

Scholars Program

Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program Applications 2026/27

In response to the climate crisis the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at the University of Edinburgh will invest in a community of skilled, entrepreneurial, and compassionate future leaders from across Africa.

Through the Program at the University of Edinburgh, we will offer talented young people an exciting array of high-quality, sustainability-focused postgraduate learning opportunities, equipping young people with the knowledge, skills and networks to promote sustainable transitions.

We are looking to recruit Scholars to join in September 2026 for on-campus and online study programmes.

Applications are especially encouraged from:

- young women
- young people with disabilities
- young people with refugee and displaced status

Applicants should first apply for the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program, and only when they have received a scholarship offer should they apply to their degree programmes at the University of Edinburgh.

Applications open:

10:00 am, 14th October

Applications close:

5:00 pm (UK), 21st November

How to apply:

[www.ed.ac.uk/global/
mastercard-foundation](http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/mastercard-foundation)

Contact us: mcfsp@ed.ac.uk

Scholarships are available for:

On-campus Masters programmes:

- Africa & International Development
- Climate Change Finance & Investment
- Data, Inequality & Society
- Entrepreneurship & Innovation
- Environment & Development
- Environmental Sustainability
- Food Security
- Operational Research
- Planetary Health
- Sustainable Energy Systems

Online distance learning programmes:

- Biodiversity, Wildlife & Ecosystem Health (Masters or Diploma)
- Climate Change Management (Masters route only)
- Data-Driven Breeding & Genetics (Masters or Diploma)
- Data Science Technologies (Masters route only)
- Digital Education (Masters or Diploma)
- Global Challenges (Masters or Diploma)
- Global Food Security & Nutrition (Masters or Diploma)
- Global Health & Infectious Diseases (Masters or Diploma)
- International Development (Masters route only)
- One Health (Masters or Diploma)
- Social Justice & Community Action (Masters or Diploma)

