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Applications for International Scholarship for 2018 are Now Open

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) every year engages in several international scholarship partnerships that provide opportunities for South Africans to study abroad on fully funded scholarships at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

The Department facilitates the nomination process for several of the scholarships which are open to all South African citizens with a strong academic record. The priority is on postgraduate studies, particularly for students intending to pursue a career in academia or in scarce skills areas.

In some instances scholarships are taught in official languages of host countries and will only be awarded to applicants who already have the required level of language proficiency. Scholarships for language preparatory courses are available and applicants should successfully complete these language studies first before reapplying for a scholarship for degree studies taught in the foreign language.

There are currently two scholarship opportunities with different deadlines, priorities and offerings that are currently open for applications in China and Russia.

The Chinese Government is offering 30 scholarships to study at recognised Chinese institutions. These are offered at Bachelor's, Master's and PhD level with an opportunity to do Chinese language studies. All programmes at Bachelor's level are taught in Chinese, while many programmes at postgraduate level are taught in English. Application deadline is 7 March 2018. Visit the International Scholarships

website for more information

<http://www.internationalscholarships.dhet.gov.za/china.html>

The Russian Government is also offering 35 scholarships to study courses in participating public universities in Russia. The programmes are offered at Bachelors, Masters and PhD levels with specific focus on Engineering, Nuclear Physics and Technology, Aeronautical Engineering, Natural and Physical Sciences and many more. Visit the international scholarships website for more information. Application deadline is 28 February 2018. Follow this link <http://www.internationalscholarships.dhet.gov.za/russia.html> for more information on the scholarships and steps on how to apply.

All applicants must meet the minimum academic requirements for entry into a similar programme at a South African university. The scholarships offer travelling expenses, registration and tuition, accommodation, living allowance and medical insurance.

For general information about opportunities to study abroad and to view information on other scholarships that are open for application, kindly visit the International Scholarships website on <http://www.internationalscholarships.dhet.gov.za>.

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