



W Charitable Foundation Scholarship for MSc Development Studies Application Guidance Notes



Scholarship Information

The W Charitable Foundation has generously provided SOAS with scholarships for African students undertaking the full-time MSc Development Studies programme.

Three awards are available to cover the cost of fees (£11,460) as well as living costs (£12,000) for a total scholarship of £23,460 each.

The W Charitable Foundation Scholarship may not be held in conjunction with other significant scholarships or awards. Please be aware that all financial support secured before your application deadline must be declared to the Advisory Panel in your application. Any awards held will be taken into consideration on assessment of financial need.

Scholarship Criteria

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| Domicile/Residency: | Applicants must be domiciled (or permanent residents) in an African country. |
| Eligible Programmes: | MSc Development Studies (Full-time programme only) |
| Financial Status: | Priority will be given to scholarship applicants who can demonstrate financial need. |
| Assessment: | Candidates will be assessed based on a combination of financial need and academic merit. |
| Restriction: | The W Charitable Foundation Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any other significant scholarship or award. |

Application Form

Please ensure you provide four copies of your application form in your application packet.

Section A

Please provide your name and contact information.

In order for your application to be processed quickly, please also provide your admissions reference number.

Section B

Please indicate your application status to the MSc Development Studies programme.

Section C

Please enclose *four* copies of your CV with the application. CVs should be no longer than two, one-sided A4 pages.

Section D

The W Charitable Foundation would like to give scholarship priority to candidates who can demonstrate financial need. Please give full details of any financial support you already receive from:

- Scholarship Awards
- Employment
- Student Loans
- Charities (including charitable trusts and foundations)
- Government Grants
- Hardship Funds
- Career Development Loans
- Local Education Authorities (LEAs)

Evidence of financial need must be no longer than one, one-sided A4 page. Please enclose *four* copies of your financial need statement with your application.

Section E

Only 60% of the African continent has sanitation coverage. One of the Millennium Development Goals is to reduce by half the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and of those without access to sanitation. Please write an essay to describe why your intended research is relevant to the issue of *Water in Africa*.

Please enclose *four* copies of your essay with your application. Essays must be no longer than two, one-sided A4 pages.

Section F

Applications for scholarship funding are separate from applications to the School for a place of study. Therefore, separate reference letters are required for a W Charitable Foundation Scholarship.

Please provide two academic references with your application. The references should be able to comment on your previous research/study and how your experience is relevant to the W Charitable Foundation Scholarship scheme.

Referees should seal their letters in envelopes. The letters should be returned to you and enclosed with your W Charitable Foundation Scholarship application. Alternatively, you may have your referees submit their references directly to the Scholarships Officer at SOAS.

Other Information

If you have any questions about the scholarship application and the application process, please contact the Scholarships Officer in the Registry Office at as100@soas.ac.uk or via telephone at +44 (0)20 7074 5091.

DEADLINE: Please note that the application deadline for the W Charitable Foundation Scholarship for MSc Development Studies is 1 July 2008.

Applications must be received by 5pm on the date of the deadline. Late applications will not be accepted.

Please send 4 copies of:

- Application Form
- CV
- Evidence of Financial Need
- Essay

Only complete applications will be accepted. Incomplete applications will not be considered for a scholarship.

The Advisory Panel expects to have made a final decision on the W Charitable Foundation Scholarship by August 2008. All scholarship candidates will be notified of the outcome of their application by the Scholarships Officer.

Please post your application packet to:

Scholarships Officer
Registry Office, SOAS
Thornhaugh Street
Russell Square
London
WC1H 0XG
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