

About The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program

The University of Pretoria (UP) in partnership with the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program has been offering scholarships and wraparound support to high achieving young Africans pursuing undergraduate and postgraduate (Honours and Masters) degrees since January 2014. The University and the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program entered into phase 2 agreement December 2023 to support more young people on the continent. In January 2024 a new phase 2 cohort commenced with their studies. The target groups are young Africans who are academically talented young people facing economic and social barriers inclusive of those living with disabilities and internally displaced persons/refugees that will contribute to the transformation of the continent through their knowledge, skills, attitudes and values evidenced by their leadership. Community service and internships are essential components of the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program including entrepreneurship. Upon the completion of their studies, Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program Alumni commit to give back in ways that enhance the economic growth and social development of their communities and the continent.

VISION

The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program is a global initiative to educate and develop next generation leaders who will contribute to social and economic transformation. The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program enables young people facing economic and social barriers to complete quality secondary and university education to find dignified and fulfilling employment. They can also transition to further education and entrepreneurship. Through comprehensive support, the Mastercard Foundation Scholars receive learning opportunities that equip them with knowledge, skills, and values needed to succeed in the economy, and make a positive impact in their communities and the continent.

THE MASTERCARD FOUNDATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA



In partnership with



Scholars Program

HUMILITY.LISTENING.KINDNESS & RESPECT.CO-CREATION.IMPACT



Transforming lives of prospective undergraduate and postgraduate Scholars

Prospective Undergraduate and Postgraduate (Honours and Masters) applicants can apply now for the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at the University of Pretoria for the upcoming intake.

The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program targets young Africans who are:

- Faced with socio-economic barriers
- Refugees or internally displaced persons
- Young persons living with disabilities



To apply, visit:

www.up.ac.za/mastercard-foundation-scholars-program

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GENERAL ADMISSION CRITERIA

The admission requirements and general information provided in this brochure are applicable to students who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a National Senior Certificate (NSC) or an Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualification.

2. The following persons will be considered for admission to a first bachelor's degree at the University of Pretoria: – Candidates who have a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required National Senior Certificate (NSC) with bachelor's degree endorsement; – Candidates who are graduates from another tertiary institution or have been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and – Candidates who are graduates of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.

3. Grade 11 results are used for the conditional admission of prospective students, but final admission will depend on the NSC (or equivalent) qualification and results.

4. Candidates must also comply with the specific subject and achievement level requirements and the minimum Admission Point Score (APS) for their chosen degree programmes.

5. The APS calculation is done by using the NSC 1 to 7 scale of achievement. It is based on a candidate's achievement in six recognised 20-credit subjects. The highest APS that can be achieved is 42. Life Orientation is a 10-credit subject and is excluded from the calculation when determining the APS. The following subject rating scores are used for calculating the APS for NSC/IEB:

UP ADMISSION POINT SCORE

Rating code	Rating	Marks
7	Outstanding achievement	80-100%
6	Meritorious achievement	70-79%
5	Substantial achievement	60-69%
4	Adequate achievement	50-59%
3	Moderate achievement	40-49%
2	Elementary achievement	30-39%
1	Not achieved	0-29%

FACULTIES

- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
- Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
- Faculty of Theology and Religion

What the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at UP provides

To help you in your planning here is reference for what the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at UP DOES and DOES NOT do.

WHAT THE PROGRAM DOES

We provide the scholars with: 1st Year: start up funds, Visa fees

Annual support

- Monthly stipend
- Tuition fees
- School supplies, books (Fundi)
- Student health insurance (medical aid)
- One-time only African based, summer internship (flight and stipend)
- Campus room and board



Services

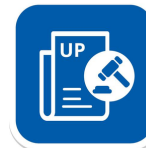
- Focuses courses, seminars, including leadership courses
- Counselling and psychological services
- Opportunities for volunteerism, community services
- Dedicated student services advisor, campus support committee, holistic tutoring and mentoring
- UP international office dedicated liaison, workshop services, advising and more

WHAT THE PROGRAM DOES NOT DO

- Funding beyond the standard 8 semesters (for undergraduates), including summer school, or 2 years (graduates)
- Loans
- Guaranteed coverage of all medical or dental
- Late fees (e.g. late add/drops) and lost items (keys, laptops etc.)
- Professional development funds for individuals (eg conferences)
- Internship or job placement
- SAQA, USAF and Passport fees

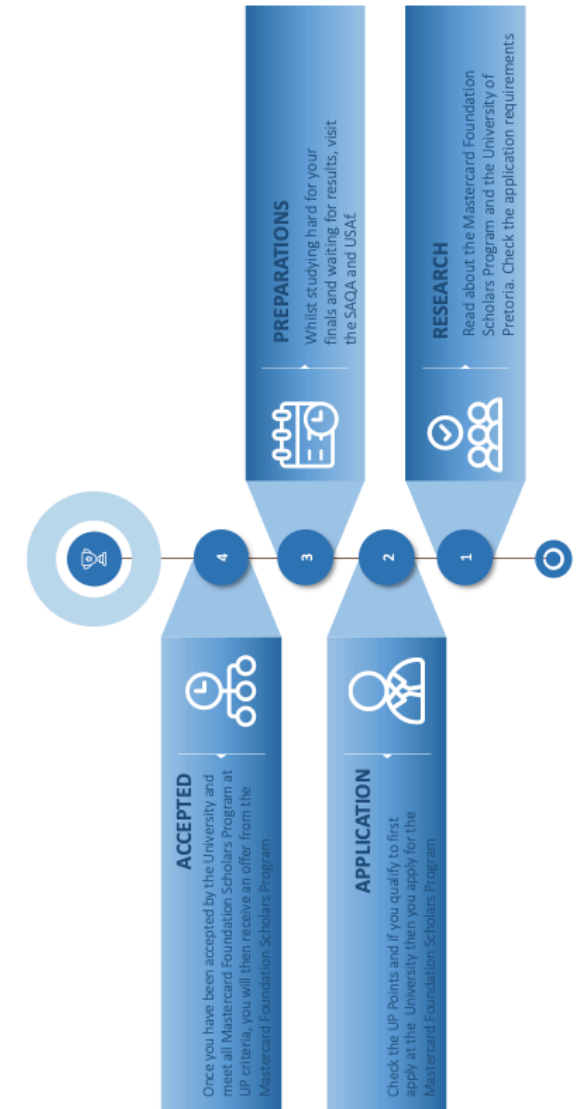
What Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at UP expects of Scholars

- ACADEMIC PROGRESS
- FOSTERING AND CONNECTIONS TO THE AFRICAN CONTINENT
- COMPLIANCE WITH ALL UP POLICIES AND REGULATIONS
- TIMELY REPORTING OF ACADEMIC ISSUES TO YOUR ADVISOR
- PARTICIPATION IN ONE PRE-APPROVED SUMMER INTERNSHIP IN AFRICA
- PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM ACTIVITIES
- RETURNING TO HOME COUNTRY/ REGION AT THE END OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMME



THE AFRICA WE WANT

TIMELINE ROADMAP



CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS

Undergraduate 31 August
Postgraduate 30 September