



Graça Machel SASOL Scholarships for Master's study in 2016 Guidelines for Applicants

General Information

Canon Collins Trust invites applications from Mozambican women for Graça Machel scholarships for Master's study in South Africa in 2016.

The Graça Machel scholarship scheme has existed since 2008 and to date approximately 60 women from southern Africa have benefitted from these scholarships. Graça Machel scholars join an expanding network of African women leaders, and are given the opportunity to attend networking and professional development events.

These scholarships, funded by SASOL, aim to increase the number of number of Mozambican Graça Machel scholars. Awards will be made for study in specific subject areas, as outlined below, and scholars may be given the opportunity to work for SASOL on completion of their studies if appropriate opportunities exist.

In 2016 we will be making awards under the following priority areas:

1. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics subjects
2. Petroleum/Drilling Engineering
3. Reservoir Engineering
4. Civil/Mechanical Engineering

Please only apply if your programme of study falls into one of these disciplines. We understand that often research programmes may defy neat categorisation and be interdisciplinary. To address this, you will be given a space to motivate for alignment to the priority areas in the form. Any applications that clearly are not within these areas will be discarded.

The Graça Machel SASOL scholarships include:

- Tuition fees paid in full
- A stipend to cover living expenses
- Medical insurance for scholars studying in South Africa
- A travel allowance to cover the cost of flights

We will provide funding for up to a maximum of two years for Master's. Continued funding depends upon satisfactory progress reports.

Are you eligible?

Applicants must be:

- Female
- A national of and normally resident in Mozambique
- Seeking to study at Masters level in one of the subjects named above.
- Studying or seeking to study at a South African university.
- In possession of a good first degree (minimum second class, upper division or equivalent) or about to graduate in the year of application

Please apply only if you are eligible.

Application Process:

The application form is of primary importance as it serves as the basis for assessment. You can download it from the Canon Collins website.

It must be neat and easy to read. Please do not type in block capitals. The form should be completed on a computer, saved as a PDF, and submitted via email to: scholarships@canoncollins.org.uk. Please put your name and surname in the title of the email, e.g. Application Graça Machel SASOL scholarship: Patricia Mazibuko.

The following supporting documents must be included, and should ideally be sent with the application form in **a single email**. If this is not possible you may send extra email(s), but please make sure it is clearly labelled with your name and a series number, in the subject line of the email. E.g. Application Graça Machel SASOL scholarship: Patricia Mazibuko (2 of 3).

All applicants are required to send the following supporting documentation:

- Copy of degree certificates, if available
- Certified academic transcripts
- Reference letters from two referees
- ID document (the following are acceptable: passport, birth certificate, driver's license)

You may also need to submit:

- Two recent payslips, if currently employed

References

Ideally, you should submit an academic reference (preferably from your current supervisor) and a reference from an employer. If you have never been employed, we will accept a reference from voluntary work, or two academic references. You should ask your referees to write a reference that relates to your application for this scholarship.

You can submit your references with all the other supporting documents or, should your referee prefer to submit their reference directly, ask them to email it directly to scholarships@canoncollins.org.uk. The subject of the email should state that it is a reference and comprise the name and surname of the applicant.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the references are sent to us by the deadline. **Late references will not be considered** and we will not assess applications that have documents missing.

Getting a place on your course

You must apply to the universities you wish to study at for a place on your chosen course(s). If you are offered a scholarship but fail to get a place on a course, we will withdraw the offer.

How many scholarships are available?

There is no set number. The Trust makes awards on the basis of available funding and suitable applicants. It is, however, highly competitive. We make awards to less than 5% of those who apply. Please apply only if you meet all the criteria.

Selection Criteria

In selecting scholars, the Trust will apply a number of criteria including academic merit, need and the potential to contribute to southern Africa's future prosperity.

Applicants for all schemes within the 2015 SA Scholarship Programme will be assessed on the basis of the information that they supply on their application form against the criteria outlined below:

1. Academic Record and References

Applicants should have a minimum of a good second-class (2.1) undergraduate degree and excellent references.

2. Future impact

All applicants need to articulate how they intend to put their scholarship into action and how the course will enable them to make an enhanced contribution to their community or country

3. Work Experience

We favour applications where there is a demonstrable continuity between applicant's past study and career and their proposed course of study.

4. Leadership Competencies

Canon Collins places a great deal of emphasis upon the leadership potential of individuals. Applicants are expected to demonstrate how they have developed their leadership skills in the workplace, academia or in their personal life.

5. Commitment to Country/Community

We will favour applicants who most clearly show a desire to be part of and to contribute to the future prosperity of southern Africa.

6. Application form

The application form matters. Applicants should:

- Demonstrate a good command of the English language;
- Answer all of the questions properly and completely; and
- Complete the application and deliver all supporting documents in a timely manner.

7. Graça Machel Criteria

Mrs Machel is particularly keen to provide scholarships to women who have experienced significant struggle in their lives and who have sought to overcome these difficulties. Applicants are expected to demonstrate clearly how their application fits within this agenda.

Timetable

Applications including all supporting documents must be submitted to scholarships@canoncollins.org.uk by **Monday 19 October 2015**. Late applications will not be considered.

Please do not email us to ask about the outcome of your application. All notifications will be by email so please make sure you provide an accurate email address.

We will let you know the outcome of your application in December 2015.