



Scholarships for Study in Ireland 2017-2018 Guidelines for Applicants

General Information

The information in this guidelines document is very important, take time to read and understand it. Additional information is provided in the course list, read it carefully and make sure you have the relevant academic background as outlined in the course admission requirements.

Call for Applications

The Embassy of Ireland in South Africa in partnership with Canon Collins Trust invites applications for scholarships for postgraduate study in Ireland commencing in September 2017, in the following subject areas:

- Business Management
- Agriculture, Food Science & Nutrition; and
- Public Administration
- Law (CASAC award)

The fellowship includes tuition fees, a return flight to Ireland, and monthly stipend, insurance and a settling in allowance. The scholarship does not provide for any dependents. Fellowships will only be awarded upon confirmation that applicants have been offered a place at one of the universities listed in the course list.

Are you eligible?

Applicants must:

- be a South African citizen or a citizen of Zimbabwe holding a South African Permanent Residence Permit
- have achieved the necessary standard to be accepted onto a postgraduate course in an institute of higher education in Ireland
- be seeking funding for a full-time postgraduate programme in one of the above listed subject areas
- be able to take up fellowship in the academic year 2017/2018

Please apply only if you are eligible. Applicants already in possession of a Master's degree are not eligible



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Application Process

The **online application form** which can be found on the Canon Collins Trust website is of primary importance as it serves as the basis for assessment. You will find full instructions online when you start a new form. All sections of the form need to be complete before the system will allow the application form to be submitted. Information can be saved and the application form edited until the applicant chooses to submit. All applicants are required to submit the following supporting documentation:

- Certified copies of
 - ID document (the following are acceptable: Passport, Birth Certificate, Driver's License)
 - Degree certificates
 - Academic transcripts
- Reference letters from two referees, both references must be academic references. References must be on a letter head.
- A curriculum vitae

You should ask your referees to write a reference that relates to your application for this fellowship. It should outline your strengths as an applicant, demonstrate your capacity to study at the level required, explain how you would benefit from further study and identify your potential impact in the future.

Selection Criteria

Applicants for the 2017-18 Kader Asmal Fellowship Programme will be assessed on the basis of the information that they supply on their application form against the criteria outlined below:

1. Academic Merit

Applicants should have achieved the necessary standard to be accepted onto a postgraduate course in an institute of higher education in Ireland and must have excellent references.

2. Transformative power of a scholarship

The applicant must demonstrate financial need and the award of the fellowship should have a transformative effect on the applicant.

3. Study plan

We favour applicants who can describe why their chosen institution and course choice fits with their ambitions to make a difference in the sector. Applicants should also be able to show continuity between their past study, work experience, and proposed course of study.

4. Commitment to the ideals of Kader Asmal

We favour applicants who are able to articulate how they intend to put their scholarship into action, and are likely to contribute to the Irish / Canon Collins community of scholars. We will favour applicants who most clearly show a desire to be part of and to contribute to the future prosperity of southern Africa.

5. Leadership Competencies & Personal Qualities

Applicants will be asked to demonstrate how they have developed their leadership skills in the workplace, academia or in their personal life.

6. Application form

The application form matters. Applicants should:

- Demonstrate a good command of English
- Answer all of the questions properly and completely. Late and incomplete applications will not be considered
- Complete the application and deliver all supporting documents by the deadline of Tuesday 21 February 2017

Timelines

The scholarship will open for applications on **Monday 7 November 2016** and the closing date for applications is **Tuesday 21 February 2017**. Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed in person in March 2017. Shortlisted applicants will be expected to immediately book for their IELTS exam on www.ielts.org - to be written not later than April 2016.

All applicants will know the **stage 1** outcome of their application by March/April 2017 so that those selected, may proceed to the next stage and apply to the universities of their choice. Information on making a course application will be provided to shortlisted candidates by the Embassy of Ireland

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.

How many scholarships are available?

There are approximately 12 fellowships available in 2017. However awards will be made on the basis of available funding and suitable applicants and numbers may vary. The selection process is highly competitive. Please apply only if you meet all the criteria.

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