

Equity and Merit Scholarships: Recognised institutions and minimum academic requirements

This document explains the academic qualifications you need to be considered for an Equity and Merit Scholarship. Please check the section for your country carefully before applying.

To meet the academic requirements, you must normally have completed a bachelor's degree from one of the recognised institutions listed for your country and achieved the minimum grade shown. Some countries have additional requirements, which are explained below.

Ethiopia

You must have completed a bachelor's degree of at least four years from one of the following recognised institutions:

- Addis Ababa University – including:
 - Addis Ababa Institute of Technology (pre-2023), now The College of Technology and Built Environment at Addis Ababa University
 - Institute of Advanced Science & Technology (IAST)
 - Institute of Peace and Security Studies (IPSS)
 - Institute of Geophysics Space Science & Astronomy (IGSSA)
 - Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER)
 - Institute of Water, Environment and Climate Research (IWECR)
 - Institute of Ethiopian Studies (IES)
 - Aklilu Lemma Institute of Health Research (ALIHR)
- Bahir Dar University– including:
 - Bahir Dar Institute of Technology
 - Institute of Biotechnology
 - Ethiopian Institute of Textile and Fashion Technology
 - Institute of Disaster Risk Management
 - Institute of Land Administration
- Haramaya University
- Hawassa University
- HilCoE School of Computer Science and Technology
- Jimma University
- Mekelle University – including:
 - Ethiopian Institute of Technology - Mekelle (EiT-M)
 - Mekelle Institute of Technology
 - Institute of Mind-set Education
 - Institute of Paleo-Environment and Heritage Conservation
 - Institute of Geo-Information and Earth Observation
 - Institute of Environment, Gender and Development Studies
 - Institute of Water and Environment
 - Institute of Climate Society
 - Institute of Pedagogical Sciences
 - Institute of Energy (IoE)
- Unity University
- University of Gondar

Additional requirements and minimum grades

- If your bachelor's degree is from a university that is not listed above, you must also hold a master's degree from one of the recognised institutions listed above.
- You must have achieved a minimum GPA of 3.2 out of 4 for both your bachelor's and master's degrees.

Malawi

You must have completed a bachelor's degree of at least four years from one of the following recognised institutions:

- Malawi University of Science and Technology
- Mzuzu University
- University of Malawi (4 constituent colleges)
 - University of Malawi (Chancellor College)
 - University of Malawi (The Polytechnic)
 - University of Malawi (College of Medicine)
 - University of Malawi (Kamuzu College)

Additional requirements and minimum grades

- If you do not meet the bachelor's degree requirements listed above, you must also hold a master's degree.
- You must have achieved at least 70% or a GPA of 3.0 for both your bachelor's and master's degrees.

Rwanda

You must have completed a bachelor's degree from one of the following recognised institutions:

- African Institute for Mathematical Sciences
- Carnegie Mellon University in Rwanda
- Kigali Institute of Education (KIE)
- Kigali Institute of Health (KIH)
- Kigali Institute of Management (KIM)
- Kigali Institute of Science and Technology (KIST)
- Mount Kenya University - Kigali Campus
- University of Rwanda (National University of Rwanda) (all colleges)

Minimum grade requirements

- You must have achieved at least 70% or B+.
- Equivalent accepted grades include a GPA of 4 out of 5.
- Equivalent accepted grades also include 16 out of 20.

Tanzania

You must have completed a bachelor's degree from one of the following recognised institutions:

- Aga Khan University
- Ardhi University (formerly University College of Lands and Architectural Studies, UDSM)
- Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology
- Kilimanjaro Christian Medical University College (constituent college of Tumaini University Makumira)
- Mbeya University of Science and Technology

- Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences
- Mzumbe University
- Open University of Tanzania
- Sokoine University of Agriculture
- The Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology
- The State University of Zanzibar
- The University of Dodoma
- University of Dar es Salaam

Minimum grade requirements

- You must have achieved an Upper Second-Class degree.
- Equivalent accepted grades include at least 70%.
- Equivalent accepted grades also include a GPA of 3.5 out of 5.

Uganda

You must have completed a bachelor's degree from one of the following recognised institutions:

- Busitema University
- Gulu University
- Kyambogo University
- Makerere University Business School
- Makerere University
- Mbarara University of Science and Technology
- Muni University
- Ndejje University
- Soroti University
- Uganda Management Institute

Minimum grade requirements

- You must have achieved an Upper Second-Class degree.
- Equivalent accepted grades include at least 70%.
- Equivalent accepted grades also include a GPA of 3.6 out of 5.

Zimbabwe

You must have completed a bachelor's degree from one of the following recognised institutions:

- Bindura University of Science Education
- Chinhoyi University of Technology
- Harare Institute of Technology
- Lupane State University
- Midlands State University
- National University of Science and Technology
- University of Zimbabwe
- Zimbabwe Open University

Minimum grade requirements

- You must have achieved an Upper Second-Class degree.
- Equivalent accepted grades include at least 65%.

English language requirements

Before you can be admitted to your chosen course, you must provide a valid and up-to-date English language qualification. We accept the tests listed below. We do not accept Duolingo.

Academic English entry requirements vary by course and can be found on individual [course profiles](#).

We cannot accept English language test scores that will be more than two years old at the start of your course.

We also do not accept a confirmation letter from your school or university that you have studied in English as evidence of your English language ability.

Recognised test	English language score guidance
IELTS Academic or IELTS UKVI	The required score depends on your chosen course. Many courses require 7.0 overall, with 6.5 in writing and no component below 6.5. Some courses may accept 6.5 overall, with no subtest below 6.0.
TOEFL iBT	The required score depends on your chosen course. Many courses require at least 100 overall, with no element below 22. Some courses may accept at least 90 overall, with no subtest below 20.
Pearson PTE Academic or Academic UKVI	The required score depends on your chosen course. Many courses require at least 76 overall, with no element below 70. Some courses may accept at least 70 overall, with no subtest below 65.