed with the application if interested.

**NB:** Do not limit your search results. Leave the course tab blank and search.

In Portsmouth there are over a hundred post-graduate taught and about fifty post-graduate research but Post-Graduate research are more funded.

- Navigate through the website to choose your mode of study, start date etc.

**NB:** Make sure the course/ university is accredited.

Commonwealth scholarships don't offer part-time mode.

For Self-funding, part-time mode is the best as it allows you work alongside. There are also plans to pay tuition in up to seven or eight installments.

- Create an account if you are a new user, log in if you are an existing user.

Meanwhile, there are limited scholarships in the United Kingdom and they are very competitive. There are about 23 commonwealth countries eligible for the common wealth scholarships (<u>https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/scholarships/commonwealthshared.scholarships.2022/</u>).

Chevening scholarships are also available and very competitive than commonwealth scholarships as they have fewer slots.

**NB:** You can navigate Chevening website (<u>https://www.chevening.org/scholarship/nigeria/</u>), apply for scholarships pending admission into the university you applied to.

Worthy to note is the fact that Chevening pays attention to essays, how you narrate the impact you've made and the impact you will make.

After Study as a Chevening scholar, you have to compulsorily spend two years in your home country or face subsequent visa denials to the UK.

**NB:** You need a good academic standing to win scholarships. In the absence of this, something can be used to switch your deficiency like community service, good work experience, good travel experience, a very good recommendation letter and publications are a big plus.

Other scholarships include fee waivers, scholarship positions (<u>https://scholarship-positions.com/home-2/</u>), master portal (<u>https://www.mastersportal.com/</u>), scholars4Dev (<u>https://www.scholars4dev.com/</u>) etc.

Alternatively, fee waivers are a nice substitute. You can send a mail to a department to inquire if this option is available especially if it is not slated on the website.

Although for self-funding, there are plans to pay tuition in up to seven or eight installments.

## APPLICATION FOR COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP

Click	on	the	website
(https://cscuk.fcdo.ge	ov.uk/scholarships/commo	nwealthshared.scholarships.2	2022/)

View the list of approved Courses.

There are about six (6) themes

NB: Master of Research (M.Res) is more funded than Master of Science (M.Sc.).

Master of Research is more research than coursework while Master of Science is more coursework than research.

**NB:** Outside the courses advertised on the site, you can view the participating universities. The benefit is you can also view the slots available, the email and website of the universities.

## CHOOSING A UNIVERSITY/ COURSE

Navigate the commonwealth website to view scholar eligibility, eligible countries and details for application.

## VISA APPLICATION

This is the next step after your admission, scholarship, /self-fund and CAS.

\*Upload your documents on https://www.gov.uk/check.uk.visa

NB: On the website, click 'start now' to check your visa eligibility status.

\*To apply, click 'study in the UK'

\*Next click 'student visa'

Navigate through the site to see an overview of your course, money needed (amount to be shown as proof of fund), knowledge of English (not necessary), documents needed to apply, tuberculosis test etc.

NB: Technology-related courses may need a valid ATAS Certificate (your university will inform you).

\*After all, click 'apply'

\*When you upload your documents, pay your visa fee, the next step is to book an appointment with a contractor (TLS) to know the date for your interview.

\*Attend your interview in Lagos or Abuja (Prepare for questions like; purpose of travel, duration and state your intention to return and contribute to the development of your home country).

\*If this is successful, you will receive a document that gives you a month clearance to enter the UK.

\*On arrival (at the UK), you will receive a Biometrics Resident Permit (BRP). You must have filled in your preferred location to receive this (advisably your university).

#### PART B – SCHOLARSHIP AND VISA TO IRELAND

INSTITUTION

Everything is a product of your mind. What will your answer imply? That should be your thought process.

PHD Opportunities are either by research or course work and part-time or full time.

## THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS;

**\*TETFUND:** Applicable to Lecturers in federal Universities. The government can fund a year of your program or the bench work (laboratory aspect).

Though not advisable, some people fund their PhD with loans.

**\*PETROLEUM TRUST DEVELOPMENT FUND (PTDF):** This is another type of government funding.

**\*COMPANIES:** Automobile companies etc. Sometimes they make you sign a non-disclosure agreement so you may need to do another research for conference purposes.

\*UNIVERSITY WEBSITE: They mostly have funding available to the locals of their area.

\*ASSOCIATIONS: For example, Irish Cancer Association, B.I.M, Environmental Protection Agency etc.

**\*SOCIAL MEDIA**: LinkedIn, Twitter etc. Some Professors state their project and funding on their pages.

\*GOVERNMENT FUNDING: Including government of Ireland Scholarships.

#### **\*SCHOLARSHIP POSITIONS**

\* <u>WWW.FINDINGPHD.COM</u> This is broad means to opportunities in different countries. You can choose by discipline, location, Institution or PhD Type.

Finding PhD summarizes everything in the sense that you know the supervisor, the University and the project.

**NB:** Your Supervisor needs to be knowledgeable in your field.

For self-funding, in finding PhD you don't have to send a mail to supervisors because the supervisor has already made the proposal.

Also, some scholarship offers won't let you take up another funding, make enquiries.

## GENERAL TIPS ON THE WRITING PROCESS

\*Understand what is asked of you.

\*Read in between the lines.

\*Be Patient.

\*Give enough time for the application.

\*Note the deadlines.

\*Get the documents ready.

Success meets preparedness.

## HOW TO APPROACH A SUPERVISOR

In Europe, supervision is not done by one person but a team so put this into consideration in your writing.

-Be Professional in your approach. Don't go begging.

-Be specific about the research you followed.

-Ask if you can be taken on board (This step is easier if you have your funding so just state it).

-Only send your CV/ Resume upon request.

## VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

What do you want to do in Ireland? Work? Live? Study? Or Join Family?

Visa application is done online.

Book your appointment.

Visit the website of the embassy of Ireland in Nigeria

Navigate the website, read through to find the requirement.

Consult the Irish Immigration Service Site

You need a 'long stay D Visa'.

Journey Type is single.

Passport type is National passport.

If Successful, on arrival (Ireland) you will get a residence permit which is renewed yearly.

**NB:** You have to be in the right frame of mind to do this. You can do it in one sitting but if you can't, save for later. If you delay you might have to start the process all over.

**NB:** Any document laminated is null and void.

Get all your documents scanned and saved in a folder.

Never submit an original copy.

You need a private medical insurance to travel and make sure the medical center is registered/ recognized in the country you are travelling to.

**NB:** On a study visa in Ireland, it is almost impossible to bring your family over. If you do, they have no right to work.

If you are not sure, ask questions. Send a mail to their contact team. Do not assume! You could find explanatory videos on YouTube.

Conclusively, there are more funding for PhD than Masters and you can apply directly for PhD without masters in United States and Ireland. Just get your IELTS, WES Evaluation, a good Personal Statement, Academic CV and Recommendation Letter.

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## PART 3: SCHOLARSHIP AND VISA TO CANADA

**DOCUMENTS NEEDED** 

#### -INTERNATIONAL PASSPORT

#### -ACADEMIC CV

#### -TRANSCRIPT (Diploma, B.sc, M.sc).

#### -CERTIFICATES

-GRE (Optional but compulsory in some cases. Waivers can be given depending on your class of degree).

-GMAT (Mostly for business and finance related courses).

### **SEARCHING FOR SCHOOLS**

## **\*USING MASTERS PORTAL;**

-Input your choice course of study and country.

You can filter this afterwards.

-Programme Duration (Advisably 2yrs)

-Format (Full time)

**NB:** Don't bank on the tuition fee on this site since it is not the school's website.

## **\*USING DOCTORAL PORTAL;**

This is for PhD Students. Although, this site is not really comprehensive.

## **\*GOOGLE SEARCH**

You can search up Universities in Canada and navigate through their website.

University of Waterloo

University of British Columbia

University of Alberta University of Calgary University of Toronto University of Guelph University of Saskatchewan (quite affordable) Memorial University of Newfoundland (quite affordable) Dalhousie University are examples.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

- Secure a Supervisor before applying or state the names of professors contacted in your application.

-It must be a designated learning institute (IRCC, CIC Certified to take International Students).

-Course Eligibility for Post Graduate Work Permit (PGWP). If you don't get this you have to return to your country after study.

-Province of Study. Some Provinces have a higher cost of living. For example, accommodation in Newfoundland (Eastern Part of Canada) is relatively cheaper than Toronto or Vancouver.

NB: To check for designated learning institutes, search 'DLI Canada' on Google.

Most Canadian Website ends with '.ca'

Most Programmes Starts in the fall- September, Winter- January and Spring- May.

U 15 Members have more funding. SEARCH U 15 SCHOOLS IN CANADA

#### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Every University, Department and Programme is unique in its requirements.

Google is your friend! Search and read through.

**NB:** It is important to get the soft copy of your transcript.

Request for the email address of your referees.

Contact the graduate coordinator of the University for More Enquiries.

You might encounter difficulties paying the application fee with your Naira MasterCard. Find someone in the host country to pay for you and send the naira equivalent to them or use Dollar Virtual Cards.

## **CONTACTING A SUPERVISOR**

-Do your Research. Use PubMed or Google Scholar to get recent Research Papers.

-Do not send Generic Mails. Tailor your mail to suit the Supervisor's work.

-Include your Transcript and CV.

-Send Mails 2-3Months before the admission deadline.

## AFTER GETTING A SUPERVISOR

-Prepare for Interview.

-Prepare documents for admission.

-Apply for admission and send reference link to your referees (Some schools automatically send links to your referees).

-Discuss with your Supervisor about entrance Scholarships (Some Universities have entrance scholarships in addition to Supervisor/ Department Funding).

-After getting admission, start your visa application process.

**NB:** In Canada you cannot apply for PhD directly with your B.sc transcript. However, you can write an exam to transfer from M.sc to PhD a year into your M.sc Programme based on your Supervisor's recommendation.

#### VISA APPLICATION

In this stage, scholarship funding is an added advantage.

-Go to the CIC Website (CIC SIGN IN) and create an account or sign in if you are an existing user.

-Click option one (G CKEY). Answer the questionnaire and based on your answers you'll be informed on the documents to present or click on how to apply for study permit.

-Upfront Medicals (Do this in approved medical centers).

-Police Report (find the specific location in the site).

-Letter of Admission/ Acceptance.

-International Passport (Please renew if expiry date is close).

-Passport Photograph (View the required size on the site).

-Proof of Funds (You need to show at least \$10,000 for cost of living). For beneficiaries of scholarship, this is 50% done. Supplementary proof of funds/ sponsors (Father/ Mother/ Sister/ Brother) is necessary.

-Book for your Biometrics in Visa Application Centers after you have submitted your Visa Application.

**NB:** Scholarship grants will be paid in monthly installments and not on arrival.

**NB:** Register your business, grow your account. If tuition is \$20,000, you need to show \$10,000 for cost of living and proof of fund to cover your first-year tuition.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY PROOF OF FUND/ SPONSORS**

-Business Registration.

-ID Card.

-A Signed Letter of Reference by the board stating his/her position and earnings.

-For a government employee, you may include your annual salary.

-Include Certificates as evidence (Birth certificate for father/ mother and marriage certificate if your spouse is your sponsor).

-Pictures (Both previous and current ones of you and your sponsor).

NB: You cannot have excess documents for Canadian Visa Application.

The account for proof of fund should have inflow and outflow. Not a lonesome.

There is no interview here. Your letter of explanation serves as your interview.

You can search on google for applications to merge, compress your documents and convert to PDF before uploading.

#### VISA OPTIONS

1. Apply alone and then apply for Spouse open work permit for your wife/ husband on arrival. They can work full time while you study.

2. Apply for your Spouse along with your Study Permit Application.

3. Your Spouse/ Children can apply for Visitor's Visa.

## HOW TO MAKE YOUR VISA APPLICATION CONVINCING

-Have a detailed letter of explanation.

-Choose a Programme that relates with your educational background/ work experience.

-Strategically plan the account for proof of funds (not a bulk deposit of the required amount).

-Show strong family ties.

-Do not falsify any document.

-You could add an affidavit of return.

#### AFTER VISA APPROVAL

-Obtain passport request form from IRCC.

-Submit your passport to VFS Close to you (in person or by courier service).

-Pre-Departure (Accommodation, Flights, and arrange your documents).

**NB:** In a case of Visa Denial, you can request for GCM'S notes to ascertain the reason (see google for the process).

#### PART 4 : CERTIFICATES TO BOOST YOUR STUDY GAP

#### -COURSERA COURSES (coursera.org)

There are free and paid courses on this site

Firstly, sign up with your username, email, password and login subsequently.

Search your interested field (E.g. Geography)

Make your choice and open in a new tab.

If you need certificates, click 'Financial Aid Available' NOT 'Enroll for Free'.

NB: Financial Aid will take about 15 days to be approved.

Click 'Continue Application'

Fill the form Annual income in Dollars (USD)

Input Amount 1,200 (Recommended)

Education- Click the highest level attained.

**Employment Status- Full Time** 

Reason for aid application (Ensure that it is 150 words so it can be approved with a green tick).

Click the bar to indicate that you have reviewed your information and they are up to date.

**STEP 2:** Indicate the amount you can pay for the course (\$1000)

How will the selected course help with your goals?

Tick the terms and conditions bar

Indicate that you are not a robot

Submit

NB: Click the home page and repeat the process for a different course application/ certificate.

View how to get coursera courses for free on YouTube.

#### https://youtu.be/LywLyuO6OPY

How to enroll in Coursera for free

https://youtu.be/bOs4KXZtFDs

How to apply for Coursera Financial Assistance

https://youtu.be/19nyRN6Tugl

## MORE WEBSITES TO GET CERTIFICATES

## -UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE OF TRAINING AND RESEARCH

https://event.unitar.org/cart

https://tinyurl.com/UNITAR-COURSES-REG-n-CERTS

## -UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE OF PEACE

https://usip.fluxx.io/user\_sessions/new

https://tinyurl.com/USIP-Reg-n-CERTS

## -PEACE OPERATIONS TRAINING INSTITUTE

https://www.peaceopstraining.org/users/account-registration/

https://tinyurl.com/POTI-Reg-n-Certs

## -EDX COURSES APPLICATION AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

https://authn.edx.org/register

https://tinyurl.com/EDX-Reg-n-CERTS

https://tinyurl.com/Edx/Financial/Assistance

**NB:** Coursera about four courses can be approved with the same email.

EDX offers up to 90% scholarships.

#### PART 5 SCHOLARSHIP AND VISA APPLICATION TO POLAND

Narodowa Agencja Wymiany Akademikiej (NAWA) is open to developing countries for master's program (Second-cycle studies).

#### There are three main fields of focus;

-Engineering and Technical Sciences

-Agriculture

-Natural Sciences

-Humanities and Social Sciences are available to indigenes of Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro Georgia Kazakhstan Kosovo North Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.

#### ELIGIBILITY

Final Year and Recent Graduates from developing countries, including; Albania, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Montenegro, Ethiopia, Philippines, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Colombia, Kosovo, Lebanon, North Macedonia, Mexico, Moldova, Nigeria, Palestine, Peru, South Africa, Senegal, Serbia, Tanzania, Tunisia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam.

## Additionally;

-Applicants must be an indigene of the countries listed.

-Must not possess a polish citizenship or submitted an application to this effect.

-Must intend to begin masters in the academic year of the application.

-Must not possess a master's degree.

-Must possess a document of English or Polish proficiency.

## SCHOOL SEARCH

https://study.gov.pl/

Mastersportal.com

https://www.masterstudies.com/universities/Poland/

## **DOCUMENTS REQUIRED**

-Scan of valid Passport.

-Scan of degree result.

-Scan of English Proficiency.

-Recommendation Letters from school, an NGO or a polish diplomatic mission.

## **METHOD OF EVALUATION**

- Undergraduate CGPA

-Recommendation Letter

## SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

-Tuition free Education for mater's program.

-Monthly Stipend of 1,500PLN and other benefits.

**NB:** It does not cover visa cost and flight itinerary.

**NB:** The timeline for application is usually March.

Program/ study commences in winter (October intake) and summer (February intake).

Timeline for scholarship announcement in usually in July.

## PROGRAM COORDINATOR <a href="mailto:banach@nawa.gov.pl">banach@nawa.gov.pl</a>

APPLICATION LINK https://programs.nawa.gov.pl/login

## VISA APPLICATION

-National visa form.

-Biometric photos.

-Travel Documents.

-Processing Fee.

-School Documents (Accommodation Certificate, Admission Letter, Documents submitted to the school for admission).

**NB:** Except your passport, which will be returned, submit only photocopies of the above listed documents.

#### NOTES

## **BOOKING FLIGHTS**

-Do this after you have received your visa.

-Book early to save cost.

-Check the required luggage limit for your flight.

-Pack early and weigh your luggage. Exceeding the limit might attract additional cost.

-Arrive at the airport 5 hours early to avoid rush.

#### **ITEMS NEEDED**

Local condiments, frozen red oil, books in English, winter jacket, boots, natural hair for women, body cream, hair extensions, laptop, combs etc.