

# Canon Collins Scholarship for Economic Justice

(Masters of Commerce in Applied Development Economics, University of the Witwatersrand combined with an internship at the Institute for Economic Justice)



## Guidelines for Applicants

### General Information

Canon Collins Trust invites scholarship applications for Masters of Commerce in Applied Development Economics at the University of the Witwatersrand in 2022.

We offer funding towards your study, an opportunity to enhance your networks and leadership skills through organised events, and a 6-month paid internship at the [Institute of Economic Justice](#), a progressive economics think tank located in Johannesburg committed to building a more just economy.

Across all of our scholarships, our activist-scholars demonstrate their potential to drive change towards just and equitable civil societies. This new scholarship will begin to build a cohort of carefully selected economists, researchers, activists and other professionals with commitment to work towards advancing social justice, and promoting equitable economic development that realises socio-economic rights for all.

### Are you eligible?

Applicants must:

- be a resident national of South Africa, Namibia or Zimbabwe;
- be applying for a full-time Masters of Commerce in Applied Development Economics at the University of the Witwatersrand in 2022;
- hold an honours' level academic qualification with a minimum grade point average of 75%, or be in their final year of Honours study in the year of the application;
- demonstrate a commitment to apply their skills and qualifications to advancing social justice, and promoting equitable economic development that realises socio-economic rights for all;
- be available to undertake a 6 month paid internship at the Institute of Economic Justice immediately after completion of study.

Please apply **only** if you are eligible.

### Application Process

When applications open, the **online application form** can be accessed [here](#).

Comprehensive instructions are provided online to guide you through the application process. All sections of the form must be completed before submitting. Information can be saved and edited prior to submission.

The following supporting documentation must be uploaded with your application:

- Copy of degree certificates, if available
- Certified academic transcripts
- ID document (the following are acceptable: passport, birth certificate, driver's license)
- Two recent payslips, if currently employed

## Filling in the form

### **Please do**

1. Pay attention to the readability of your application (clear use of language, spelling, presentation)
2. Complete all sections
3. Attach all necessary documents
4. Submit your application on time

### **Please do not**

5. Repeat answers
6. Write in capital letters
7. Attach unnecessary documents

**Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

## References

We DO NOT ask you to attach references with your application. However, if you are shortlisted, we will ask you for two reference letters, which should be available quickly. Ideally, one reference should be from your current or most recent academic supervisor or lecturer, and one reference from an employer. If you have never been employed, we will accept a reference relating to voluntary work, or two academic references. References should relate to your suitability for this scholarship.

## Getting a place on your course

The awarding of the Canon Collins Scholarship is conditional on the following:

- Being accepted for the Masters of Commerce in Applied Development Economics course, at Wits, commencing in 2022.
- Applying and meeting the eligibility criteria for a Postgraduate Merit Award, offered by the University of the Witwatersrand.

## How many scholarships are available?

This scholarship is competitive and only one award will be made for the 2022 academic year.

## Selection Criteria

The following selection criteria are taken into consideration: academic merit, leadership potential, financial need and most importantly, commitment to strengthening economic justice in Southern Africa.

Applicants will be assessed on the basis of the information that they supply on their application form against the criteria outlined below:

### **1. Academic Record and References**

Applicants should hold an honours' level academic qualification with a minimum grade point average of 75%, or be in the final year of their Honours degree in the year of their application, and expected to graduate with an average of 75%. In exceptional circumstances, applicants with lower grades could be considered, providing that they demonstrate strong leadership potential and work experience relevant to their area of study.

### **2. Future impact**

All applicants need to articulate how the scholarship and their studies will enable them to advance economic justice, and promote equitable economic development that furthers socio-economic rights.

### **3. Work Experience**

We favour applications where there is a demonstrable continuity between an applicant's past study and career and their proposed course of study.

### **4. Leadership Competencies**

Canon Collins places a strong emphasis on the leadership potential of individuals. Applicants will be asked to demonstrate how they have developed their leadership skills in the workplace, academia or in their personal life. Priority will be given to those who can describe or give example(s) of how they have used their skills to formulate a shared vision or strategy, build strategic relationships and networks, support peers and mentor others, and/or deliver results.

### **5. Alignment with the Trust's priorities**

We will favour applicants who most clearly demonstrate that their proposed course and future plans align with the Trust's priorities.

## Timetable

We will open for applications on **Wednesday 30th June 2021**.

The deadline for applications is **at 15:00 BST on Mon, 9th August 2021**.

Late applications will not be considered.

## When will you hear from us?

All applicants will be notified by email in October 2021, so please make sure you provide an accurate email address. *Please do not email us to ask about the outcome of your application.*

There are 2 selection stages:

- (i) Successful stage one applicants will be shortlisted for an interview in October/November 2021.
- (ii) Final successful applicants will be informed by December 2021.

We look forward to receiving your application. Good luck!