

THE MASTERCARD FOUNDATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM
at THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA • VANCOUVER CAMPUS
Graduate Application and Eligibility Form 2015-2016

PLEASE NOTE: This application is for MASTER'S applicants only.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION – January 6, 2015

The University of British Columbia (UBC) has partnered with The MasterCard Foundation to provide full scholarships to academically promising graduate students at the Master's level from Sub-Saharan Africa.

The vision of the program is to educate and develop bright yet economically marginalized young people in Africa who have demonstrated a "give-back" commitment and who seek to use their education to contribute to the transformation of the continent. Learn more about the MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program at: <http://mastercardfndscholars.org>.

The MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program is designed to provide students with holistic support, including:

- Comprehensive scholarships (school fees, living expenses, books, stipends, transportation);
- Academic curricula relevant to growth sectors in the Scholars' home countries;
- Mentoring and counseling, including academic and social support;
- Service and experiential learning (volunteerism, internships, social entrepreneurship); and
- Career counseling and connections to jobs in the Scholars' home countries.

To be eligible for consideration for The MasterCard Foundation Scholars Graduate Program at UBC, the applicant must:

1. have completed a Bachelor's degree or equivalent;
2. be a citizen of and have lived a significant part of their life in a Sub-Saharan African country;
3. present economically disadvantaged financial circumstances, and be able to show lack of financial means from family or other sources to pursue master's level education in their home country or elsewhere;
4. have achieved academic excellence under difficult circumstances;
5. show leadership qualities or potential;
6. demonstrate an interest in and commitment to giving back to their home community in ways that enhance the economic growth and social development of Africa, through engagement in activities in their current profession, university or community;

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7. be applying for a Master's degree in one of the following programs at UBC's Vancouver campus:

- **Sauder School of Business**
 - Full-Time Master of Business Administration MBA

- **Faculty of Forestry**
 - Master of Sustainable Forest Management (MSFM)
 - Master of Science (MSc)
 - Master of Applied Science (MASc)
 - Master of International Forestry (MIF)

- **Faculty of Land and Food Systems**
 - Master of Food and Resource Economics (MFRE)
 - Master of Food Science (MFS)
 - Master in Land and Water Systems (MLWS)

Please note that funds from the MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program at UBC cannot be applied to pursue programs at other academic institutions.

9. be a person who would require a study permit to study in Canada;

10. commit to returning to Africa after graduation from UBC in order to apply their training and skills to the betterment of others.

Please note that Convention refugees and students intending to become landed immigrants to Canada are not eligible for consideration for this award.

PART ONE: APPLICATION PROCESS TO FACULTY/UBC

1. Step One : Admissibility Submission

- a. Decide your Program(s) of Interest from the list above. Find your Graduate Program Coordinator from the list below:
 - i. Faculty of Forestry: Robin Poirier-Vasic, Forestry Graduate Admissions. Email: Robin.Poirier-Vasic@ubc.ca
 - ii. Faculty of LFS: Lia Maria Dragan, Graduate Programs. Email: -lfs.gradapp@ubc.ca.
 - iii. Sauder School of Business: Jamie Young, MBA Admissions. Email: Jamie.young@sauder.ubc.ca.

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- b. Email the Graduate Program Coordinator for your Program(s) of Interest. In the email, state that you will be applying for the MasterCard Foundation Scholarship. Attach to your email a scanned copy of your:
 - i. academic records/transcript and
 - ii. curriculum vitae.

- c. Your Graduate Program Coordinator will accept Admissibility Submissions between on October 20th, 2014 and continue until December 1st, 2014.

2. Step Two: Additional Tests

- a. If your Bachelor's degree was not taught in English, make arrangements to take an English Proficiency Exam (TOEFL or IELTS) and have the results sent to UBC.
- b. If you intend to apply for the MBA, arrange to take the GMAT exam and have the results sent to UBC.

Be sure to take these exams by mid-December for UBC to receive your scores on time.

3. Step Three: MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program Eligibility Package

Both the UBC and MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program Applications are due January 6th, 2015.

In order for the Selection Committee to determine your eligibility for this scholarship, you must demonstrate financial need, a commitment to give back and how your education will contribute towards the transformation of your country or region in Africa. You must:

- a. **Complete the MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program Eligibility Form** below. If submitting a hand-written Eligibility Form, ensure that the document is clearly legible.
- b. **Submit the Personal Statements** as listed at the end of the Eligibility Form.
- c. **Provide two references.** The same references can be provided for academic application. However, a strong preference will be given to references that can attest to your leadership skills, commitment to community services and why you are suited for this award. (These references are in addition to the ones you have already submitted for your academic references).
- d. **Submit the Eligibility Form, Personal Statements and two references.** Completed packages can be submitted by:

Email: complete and convert your eligibility documents to .pdf format and email them as attachments to mcfsp.admissions@ubc.ca, or

Courier:

MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program
6328 Memorial Road
The University of British Columbia
Vancouver, BC
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We strongly recommend you use email as this is faster and costs less. If you use a courier, please use an international courier service, as regular mail may take several weeks to reach Canada and UBC. Late or

incomplete packages cannot be accepted and UBC is not responsible for any packages not received by the deadline.

The deadline for the submission of the online Admission Application and completed MasterCard Foundation Scholarship Eligibility Package is **January 6, 2015**.

Results of the selection process will be made known by April 2015. Please note that the decisions of the MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program Selection Committee are final.

4. Step Four: UBC Graduate Program Application

- a. Apply Online: If your Admissibility Submission is approved, the Graduate Program Coordinator will provide you with instructions to submit an online application:
 - i. Faculty of Forestry applications are submitted through the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies at: <https://www.grad.ubc.ca/prospective-students/application-admission>
 - ii. Faculty of Land and Food Systems applications are submitted through the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies at: <https://www.grad.ubc.ca/prospective-students/application-admission>
 - iii. Full-Time MBA program applications are submitted through the Sauder School of Business on-line application at: http://www.sauder.ubc.ca/Programs/MBA/MBA_Full_Time
- b. Application Fees: Application fees may apply. However, check with your Graduate Program Coordinator to see if you are exempt from paying the application fee.
- c. Ensure that all required supporting documents and official test scores are submitted by January 6st, 2015. Each program sets its own criteria for admission.
- d. Only students admitted to UBC will be considered for the MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program scholarship. Contact your Graduate Program Coordinator if you have questions about your UBC application.

5. Step Five: Reviewing Process

- a. In March 2015, Faculties will nominate admitted candidates for the MasterCard Foundation Scholarship. A university-wide selection committee will review scholarship applications from all three Faculties, rank them and select award recipients.

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- b. In April 2015, the MCF Scholar award recipients will be contacted and soon thereafter an announcement of award recipients will be made.

For further questions and questions about the UBC MasterCard Foundation Scholarship, please email:
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PART TWO: MASTERCARD FOUNDATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY PACKAGE

SECTION 1: APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please provide your full legal name.

Family / Last Name _____ First / Given Name _____ Middle Names (if any) _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) _____ Citizenship _____

Gender: Male Female

Are you a citizen of Canada or Permanent Resident of Canada? Yes No

Mailing Address: _____
(For correspondence) _____ Street Address _____ City _____ Province/State _____

Postal/Zip Code _____ Country _____

Daytime Telephone (Include Country Code + City Code) : _____

Evening Telephone (Include Country Code + City Code): _____

Permanent Address (if different from above):

_____ Street Address _____ City _____ Province/State _____

Postal/Zip Code _____ Country _____

Email: _____

Can you access the Internet? If so, where and how often? _____

SECTION 2: PROGRAM OF STUDY AT UBC

Example:		
First Choice:	Land and Food Systems	MFRE
Second Choice:	Sauder School of Business	MBA

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First Choice: _____
 Faculty Master's Degree

Second Choice: _____ (optional)
 Faculty Master's Degree

Are you applying to any other MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program Universities? Yes No

If yes, please state university name(s) here:

SECTION 4: Applicant Education & Financial Background:

Please note that all monetary information should be provided in equivalency to Canadian dollars. To convert currencies visit www.xe.com/ucc.

4.1 Education and sources of funding

a. List all schools/universities attended/attending, school location (city/country), which grades/form completed.

Name of School/College/University	City / Country	Grade/Form/Year completed	Who paid school fees	Cost of Program per Year

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b. Did you ever stop attending or drop out of school or university because of finances?

Yes No If yes, please explain:

c. If still attending university and graduating this year or early next year please complete the following section.

i. What was the amount of your current university fees (inclusive of all top-up fees and levies and boarding fees) per year, in Canadian dollars?

ii. Are you on any bursary/scholarship: Yes No

iii. If yes, what is the amount of the bursary/scholarship in Canadian dollars?

4.2 Employment Information & Earnings

a. If you are employed or have been employed before, please list all forms of employment since degree completion, how long you have worked for that employer, and how much you earned per year in that position.

Title of your position	Name of company or organization	Dates of employment	Earnings per year (Canadian dollars)

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4.3 Family Financial Background and Information:

a. Parents' Education and Employment Background

Parent	Level of Education (None, Primary, Senior Secondary, Technical College or University)	Occupation (please be specific, even if self-employed)	Employer/Work place
Mother			
Father			

b. If parents are deceased, please state name, relationship to you and occupation and workplace of those who raised you (legal guardian) before you attended university.

Legal Guardian Name	Relationship to you	Occupation (please be specific, even if self-employed)	Length of time as guardian

c. Complete the table with information about each of your direct siblings for the current school year. Attach an additional page if needed.

	Sibling 1	2	3
Name and age			
Gender (M/F)			
In Primary or Secondary School/College/University? (Y/N)			

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School/College/University Name, City, Country			
Grade/Form/Level			
Annual School Fees (2013/14)			
Amount of Family Contribution			
Amount of Scholarship provided by the school/ college/ university			
Start and end dates for school term/ college/university (mm/yy to mm/yy)			

d. Do you live with your parents or by yourself?

e. Do you have any dependents or people you support? If yes, please specify the kind of support you are providing.

f. Do you or your parents own a house?

Yes No

If you or your parents own a plot of land, what is its acreage? _____

g. Do you or your parents own a car? Yes No

h. If yes, list the year, make (e.g., Honda, Toyota) and model (e.g., Civic, Prado) and year of each car.

Year	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model

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4.4 SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Indicate below the amount of support you expect to receive for a Master’s degree program toward your educational costs from all sources.

SOURCES OF SUPPORT	SUPPORT FOR Degree (CAD)
Personal savings and earning	\$
Family savings or earnings	\$
Family income from investments	\$
Sponsorship, loan or grant from government or agency	\$
Other (specify)	\$
Total sources of support	\$

SECTION 5: TRAVEL INFORMATION

a. Do you have a current/valid passport? Yes No

b. Have you ever traveled outside your home country? Yes No

If yes, please indicate when this was, where you traveled as well as the length and purpose of the trip and who paid for the trip.

Destination	When	Duration	Purpose	Who paid for the trip

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SECTION 6: PERSONAL STATEMENTS

The purpose of this section is to give the Awards Selection Committee a rounded picture of who you are as an individual and as a student. Questions in this section may be similar to questions in the online Application for Admission to UBC. You may use the same or similar answers or stories in both submissions, but you are encouraged to make use of the extra word count allowed here. Please answer questions on separate pages.

A commitment to returning to Africa and giving back by contributing to the transformation of the African continent are part of the vision of The MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program. The personal statements you are asked to give below will help the Awards Selection Committee learn more about you and your vision.

- a. Please tell us your story. Please write on a topic that is of importance to you and reflects who you are. (200-300 words)
- b. Describe a recent, meaningful involvement in your community, including what your role is/has been in the activity/ies. (200-300 words)
- c. Why are you interested in studying at UBC, and how do you see yourself participating in the UBC community? (200 – 300 words)
- d. How do you envision your chosen program of study at UBC helping you to reach your long-term career and personal goals? What drives you to achieve your goals? (200 – 300 words)
- e. Persistence is crucial to the completion of this program. Please describe a situation where you had to overcome a significant obstacle/ challenge(s) to reach a goal. How did you react to this challenge, and what did you learn from the situation? (200 - 300 words)
- f. What else should we know about your financial condition in order to consider you for this scholarship? (250 Words)
- g. What else should we know about you that would qualify you for this scholarship? (maximum 150 words)

SECTION 7: REFERENCES

Please provide two references that will attest to community service and volunteering abilities and leadership potential. These references may be in addition to the ones you submit for your UBC Graduate Program Application, but you must provide copies of the references when you submit your Eligibility Form.

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Upon completion of your Eligibility Package, please submit a scanned copy of your documents to mcf.admissions@ubc.ca. For any further questions about this program or the form, please contact: Jolanta Lekich, Program Director, MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program at: 604-827-4771.

SECTION 8: DECLARATIONS

I, _____ (Applicant's name) hereby declare that I am not able to pursue post-secondary studies at UBC or in my home country without receiving significant financial assistance. I further certify that the statements given by me in this form are complete and accurate. Documentation is included to support the financial claims.

Signature of Applicant

Date

DECLARATION

By signing this application, I certify that all of the information is true to the best of my knowledge. Further, I understand that this information and university records and employment/professional information may be reported to The MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program and its partner institutions, and be used for evaluation and other program purposes. I understand that the information may be stored both in Canada and the United States. I also understand that UBC and The MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program will keep all of my information in strict confidence and will not release it in any way that would permit individual identification. I authorize release and use of this information, as described above, to The MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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