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MALAYSIA SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UGANDANS

Underprivileged Ugandan girls seeking to pursue a degree abroad have an opportunity. The Ministry of Education and Sports invites applications for undergraduate scholarships at Goon International College in Malaysia for the 2026/2027 academic year.

Five slots are available across two study programmes: three for a bachelor of criminology and policing and two for a bachelor of early childhood education.

To qualify for the scholarship, applicants must have at least two principal passes at C level, be 25 years of age or younger and must have completed UACE within the last two years.

While tuition is covered under the scholarship, selected students will need to meet air tickets, visa fees of \$685 and admission fees of \$127.

Interested candidates should download the application form from www.education.go.ug, complete it and submit it alongside academic documents to the department of admissions, scholarships and student affairs at Legacy Towers, Kyadondo Road, Plot 5, Kampala, 3rd floor, Wing A, Room 9 or 15.

GRANT WRITING SKILLS PROGRAMME

The Africa Research Excellence Fund (AREF) Essential Grant-Writing Skills Programme 2026 is open to all African researchers in the health and biomedical sector who are seeking to win competitive international grants.

AREF is offering a fully online intensive grant-writing training programme designed to help emerging scientists strengthen proposal development skills and secure major funding opportunities.

Eligibility criteria: Applications must be submitted by individuals from medical fields. Applicants must be early-career researchers who are citizens of an African country and employed by a recognised university or specialist research institution. They must not hold international grants totalling euro 250,000 or more.

Applications are due on May 22, 2026. For more information, visit the link: <https://wp.me/p23f03-c3D>.

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS UP FOR GRABS



The moment a scholarship changes everything – young Africans seize global opportunities in education, research and development

Doctor of public health scholarships 2026

Applications are now open for the Mastercard Foundation doctor of public health (DrPH) scholarships 2026–2027 at the University of Toronto, in partnership with the Mastercard Foundation.

The scholarship programme is fully funded and designed to support outstanding African scholars in pursuing a doctor of public health degree, developing into transformative leaders in public health, health systems strengthening and data-driven health research.

Eligibility criteria: Applicants must be citizens and residents of Sub-Saharan African countries who graduated from an Africa Health Collaborative partner institution. They must not have commenced a doctoral programme, must demonstrate strong academic excellence and leadership potential, meet the admission requirements for the University of Toronto.

Interested individuals are encouraged to apply as early as possible. For more information, use the link: <https://wp.me/p23f03-1h2>.

10TH ANNIVERSARY GLOBAL CHALLENGE 2026

The MIT Solve 10th Anniversary Global Challenge 2026 is seeking individuals and groups building innovations that can solve real-world problems.

MIT Solve is marking 10 years of global impact and is now open for applications.

Selected participants will receive global recognition from MIT Solve, funding opportunities to scale their solutions, access to powerful global innovation networks and partnerships with leading organisations worldwide.

Applicants are encouraged to propose solutions across the following priority areas: Climate action and environmental sustainability,

economic opportunity and financial inclusion, health systems strengthening, learning and education for all and indigenous communities and sovereignty.

Winners and selected innovators will gain access to strategic funding opportunities, global visibility and recognition, technical and implementation support, partnerships with governments, NGOs and private sector leaders and integration into MIT Solve's global innovation ecosystem.

Applications close on May 21, 2026. Apply through the link: <https://wp.me/p23f03/p23f03-AVF>.

Grant for youth-led community impact projects

Young changemakers around the world can now apply for the Global Youth Empowerment Fund (YEF) 2026 and receive up to euro 5,000 in funding to support impactful community projects.

The fund supports youth-led initiatives focused on community development, climate action, education, health, social inclusion and sustainable impact.

The YEF is open to individuals, youth groups, youth-led organisations, informal youth initiatives and young social innovators.

Selected applicants will receive financial support of up to euro 5,000 in non-repayable funding, access to a global youth network, increased visibility for their initiative and an opportunity to scale community impact projects.

The fund is open to applicants aged 14 to 30 years who lead youth-centred or community-focused initiatives.

The deadline for applications is May 22, 2026. Apply via the link: <https://wp.me/p23f03-1hv>

Commonwealth youth photography competition

Young photographers across the Commonwealth are invited to showcase powerful stories through photography in the 2026 Commonwealth Youth Photography Competition, themed: *Waves of Change*.

The competition focuses on oceans, waterways, climate challenges, resilience and innovative environmental solutions.

Participants will submit one original photograph under one of the following categories: Human-Ocean Connection, Hope and Resilience, Threats and Challenges, or Innovative Solutions.

Successful candidates will have the opportunity

to amplify their voices and creativity, showcase their work on a global platform and gain international recognition.

The winner will receive a certificate of recognition and have their work featured across official Commonwealth and partner social media channels.

The competition is open to both beginner and experienced photographers who are Commonwealth citizens and residents aged 18 to 30 years.

The deadline for applications is June 8, 2026. To apply, use the link: <https://www.royalcnwociety.org/environment/cyep>