

# Chevening Scholarships

**UK GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS** 



### What are Chevening Scholarships?

- The UK government's global scholarship programme, funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and partner organisations.
- Aimed at mid-career professionals with leadership potential.
- Awards typically for a one-year Master's degree – in any subject and at any UK university.





'The objective of the Chevening Scholarship programme is to support foreign policy priorities and achieve FCO objectives by creating lasting positive relationships with future leaders, influencers and decisionmakers'



### **Facts and figures**

- 118 countries worldwide (excluding the USA and the EU).
- In 2014/15 Chevening will support over 600 individuals.
- Scholars personally selected by British Embassies/High Commissions throughout the world (sometimes in partnership with sponsoring organisations).



# **Celebrating 30 years**

2013 is Chevening's 30th anniversary

Established in 1983, the programme has developed into a prestigious international scheme.

It has attracted a wealth of high-calibre applicants from all around the world.







Baldwin Spencer,
Prime Minister of Antigua
and Barbuda



Anote Tong, President of Kiribati



Wang Lili, Vice Governor, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China



Sergei Stanishev, former Prime Minister of Bulgaria



Jorma Ollila, Non Executive Chairman, Royal Dutch Shell; Chairman, NOKIA



Grigol Mgaloblishvili, former Prime Minister of Georgia



Alvaro Uribe Velez, former President of Colombia



Marek Belka, former Prime Minister of Poland



# The importance of Chevening

#### Leadership

Chevening Scholars become leaders, influencers and decision-makers in their home countries.

#### **UK links**

Chevening
Scholarships give
individuals a lasting
positive disposition
towards the UK.

#### A global network

There are over 42,000 Chevening alumni around the world - an influential and highly regarded global network.



# What does a Chevening Scholarship cover?

- Tuition fees;
- A living allowance at a set rate (for one individual);
- An economy class return airfare to the UK;
- Additional grants to cover essential expenditure.

Some Scholarships cover **part** of the cost of studying in the UK, i.e. tuition fees only or allowances only.





# Wider benefits of a Chevening Scholarship

Chevening creates **networking opportunities**, and nurtures a deeper understanding of **UK culture**:

- A tailored programme of events (a 'Topical Talks' series, a range of formal social events, and opportunities for Scholars to organise their own events).
- Engagement from the FCO while Scholars are in the UK.
- Opportunities for leadership within the Chevening community (through the 'Chevening Ambassador' scheme).
- Lasting benefits of joining Chevening's global alumni network.



## Eligibility criteria

Applicants must:

Be a citizen of a Chevening-eligible country, and intend to return there at the end of the period of study.

Hold a degree that is equivalent to at least an upper second-class honours degree in the UK.

Achieve the minimum
Chevening
English
language
requirement.

Have completed at least two years' work or equivalent experience before applying for a Chevening Scholarship.



### Selection criteria

Personal, intellectual and interpersonal qualities necessary for leadership in home country



Motivation to develop career in order to establish a position of leadership within 10 years

A clear post-Scholarship plan, outlining career objectives and how to achieve them

Able to successfully complete proposed course of study in the UK

Use studies and experience in UK to benefit themselves, their country and the UK

Commitment to networking within Chevening community, and alumni network in home country

Commitment to networking to find global solutions



### How do candidates apply?

- Applications for 2014/15 open on 1
   September 2013.
- Apply online through the website, www.chevening.org, before the closing date (in November – varies by region).
- Read the online guidance for applicants and demonstrate how you meet the Chevening selection criteria.





## **Applicant timeline for 2014/15**

Research and choose three courses

Apply online by regional deadline

Long listed by **31 Jan** 

Short listed by **17 Feb** 

Attend interview:

31 Mar – 18 Apr Provisional selection by **30 May** 

Meet English language requirement by 23 Jun

Complete medical and client care forms by 15 Jul

Obtain unconditional offer from UK university by 15 Jul

Fulfil all award conditions by 15 Jul Receive and sign Final Award Letter by **31 Jul** 

Visa application and (if required) TB screening Book flights as directed by Secretariat in Aug/Sep

Attend predeparture briefing in Aug/Sep and start course in **Sep/Oct** 



## **Chevening alumni**

42,000 Chevening alumni worldwide. Alumni key to the success of the programme. Posts can maintain contact by:

- Events/receptions: the 'Chevening Alumni Project Fund' can help with funding for Chevening-specific events. Encourage alumni to set up an association.
- Contact: the Secretariat will introduce a new centralised database later this year.
- Digital platforms: two main groups on Facebook and Linkedin – over 4500+ alumni. Open pages on Facebook, Google+, Twitter and Pinterest. Chevening Conversations blog, and Posts' blogs.



For further information please contact the Chevening Scholarships Secretariat at www.chevening.org