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THE MASTERCARD FOUNDATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

We are pleased to announce the start of the 2025-2026 Mastercard Foundation graduate scholarship recruitment at the University of Toronto. This scholarship opportunity is open to recent alumni and graduating students at our Africa Health Collaborative partner universities. These graduate scholarships will be awarded to those individuals who have demonstrated academic excellence in the associated health related disciplines, and a personal commitment to going back and giving back to their home countries at the completion of their degree.

Our Africa Health Collaborative Partner Universities

- [Addis Ababa University](#)
- [African Institute for Mathematical Sciences](#)
- [African Leadership University](#)
- [Amref International University/Amref Health Africa](#)
- [Ashesi University](#)
- [Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology](#)
- [Moi University](#)
- [University of Cape Town](#)

The Award

This fully comprehensive scholarship provides full financial assistance for tuition, travel expenses, housing, food, books, and other expenses for the duration of the professional program. In addition to financial support, scholars will be provided with a comprehensive support network to ensure academic success. Furthermore, each scholar will take part in a two-week summer orientation program which will ensure that they are fully engaged from the very beginning of their graduate studies, and which will ease their transition to life as a graduate student in the city of Toronto to their preparedness for return to Africa.

Graduate Programs

Up to 25 Mastercard Foundation scholarships will be awarded for the 2025-2026 academic year split across the following graduate programs:

- [Master of Health Administration](#)
- [Master of Occupational and Environmental Health](#)
- [Master of Social and Behavioural Health Sciences](#)
- [Master of Financial Insurance](#)
- [Master of Engineering \(Biomedical\)](#)
- [Master of Biotechnology](#) (for 2026 start)

Please keep in mind when considering your program of study that you meet all the program requirements. Also, please remember that it is your motivation for choosing your field, as well as your career goals and aspirations of giving back to Africa, that will help determine your eligibility for the scholarship.

Eligibility Assessment

Applicants **MUST** meet the following six eligibility criteria:

- Be a citizen and **currently residing** in a Sub-Saharan African country
- Be graduating or have graduated within the last 5 years from a partner institution of the Africa Health Collaborative (**listed on page one**) and have **not yet started** studies at the graduate level
- Have demonstrated academic excellence and leadership qualities during his/her undergraduate years
- Be academically admissible to one of the sponsored graduate programs listed above
- Demonstrate a desire and commitment to return home following graduation to contribute to the ongoing economic growth and social development in Africa

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Step One

Prospective applicants must first consult the admission requirements for their chosen program of study. The links above will guide you in exploring these different programs.

If you meet the academic requirements of your program of interest, please follow through to step two.

Step Two

Sign up to attend a scholarship information session and complete the Mastercard Foundation Scholarship application. Deadline for submission of the completed application and receipt of all required attachments is **Monday, November 4, 2024 at 12 noon (Toronto time)**.

If your application for the Mastercard Foundation scholarship meets all criteria and is approved by the Scholarship Admission Committee, you will receive an email to move forward to step three. These notifications to successful applicants will be made in early December.

Step Three

Begin your graduate application to the department/program of your interest from the University of Toronto, [School of Graduate Studies](#) website. The School of Graduate Studies (SGS) is the central location for graduate [applications](#) at the university. Each department and program area will inform you as to the specific requirements of their department and provide you with subsequent dates for the submission of supplementary information. This is an online process that will require you to upload documents to your application. Please follow specifically the instructions of your prospective department once you receive them.

We will offer three virtual information sessions for interested applicants. The dates of these sessions are:

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 2:00 pm EST (Toronto time) - [REGISTER HERE](#)

Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 10:00 am EST (Toronto time) - [REGISTER HERE](#)

Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 11:00 am EDT (Toronto time) - [REGISTER HERE](#)

To convert these session times to your relevant time zone, please click [here](#)

**Please direct any questions to the
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