



A GUIDE TO FULLY-FUNDED MASTER'S ABROAD

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Introduction

Pursuing higher education abroad is alluring but can also put pressure of financial strain on some aspirants. This guide to fully-funded master's abroad has been designed to help overseas study aspirants get an overview of how they can realize their dreams debt-free!

Full-funded awards cover all tuition expenses and may also provide a monthly stipend for living expenses for the duration of your graduate studies. These awards can be merit-based, subject-specific, government-sponsored, gender-specific, financial aids, university-specific, etc. As per the classification of the grants, these are offered by governments, universities, foundations, research groups, an agency, or a corporation.

Full funding from the university is typically offered to both domestic and international students. Such funding to foreign students helps universities attract the best of minds from all over the world and create a truly diverse and inclusive environment. On the other

hand, these grants help meritorious students from weak financial backgrounds fulfill their true potential and get the best of opportunities.

Apart from scholarships, some organizations and groups also offer fellowships. The primary difference between the two is that while a scholarship is a financial aid given to pursue further education, a fellowship is merit-based and does not necessarily account for the financial background of the applicant. The common factor is that both seek to financially support students with special qualifications, such as academic, athletic, or artistic talent.

Here we have tried to include the most important and well-known grants that students can set their eyes on. This list, however, does not include all the grants and fellowships available and aspirants are recommended to conduct their own research that meets their individual needs and choice.

Key to receive full-funding

Full ride scholarships are offered by the universities on their official website to support the academically sound candidates facing financial difficulties. In order to avail the scholarship, one needs to start their preparation in advance. The preparation may involve prepping up for the scholarship interview with faculty members. Most of the scholarships are given to both the need-based and academically sound applicants so one needs to check if he or she fits into the criteria well or not.

Apart from being good at studies, one needs to display his or her leadership skills by enlisting the projects one volunteers on their letter of recommendation (LOR) as part of the scholarship applica-

tion procedure. One needs to submit an exceptional scholarship cover letter in order to make their application distinct from the rest of the applicants. It is advisable to apply for multiple scholarships at various universities in order to better their chances of getting one.

The major takeaways for receiving a full-ride scholarship are as follows:

- Stellar academic record
- Letter of recommendation (2 or more)
- An essay citing your achievements (academic as well as ECA) and the reasons why you wish to pursue the course from the entitled university
- Interview process (only for some universities)



Full-Ride Scholarships for MBA

The Riley Family Scholarship, Imperial College Business Schools, UK

The Riley Family Scholarship has been established to attract brilliant minds regardless of their background or financial circumstances. One award is given every year to a meritorious student joining in the September intake.



£52,000



Self-funded candidates who demonstrate exceptional academic merit and come from a disadvantaged background



Applications must be submitted in admissions rounds 1-3

The Advisory Board Scholarship, Imperial College Business Schools, UK

The scholarship has been made available through donations from Advisory Board that aim to provide the opportunity and means for exceptional candidates.



Fully-funded



Self-funded candidates who demonstrate exceptional academic merit and come from a disadvantaged background



Applications must be submitted in admissions rounds 1-3



Kofi Annan Fellowship, ESMT Berlin, Germany

The Kofi Annan Fellowship at ESMT is a fellowship grant awarded to an emerging leader from a developing country, so they can attend ESMT's one-year full-time MBA program in Berlin, Germany. Up to 3 Kofi Annan Fellowships are awarded each year.



The value of the fellowship is £58,000 which includes a full scholarship as well as compensation for travel costs and program-related fees. ESMT will also provide fellows with support for visas, housing, insurance, job placement and networking



Bachelor's degree, a minimum of three years of professional experience, fluency in written and spoken English



September 30 every year

Forte MBA Fellowships

If you would like to be considered for a fellowship, you must first submit an MBA application to a participating school which includes the likes of Columbia, Cambridge, Dartmouth, Cornell, and Oxford among others. All schools grant awards for full-time students.



Financial benefits, exposure to leading companies in the Forté network



Exhibit exemplary leadership in one or more of the following:
academic leadership, team leadership, community leadership, and creative leadership



Same as course application deadline

MBA Fellowship, Isenberg School of Management, University of Massachusetts Amherst, US

The MBA Fellowship for accepted on-campus students fully funds their MBA journey.



Full tuition support, a stipend, and health care benefits



Bachelor's degree with a 3.2 or higher cumulative GPA and 5+ years of professional work experience



Same as application deadline

Harvard University-Boustany Foundation MBA Scholarship, US

The Boustany MBA Harvard Scholarship is granted once every two years for a two-year course at Harvard Business School.



\$102,200 for tuition fee



High GMAT score, excellent academic background.



January-February

Hinrich Foundation INSEAD MBA Scholarship

This scholarship is open to applicants admitted to the INSEAD MBA program at the Singapore or Fontainebleau, France, campus.



Two scholarships of €30,000 each



Have at least 5-years' relevant work experience






Same as course application deadline

Full-Ride Scholarships for Master in Biology

Wellington Graduate Award, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand




The Wellington Graduate Award is for students interested in pursuing an honors degree.

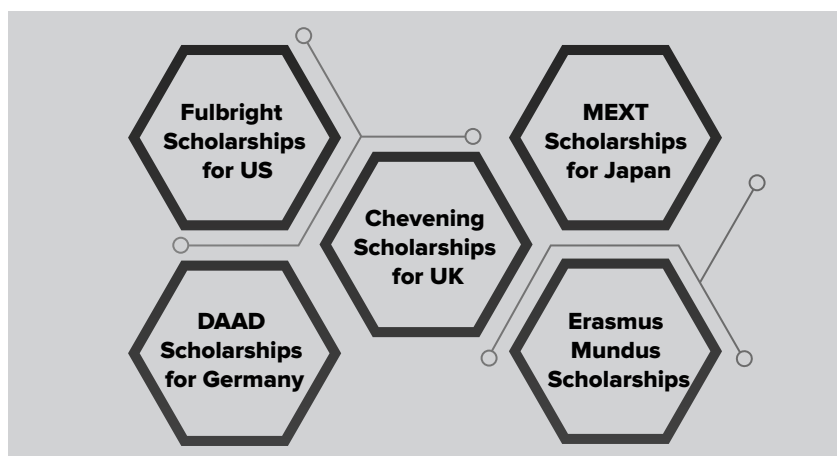
-  The scholarship contributes to the tuition fees up to the value of \$5,000
-  Candidates applying for the scholarship must have achieved a minimum grade point average of 8.0 at 300-level or above
-  November 1

Biology scholarships at East Carolina University

The Evans Family Scholarship, US

This scholarship is for students who are inclined toward Cellular and Molecular Biology, Biotechnology, and Biochemistry. It is entirely merit-based.

-  \$10,000
-  Candidates must exhibit academic merit and commitment to the subject
-  December 31



The Edward P. Ryan Scholarship in Marine Biology, East Carolina University, US

As the name suggests, candidates for this scholarship are shortlisted on the basis of their previous academic performance and demonstrated interest in and a commitment to marine biology.



Varies



Academic merit



January 15

The James S. McDaniel Scholarship (Grad), McDaniel College, US

Candidates are selected for the scholarship program based on their academic record, quality of research, and published work in professional journals



Varies



Academic merit



January 15

Memorial University Scholarships, Canada

School of Graduate Studies fellowships and Supervisor grants/contracts.



\$4,000 to \$12,000 per year for fellowships and \$3,000 to \$15,000 per year for grants



Candidates having excellent academic record



Same as course application deadline

Full-Ride Scholarships for Master of Fine Arts

Boston University financial assistance, US

International students enrolling in MFA in Creative Writing will be offered financial support.



Tuition fees coverage, health insurance, and a stipend of \$16,000



Merit-based



November 1

University of California Riverside fellowship, US



Tuition fee coverage, and a stipend of \$ 4,500 for first-year students



International students enrolling in MFA in Creative Writing and Writing for the Performing Art before the deadline are eligible for the fellowship funding



January 5

Full-Ride Scholarships for Master in English

University of New South Wales International Scholarships or UNSW Scholarships, Australia

University of South Wales provides scholarships to support international undergraduate and postgraduate coursework students beginning their full-time study at the university via the International Scientia Coursework Scholarship and Australia's Global University Award.



Full tuition fee or \$20,000 per annum



Academic merit, leadership skills



July 31



Full-Ride Scholarships for Biomedical Engineering

University of Maine, US

The Department of Chemical Engineering and Biomedical Engineering under the University of Maine provides assistance in the form of full stipends, and payment of tuition for all qualified students enrolled in the MS programs.



Free tuition and annual stipend of \$14,500 to \$18,500



All applicants are considered for the scholarships



March

Institute of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Toronto, Canada

The research program at the University of Toronto offers students with a guaranteed minimum stipend for a set number of years to help cover tuition and basic living expenses.



\$43,000



Registered MASc students qualify for the scholarship



As per university's discretion

Purdue School of Engineering and Technology, US

Purdue School of Engineering and Technology offers graduate assistantships to deserving students who wish to pursue BME as their course of study.



Full graduate tuition fees, program-related fees, student health insurance, and a competitive stipend are covered



6 credits of degree-applicable coursework; 20 hours of service to the BME department (e.g. laboratory supervision, leading recitation sections and/or undergraduate research teams)



First week of February



Full-Ride Scholarships for Master in Philosophy

Georgia State University Fellowships, US

The Department of Philosophy of Georgia State University offers multiple fellowships to graduate students commencing their master's degree in Philosophy. The package includes the full tuition fee waiver and subsidized health insurance. These are as follows.

Brains & Behavior Fellowships



\$15,000



International students enrolling in Neurophilosophy are eligible



As per university's discretion

Scholarship in Legal and Political Philosophy, US



\$15,000



International students enrolling in the course are eligible



As per university's discretion

Scholarship in History of Philosophy, US



\$15,000



International students enrolling in History of Philosophy are eligible for this fellowship



As per the university's discretion

Altman Social Justice Scholarship, US



\$15,000



Student whose experiences and background will promote diversity in the program



As per the university's discretion



Full-Ride Scholarships for Chemistry

University of Wyoming, US

The University of Wyoming offers scholarships for outstanding students with stellar academic performance.



\$27,500 to \$30,000 (in the first year) along with a full tuition fee waiver and medical insurance benefits



Fellowship selection is done on a competitive basis



January 16 (Fall semester) or November 15 (Spring semester)

Dean's Scholarship, University of Saskatchewan, Canada

Dean's Scholarships are offered by the University of Saskatchewan to attract high-calibre students who display outstanding academic records, show research promise, and are registering for the first time in a thesis.



\$18,000 per year for two years



85.0% or equivalent GPA



November and January

Country-wise Full-Ride Scholarships

UK



Chevening Scholarship for India

Funded by the British government, the awards are for pursuing one-year master's degree in the UK.



Tuition fee, monthly stipend, travel cost



Must have at least 2-year work experience. Recipients must return to the country of citizenship for a minimum of two years after the award has ended



Same as course application deadline

Commonwealth Shared Scholarship Scheme (CSSS)

Awards made under this scheme are jointly funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development (FCDO), as part of the British aid program to developing countries. Five awards are available to study at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).



Fully-funded



Academic merit



Same as course application deadline

USA



Fulbright Foreign Student Program

The Fulbright Foreign Student Program enables graduate students and young professionals from abroad to research and study in the United States for a year or longer at US universities or other suitable institutions.



Fully-funded



Strong academic profile



May

Quad Fellowship

A first-of-its-kind scholarship program that will sponsor 100 exceptional American, Japanese, Australian, and Indian master's and doctoral students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) to study in the United States.



One-time award of \$50,000 for academic expenses and \$25,000 to cover costs related to completing graduate-level studies



Have a demonstrated record of superior academic achievement at the undergraduate level



Same as course application deadline

FRANCE



Charpak Masters Scholarships

Charpak is the French government's scholarship program in India. It is named after Georges Charpak (1924 - 2010), a French physicist who was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1992. These scholarships are available at UG, PG, and Ph.D. levels.



For master's degree students, the award includes a monthly living allowance of €700, tuition fee waiver up to €5000, and affordable housing



Indian national of maximum 30 years of age at the time of application



March

KOREA



Global Korea Scholarship

Global Korean Scholarship is a fully-funded scholarship run by the Korean government to offer international students opportunities to facilitate advanced studies in undergraduate & graduate programs.



Tuition fee, resettlement allowance, living allowance, medical insurance



80% or equivalent GPA



March

JAPAN



Aichi Scholarship for Asian students

The Aichi Prefectural Government offers scholarships to graduate-level students from Asian countries nominated by the universities in Aichi. Scholarships are offered for a period of two years (as a master's course student).



¥150,000



Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) Level N2 is required



May

MEXT

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) of Japan offers scholarships to international students who wish to study graduate courses at Japanese universities.



Tuition fee waiver, a stipend of ¥144,000 per month



Bachelor's degree in the relevant field with minimum of 65% marks;
candidates should be under 35 years of age



May 15

TURKEY



Türkiye Scholarships

Türkiye Scholarships is a government-funded scholarship program, awarded to impeccable students and researchers to pursue full-time or short-term programs at the top Turkish universities.



Tuition fee, accommodation, and health insurance

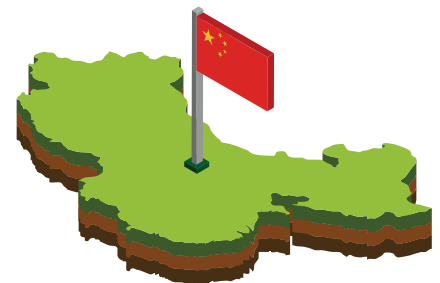


75% in previous academic endeavours; upper age limit is 30 years



January-February

CHINA



Chinese Government Scholarship Scheme

It is available for all the master's courses and is open to all international students.



Tuition waiver, accommodation, stipend, and medical insurance



Academic merit; must be under 35 years of age






Same as course application deadline

GERMANY



Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst Scholarships (DAAD Scholarships)




DAAD scholarships began in 1925 and have been one of the largest funding organisations for international students. To date, it has funded two million scholars in Germany and abroad.

-  Tuition fee and a living allowance of € 850 to 860 (Monthly)
-  Qualified graduates who have completed the first degree (e.g. Bachelor, Diploma) at the latest by the time they commence their scholarship supported study program
-  As per university's discretion

GLOBAL

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters scholarships

Students at master's level from all over the world can apply.

-  Covers cost of a student's participation in the program, travel, and a living allowance
-  Students must have been accepted to an Erasmus Joint degree program and must display academic merit
-  January-February

Others

The Einstein Fellowship

The Einstein Forum and the Wittenstein Foundation offer the fellowships for academically sound candidates belonging to different nations.



EUR 10,000, accommodation expenses for up to six months, and travel expenses are covered



Candidates must be under 35; must have a university degree in the humanities, the social sciences, or the natural sciences



May

The Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation Scholarships

Inlaks Shivdasani Scholarships provide the opportunity to young people with exceptional talent in most fields to improve their skills and broaden their exposure abroad.



The scholarships cover one-way travel, tuition fees, and adequate living



Candidates are expected to hold a good first degree from a recognised university in India



March 30

Felix Scholarships, UK

Felix scholarships for underprivileged Indian students are offered at three universities - the University of Oxford, the University of Reading, and the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), part of the University of London.



Full tuition fee and living expenses



Academic merit and financial need



January

Justus & Louise van Effen Excellence Scholarships, TU Delft, The Netherlands

These scholarships are available for masters studies at the Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands. The Foundation Justus & Louise van Effen was established with the aim of stimulating excellent international MSc students and financially supporting them in their wish to study at TU Delft. 3 awards per faculty are given each year.



Full tuition fees



80% or equivalent GPA



December 1

Hinrich Foundation Scholarships

HKBU Master of Arts in International Journalism Studies, Hong Kong

The Hinrich Foundation in collaboration with Hong Kong Baptist University offers full-tuition scholarships to talented young professionals to pursue MA in International Journalism Studies.



Two full-tuition scholarships of about HK\$155,000 each



At least 5-years' of relevant work experience



The application deadline for September intake is June

LKYSPP Master in International Affairs, Singapore

The Hinrich Foundation in partnership with Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, offers this full-ride scholarship.



Two full-tuition scholarships



Have at least 2-years of work experience



Same as the course application deadline

University of Auckland Master of International Business, New Zealand



Two scholarships of NZ\$30,000 each



Open to full-time enrolled international students (non-New Zealand citizens) who have scored a cumulative GPA of 7.00 during the first two quarters and have at least 5-years' work experience



Same as the course application deadline

Ashok Khurana University of Adelaide Scholarship for Outstanding Indian Students

The scholarship is open to candidates undertaking postgraduate coursework in an area of benefit to India such as Education, Agriculture, Health Services, Clean Technology, Environment, etc.



\$30,000 for 1.5 years



Candidates must be able to demonstrate outstanding potential for leadership; academic merit



January 15

Allan Myers Oxford Scholars Scholarship, UK

The Allan Myers Oxford Scholars Scholarship provides the opportunity for several students across the globe to study at Oxford each year.



Fully-funded and an amount of £20,000 paid towards the recipient's tuition at the University of Oxford



Academic merit



January

The McCall MacBain Scholarship, Canada

The McCall MacBain Scholarship is a fully-funded scholarship for students with stellar academic records who wish to enroll in Master's level programs at McGill University. It is open to all international students.



Fully-funded



A Bachelor's degree with an average CGPA of 3.0 or a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.2 out of 4.0 in the last two years of full-time studies; TOEFL IBT score of 86; IELTS with a band score of 6.5 or greater



August

Asian Development Bank Scholarships

Asian Development Bank (ADB) in collaboration with Japan offers the ADB-Japan Scholarship Program (JSP) for students in Asia and Pacific region. A total of 135 graduate scholarships are awarded every year in development-related fields including business and management, science and technology, economics, etc. The participating institutes are from Japan, Hong Kong, India, New Zealand, Philippines, USA, Singapore, Pakistan and Thailand.



Fully-funded



Nationals of member countries of the Asian Development Bank (ADB);
Bachelor's degree



Varies as per country



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