



Canon Collins Canon Collins Scholarship in Education Journalism

Guidelines for Applicants

GENERAL INFORMATION

Canon Collins Trust invites applications from prospective Masters students, applying for a 1 year full-time course in the field of Journalism, Communications or Media Studies at any South African University; and from students already enrolled on 2 year programmes in this field.

We offer funding towards your Masters course, an opportunity to enhance your networks and strengthen your leadership skills through organised events, and a 12-month paid internship as an Education Reporter at Mail & Guardian.

This scholarship seek to support exceptional individuals who are committed to social justice in Southern Africa, and for whom a postgraduate qualification is an essential tool in strengthening their work as a media specialist to promote positive social change, particularly in the area of Education. Funding for these scholarships has been made possible through support received from the Sol Plaatje Educational Project (SPEP).

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

Applicants must be:

- be a South African national, normally residing in South Africa
- be in possession of a good Honours degree (minimum second class, upper division or equivalent) or about to graduate in the year of application
- be applying for a 1 year full-time Masters course in the field of Journalism, Communication or Media Studies at any South African university; or be already studying a 2 year course in this field
- be available to undertake a 12-month paid internship as an Education Reporter at the Mail and Guardian in 2023
- preference will be given to applicants that can demonstrate a commitment to education matters in South Africa through work experience, volunteerism or as an activist

Please apply only if you are eligible and meet ALL of the above criteria.

Application Process

When we are open for applications you will be able to access the **online application form** [\[here\]](#). You will find full instructions online when you start a new form.

All sections of the form need to be complete before the system will allow the application form to be submitted. Information can be saved and the application form edited until the applicant chooses to submit. All applicants are required to upload the following supporting documentation:

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

You may also need to submit:

- Proof of refugee status, if applicable
- Two recent payslips, if currently employed
- PhD proposal if applicable.

Filling in the form

Please remember that someone else will read your application. Therefore:

Please do

1. Pay attention to grammar and presentation
2. Complete all sections
3. Attach all necessary documents
4. Submit your application in a timely manner

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 to your application form. However, if you are shortlisted we will ask you for two references. You will need to be able to provide these quickly. Ideally, one reference should be from your current or most recent academic supervisor, and one reference from an employer. If you have never been employed, we will accept a reference from voluntary work, or two academic references. You should ask your referees to write a reference that relates to your suitability for this scholarship.

HOW MANY SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE?

There is one scholarship available for this opportunity.

SELECTION CRITERIA

In selecting scholars, the Trust will apply a number of criteria including academic merit, need and the potential to contribute to southern Africa's future prosperity. 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 be able to show good results from their completed years of study, or be able to demonstrate improvement. They should also have excellent references.

2. Work Experience

We favour applications where there is a demonstrable continuity between applicant's paid or voluntary work experience and their course of study.

3. Leadership Competencies

Applicants will be asked to demonstrate how they have developed their leadership skills in the workplace, academia or in their personal life.

4. Commitment to Country/Community

We will favour applicants who most clearly show a desire to be part of and to contribute to the future prosperity of southern Africa.

5. Application form

The application form matters. Applicants should:

- Demonstrate a good command of the English language
- Answer all of the questions properly and completely
- Complete the application and deliver all supporting documents in a timely manner

TIMETABLE

The deadline for applications is at **15:00 GMT** on **22nd September 2021**. Late applications will not be considered.

Please do not email us to ask about the outcome of your application. All notifications will be by email so please make sure you provide an accurate email address.

We will be interviewing shortlisted applicants in October/November. We will let you know the outcome of your application in November.

Good luck! We look forward to receiving your application.