

Study in Sweden and scholarship information

Sweden is one of the leaders in the world in innovation, new technology, sustainability and equality – in large part thanks to its top-class, forward-thinking universities, which have fostered new ideas since the 15th century. Swedish universities offer degrees at the Bachelor's, Master's and doctoral level. Choose from over 700 master's programmes and nearly 100 bachelor's programmes taught in English at over 35 universities.

Did you know that there is a fully-funded scholarship for South African citizens to study a master's programme in Sweden? To be eligible for the scholarship, you must first apply and get accepted to study in Sweden. Once accepted you can apply for the scholarship.

Apply to study in Sweden

The application period for studies in Sweden starting in August 2020 is open from 16 October 2019 to 15 January 2020. Sweden has a pooled admissions system which means students can apply for courses and programmes at all universities on the same application – at www.universityadmissions.se

There are programmes offered in English in nearly all academic fields – from IT, engineering or physics to human rights, sustainable development, business or media studies, and many more. For general guidelines on studies in Sweden, please visit www.studyinsweden.se

Support for the application fees

There is an application fee of SEK 900 to University Admissions for your applications to universities in Sweden. The *Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET)* in South Africa will support a number of applicants with the university application fees. [Read more about the support on the website of the DHET](#). For questions related to this support, please directly contact [the DHET](#).

Swedish Institute Scholarships for South Africa (SISSA)

Out of SI's scholarships for 2020, about 10 scholarships are assigned to South African citizens to pursue a master's degree in Sweden.

The Swedish Institute Scholarships for South Africa (SISSA) programme is aimed at developing global leaders who will contribute to [the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#). 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. Scholarships will only be granted to candidates who have followed the steps of the university admission and been admitted to one of the eligible master's programmes in Sweden.

Please note that the application period for the scholarship only is open from 10 February to 20 February 2020! For more information about the application process, selection and edibility criteria etc., please see: <https://si.se/en/apply/scholarships/swedish-institute-scholarships-for-south-africa/>

For other scholarship opportunities, look at exchange opportunities between South African and Swedish universities or look at opportunities directly from Swedish universities. For more ideas see: <https://studyinsweden.se/scholarships/>

PhD studies in Sweden

Swedish PhD programmes are mainly research-based, which makes them different from study-based Bachelor's or Master's programmes. PhD positions are also usually paid positions at Swedish Universities! Read more about PhD studies in Sweden here: <https://studyinsweden.se/plan-your-studies/degree-programmes/phd-studies/>

For questions or enquiries, contact details to the Embassy of Sweden in Pretoria can be found at: <https://www.swedenabroad.se/en/embassies/south-africa-pretoria/>

Swedish Institute Scholarships for South Africa



Do you have ambition, leadership experience and a strong professional background? Take the chance to develop your leadership skills for a sustainable future.

Swedish Institute Scholarships for South Africa (SISSA) is part of the Swedish government's international awards scheme aimed at developing global leaders who show excellence in their working fields and are willing to contribute to the development of a sustainable future in their country. SISSA offers a unique opportunity for global 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.

Scholarship benefits

SISSA is intended for full-time one- or two-year master's programme starting in the autumn 2020. It covers:

- Tuition fees to the Swedish university
- Living expenses of SEK 10,000/month
- Travel grant of SEK 15,000
- Insurance against illness and accident
- Membership of the SI Network for Future Global Leaders
- Lifelong membership of the SI Alumni Network

Eligibility criteria

- Hold citizenship in south Africa.
- Be admitted to an eligible master's programme.
- Be an international fee payer and not have dual citizenship in countries not on the DAC list of ODA recipients.
- 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.

Key dates

16 October 2019 – 15 January 2020: Apply for a master's programmes at www.universityadmissions.se

10–20 February 2020: Apply for an SI scholarship for master's studies at www.si.se

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

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