
Swedish Institute Scholarships for South Africa



Do you have ambition, leadership experience and a strong professional background? Apply for a scholarship for master's degree studies in Sweden and develop leadership skills for a sustainable future.

Swedish Institute Scholarships for South Africa (SISSA) offers highly qualified professionals from South Africa a unique opportunity to pursue a master's degree in Sweden.

Up to 10 scholarships will be offered for master's degree studies in Sweden starting in the autumn semester 2021. SISSA is part of the Swedish government's international awards scheme for talented professionals with creativity, curiosity and motivation who have expertise and show excellence in their working fields.

The Swedish Institute (SI) intends to build a strong global network consisting of talented professionals willing to contribute to and take an active role in the development of a sustainable future.

The Swedish Institute (SI) is a public agency that promotes interest and trust in Sweden around the world. SI seeks to establish cooperation and lasting relations with other countries through strategic communication and exchange in the fields of culture, education, science and business. SI works closely with Swedish embassies and consulates.

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Eligible countries

You must be a citizen of South Africa to be eligible to apply for SISSA.

Scholarship benefits

SISSA is intended for full-time one- or two-year master's programme. The scholarship covers:

- Tuition fees to the Swedish university
- Monthly stipend of SEK 10,000 for living expenses
- A one-time travel grant of SEK 15,000
- Swedish State Group Insurance and Personal Insurance
- Membership of the SI Network for Future Global Leaders (NFGL)
- Lifelong membership of the SI Alumni Network

Eligibility criteria

SI welcomes applicants regardless of age or religious beliefs, and aims at diversity and gender equality among scholarship holders.

- Applicants must be admitted to a master's programme at a Swedish university that is eligible for the SISSA.
- Applicants must be international fee payers from eligible countries and not have dual citizenship in countries not listed on the OECD/DAC list.
- Applicants should not have previously lived in Sweden for more than two years, be currently enrolled in a master's programme at a Swedish university, have previously been awarded an SI scholarship, or hold a degree from a Swedish university.
- We will give priorities to applicants who have demonstrated work and leadership experience.

In search of a change-maker

The goal of the SI Scholarships for South Africa programme 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 professionals with demonstrated leadership experience and a clear idea of how a study programme in Sweden would benefit their country and contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The programme offers a unique opportunity for the global leaders to develop academically and professionally, to experience Swedish society and culture, and to build a long-lasting relationship with Sweden and with each other.

To help prepare for the role of a global leader and change-maker, all SI scholarship holders become members of the SI Network for Future Global Leaders. Together with other talented professionals from all around the world, members take part in a variety of events, exchange ideas and create networks beneficial both to career and personal development. After the scholarship period, the scholarship holders also become part of the SI Alumni Network.

Application dates to keep in mind

8–18 February 2021: Apply for an SI scholarship for master's studies at www.si.se.

Note that you must first apply for master's programmes at www.universityadmissions.se between 16 October 2020 and 15 January 2021. Contact University Admissions for questions related to applications for master's programmes.

Find detailed information on eligibility criteria and how to apply at www.si.se

