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OPEN INTERNATIONAL FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIP CALLS

The Internationalisation Office coordinates various events, exchange programmes, funding, and study opportunities in collaboration with international partner institutions. Currently, the following opportunities are available:

Scholarships

1. GERMANY: DHET Funda Germany Scholarship Programme 2026/2027

The Department of Higher Education and Training is offering fully-funded scholarships to South African students to study at Constructor University in Germany, commencing in September 2026 for Bachelor's, Master's and PhD students.

Constructor University is an English-medium, campus university in Bremen, ranked among the top 30% globally. With students from around 120 different nations, it is among the world's most international universities, offering Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees in a wide variety of fields.

For more information, please visit the [Department of Higher Education and Training website](#).

Application Deadline: 15 February 2026

2. MAURITIUS: MAURITIUS–AFRICA SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 2026/2027

The Government of the Republic of Mauritius is offering scholarships to eligible South Africans for full-time, on-campus undergraduate and postgraduate studies at public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Mauritius for the 2026/2027 academic year.

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) is the Nominating Agency for South African applicants to the Mauritius-Africa Scholarship Scheme. This call is for South African citizens only. Applicants from other countries should contact their respective governments or the Mauritius Ministry of Education.



Degree Level

- Undergraduate Diploma
- Undergraduate Degree
- Master of Philosophy (MPhil)
- MPhil / PhD
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

For more information, visit the [Department of Higher Education and Training Website](#).

Application Deadline: 15 February 2026.

3. UNITED KINGDOM: Weidenfeld-Hoffmann Trust's Scholarship and Leadership Programme

The Weidenfeld-Hoffmann Scholarships and Leadership Programme supports the development of future global leaders by offering fully funded graduate scholarships complemented by a comprehensive leadership development programme, long-term mentoring, and access to an international professional network. A key component of this scholarship is the year-long Leadership Programme, during which scholars participate in:

- Philosophical and ethical discussions
- Business and professional skills training
- Advanced communication and presentation workshops
- Participation in a dynamic and supportive leadership community

For more information, visit the [Department of Higher Education and Training Website](#).

4. NETHERLANDS: NL Scholarship Programme 2026–2027

The Government of the Netherlands is offering the NL Scholarship to international students from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) to pursue a bachelor's or master's degree in the Netherlands in the 2026–2027 academic year. This scholarship is funded by the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, together with several Dutch research universities and universities of applied sciences. For more information about the scholarship, please [click here](#)

Application Deadline: Deadlines vary by institution. Applicants are advised to verify the specific closing date on their chosen institution's website.

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7. TÜRKİYE: TÜRKİYE Government scholarship 2026-2027

This Scholarship is awarded to outstanding international students and researchers to pursue full-time or short-term programmes at leading universities in Türkiye. Open to applicants wishing to undertake associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees across a wide range of study fields.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr/>

Application Deadline: 20 February 2026

Exchange Programs

1. EUROPEAN UNION: Open Call for Knowledge Transfer Call 2026

The EU-funded project STREAMING (Sustainable Trade Regimes with Europe and Africa through Mapping Innovation, New-Technology and Growth-Mindset) supports knowledge exchange and digital learning in sustainable food systems, connecting researchers, practitioners, and innovators to improve food production, reduce waste, and enhance nutrition. STREAMING is offering 11 grants of €25,000 to fund digital training projects that strengthen sustainable food trade systems in Africa and Europe.

For more information, visit the [Open Call for Knowledge Transfer Website](#).

Application Deadline: 02 March 2026

2. GERMANY: German Academic Exchange Services

The German Academic Exchange Services (DAAD) has scheduled an information session on exchange and funding opportunities for the first quarter of 2026. These sessions are designed to support students and researchers at different stages of their academic journey, and we would appreciate your support in sharing these opportunities within your networks. Further details can be found on the website, and registration for these sessions can be completed via the link below:

<https://www.daad.org.za/en/about-us/online-info-sessions/upcoming-online-info-sessions/>

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Conferences

1. SOUTH AFRICA: International Education Association of South Africa (IEASA)

IEASA's 28th annual conference invites higher education leaders, internationalisation practitioners, academics, scholars and students to critically engage with the assumptions, priorities and power structures that have long shaped internationalisation globally. Framed through a distinctly Global South lens, the focus is on illuminating emerging trends, innovations and collaborations that originate from Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East spaces too often positioned as recipients rather than drivers of global knowledge.

IEASA invites academics, researchers, professionals, practitioners, educators, students, innovators, and leaders in international higher education to contribute to this conference. Contributions are invited for the following formats:

- Parallel Sessions: Interactive discussions and presentations
- Panel discussions: multi-voice dialogues offering diverse perspectives on a shared topic
- Case Studies: Institutional, national or regional examples illustrating effective emerging practices.
- Innovative or Interactive sessions: Creative formats that actively engage participants beyond traditional presentations.
- Poster Presentations: Visual displays of research, projects or innovative practices
- Workshops: Hands-on and in-depth explorations of topics.

**Application for deadline parallel, panel, case studies, innovative active and poster sessions:
13 March 2026**

Application Deadline Workshops: Friday, 13 March 2026

For more information about Internationalisation Initiatives, please contact:
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Important: Please note that various agencies offer study opportunities, not directly through TUT. However, the Internationalisation Office at TUT has verified the legitimacy of these opportunities and confirmed the agencies' credibility.

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