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MINISTER NZIMANDE INVITES PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS TO APPLY FOR DHET FACILITATED INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PARTNERSHIPS

The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Dr Blade Nzimande, invites aspirant South African student who would like to pursue their post graduate studies to apply for the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) facilitated international scholarship partnerships that provide opportunities for South Africans to study abroad.

The Department facilitates the nomination process for several of these scholarships, while for others the department promotes and encourage South Africans to take advantage of the opportunities that are available.

“We prioritise postgraduate studies, particularly for students intending to pursue a career in academia or in scarce skills areas,” said Minister Nzimande.

Minister Nzimande said that various scholarships have different deadlines, priorities and offerings and the Department’s international scholarships website maintains an up to date list of open scholarships as well as information for applicants and opportunities that are made available on an annual basis.

Minister Nzimande presents the following opportunities for consideration by applicants:

HUNGARY: Opportunities to study in Hungary are available through the 2021 *Stipendium Hungaricum*. The Hungarian Government is offering 100 scholarships to South Africans to study at participating public universities in Hungarian. The scholarship consists of Bachelor’s, Master’s and PhD scholarships. All courses are taught in English. **Application deadline: 15 January 2021.**

For more information or to contact current scholarship recipients or alumni, please contact Ms Wendy Adams: adams.w@dhet.gov.za

FRANCE: The Embassy of France is offering scholarships to South Africans who wish to pursue Master’s or Doctoral studies at French higher education institutions, starting in academic year 2021. **Application deadline: 20 January 2021.** More information about the call is available on <https://www.southafrica-france-scholarships.com/>

SWEDEN: The Swedish Institute Scholarships for South Africa (SISSA) programme is part of the Swedish government’s international awards scheme aimed at developing

global leaders who will contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The programme offers a unique opportunity for future leaders to develop professionally and academically, to experience Swedish society and culture, and to build a long-lasting relationship with Sweden and with each other. SISSA is a special initiative in connection with the Binational Commission agreement between Sweden and South Africa.

The goal is to enable the scholarship holders to play an active role in the positive development of the societies in which they live. Ideal candidates are ambitious young professionals with academic qualifications, demonstrated leadership experience, ambition to make a difference by working with issues which contribute to a just and sustainable development in their country in a long term perspective, and a clear idea of how a study programme in Sweden would benefit their country.

The scholarship will open for applications in February 2021. In order to apply for the scholarship, applicants must have applied to a Swedish university by 15 January through the central application system at: <https://www.universityadmissions.se/intl/start>, where an application fee is charged.

The following current scholarship holders/ alumni have agreed to be contacted for interviews: **Emma:** emma.k.chetty@gmail.com / **Samkele:** levesamkele@gmail.com / **Kabelo:** kmutubi@gmail.com

SWITZERLAND: Each year the Swiss Confederation awards Government Excellence Scholarships to promote international exchange and research cooperation between Switzerland and over 180 other countries. The Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships are aimed at young researchers from abroad who have completed a master's degree or PhD. South Africans are encouraged to apply. Enquiries can be sent by email: pretoria.science@eda.admin.ch

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is offering funding to South Africans for full-time Master or PhD degrees in another Sub-Saharan African country as part of its In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme. The programme promotes the mobility of researchers between Sub-Saharan African countries and capacity building at Sub-Saharan African universities.

Opportunities are available in a range of fields in the following countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Malawi.

More information is available on the DAAD website:

<https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/?status=&origin=&subjectGrps=&daad=&intention=&q=in-region&page=1&detail=10000486>

IRELAND: The Embassy of Ireland in South Africa, in partnership with the Department of Higher Education and Training and Canon Collins Trust, offers scholarships for one-year year Master's degree study in Ireland. The program is called the Kader Asmal

Fellowship in honour of the late Professor Kader Asmal, who taught law at Trinity College in Dublin for 27 year. **Applications for 2021 are closed, but will reopen next year for the 2022 academic year.**

For more information or to contact current recipients or alumni, please contact Ms Ruth Roberts: Roberts.r@dhet.gov.za

For general information about opportunities to study abroad and view information on other scholarships that are open for application, kindly visit the International Scholarships website on <http://www.internationalscholarships.dhet.gov.za>. The public may also sign up to the Department's contact list in order to receive emails when opportunities become available.

Outside of the scholarship partnerships shared on the website or described above, the Department does not offer any other undergraduate or postgraduate scholarships.

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