ATTENTION YOUNG AFRICAN!

DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE A LEADER WHO WILL CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT?

DO YOU WANT TO PURSUE POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN 2016 AND ARE LOOKING FOR A FULLY-FUNDED SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY?

DO YOU WISH TO BE PART OF A LIFE-CHANGING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WITH A DIVERSE GROUP OF TALENTED YOUNG LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE CONTINENT?

If so, the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship could be for you!

For more information about the Scholarship and application process, go to www.mandellarhodes.org

Opening date for 2016 applications is 1 May 2015.

Closing date is 15 June 2015.

All applications to be submitted online via the link provided on The Mandela Rhodes Foundation website.

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Selection Criteria

- The scholarship is open to citizens of all African countries
- The scholarship is for postgraduate study at a South African university or tertiary institution (Honours and Masters degree only)
- Must be between the age of 19 and 30 years
- Individuals that reflect in their character a commitment to the four principles of Education, Reconciliation, Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship  (See further guidelines on www.up.ac.za/feesfunding or www.mandelaRhodes.org )
- Applicants should have a history of well above average academic results

Documents Required

- National ID / Passport
- Transcripts
- Motivation Letter  (ensure you come via the Postgrad Desk at CSC first to have this document checked or send to leanne.vanzyl@up.ac.za )
- Essay  (ensure you come via the Postgrad Desk at CSC first to have this document checked or send to Leanne.vanzyl@up.ac.za )
- Reference Letters

Applications that are NOT of a high quality and well written will not be considered by the Institutional Nomination committee.

Therefore it is important that you have your supporting documents checked by the Postgraduate desk prior to the deadline of 15 June 2015.
PURPOSE OF THE MANDELA RHODES FOUNDATION

The central purpose of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation is to build exceptional leadership capacity in Africa. The Foundation does this by offering fully funded Scholarships for postgraduate studies (Honours and Masters), as well as a yearlong leadership development programme based on the four principles of the Foundation.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Leadership
By Leadership we mean the will and capacity to use one's own personality and abilities to guide, inspire, and develop fellow human beings to achieve excellence in any area of endeavour. This leadership should be principled, strategic, and effective; it should carry moral authority and be visionary in pursuit of the advancement of individual and social fulfilment, human rights, human dignity, the achievement of equality and other fundamental freedoms. Personal success by a Scholar which does not translate into wider benefits for society does not in itself meet the goal of the Scholarship programme. Leadership could include, but does not necessarily presuppose, a career in the public sector.

Reconciliation
By Reconciliation we mean an embracing of human diversity, and a belief in a world in which all individuals and cultures enjoy equal rights and respect. This commitment to human reconciliation means seeking to make a contribution to freedom, peace and prosperity for all human beings, never to the exclusion of any category of humanity. It implies a generosity of spirit, and a willingness to harness an imperfect past to help develop a more just world.

Education
By Education we mean the pursuit of a high minimum standard of scholastic attainment, certainly sufficient to meet the requirements of the course envisaged by the Scholar. In tandem with this we seek understanding that academic achievement on its own is not sufficient to justify selection – this is what is meant by a blend of character and intellect. Further, we seek a thoughtful understanding of how education writ large – not just the education of the individual Scholar – can be a tool for the advancement of human development.

Entrepreneurship
By Entrepreneurship we mean a belief in the critical role played by individual human effort, hard work, innovation and creativity in leading to the betterment of society and Africa's place in the world. Scholars are required to exhibit vigour and integrity, and the energy to use their talents to the full, in pursuit of their own career and beyond its confines. Entrepreneurship in this conception could include, but does not necessarily presuppose, a career in the private sector.