



What are Chevening Scholarships?

Chevening Scholarships are the UK government's global scholarship programme, funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and partner organisations. The Scholarships are an important element in Britain's public diplomacy effort and bring young professionals, who have already displayed outstanding leadership talents, to study in the UK.

Chevening Scholarships operate in 116 countries worldwide, and this year will support over 600 individuals. Awards are typically for a one-year Master's degree (although some awards are for tailor-made short courses), in the subjects Trade, Human Rights, Governance, Media, and Climate Change, and at any of the UK's leading universities.

Celebrating 30 years

2013 is the 30th anniversary of the Chevening programme, which began in 1983 and has developed into a prestigious international scheme.

All applications must be made through 'eChevening', the global online Chevening Scholarship application system. Guidance for applicants and a link to eChevening will be available on www.chevening.org.

The competition for 2014/15 Chevening Scholarships in Namibia will have the following dates:

- eChevening opens: **1 September 2013.**
- eChevening closes: **15 November 2013.**

Who are Chevening Scholarships aimed at and what do the Scholars do after their awards?

Chevening Scholarships are for talented people who have been identified as potential future leaders across a wide range of fields; including politics, business, the media, civil society, religion, and academia. Applicants should be high calibre graduates with the personal, intellectual and interpersonal qualities necessary for leadership.

Scholars undertake to return to their home country unless there are genuinely exceptional circumstances. They have an excellent record of rising to positions of leadership in their respective professions. For example, past alumni include Baldwin Spencer, the Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda; Anote Tong, the President of Kiribati; Sergei Stanishev, the former Prime Minister of Bulgaria; Alvaro Uribe Velez,

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the former President of Colombia; Marek Belka, the former Prime Minister of Poland; and Gega Mgaloblishvili, the former Prime Minister of Georgia.

How are Chevening Scholars selected?

Scholars are personally selected by British High Commissions/Embassies throughout the world, sometimes in partnership with sponsoring organisations.

Where do most Chevening Scholars come from?

Countries with most Chevening Scholars this year include: China, India, Indonesia, Egypt, South Korea and Brazil – but the reach is genuinely global, with the exception of countries within the European Union and United States of America.

Who funds Chevening Scholarships?

The majority of funding comes from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. However, individual awards are co-sponsored by a wide range of international and local sponsors. UK universities also contribute through joint scholarships, recognising the exceptional quality of Chevening Scholars.

The objective of the Chevening programme

The objective of the Chevening programme is to support foreign policy priorities and achieve FCO objectives by creating lasting positive relationships with future leaders, influencers and decision makers. The programme provides a unique opportunity for leaders of the future to build a global network of continuing professional significance and also to establish social, cultural, academic or commercial partnerships with the UK.

Chevening worldwide

There are over 42,000 Chevening alumni around the world who together comprise an influential and highly regarded global network.

For more information on Chevening Scholarships please go to

www.chevening.org

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