



SADC Annual Scholarships

2022



Masters, Doctoral, Postdoctoral Studies or Research in social sciences



1. BACKGROUND

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) is a Regional Economic Community comprising 16 Member States, namely; Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

The SADC, as an institution, commemorated the 40th Anniversary of its journey from 1st April, 1980 when its forerunner, the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC) was officially established, in Lusaka, Zambia and later transformed to SADC on 17th August 1992 in Windhoek, Namibia. Since its inception, SADC has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the advancement of the regional integration agenda, specifically socio-economic development, peace, stability and security in the region.

From 1977, active consultations were undertaken by representatives of Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Eswatini, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia, working together as Frontline States. Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference (SADCC-precursor to SADC) was officially formed on 1 April, 1980 comprising all the majority ruled states of Southern Africa, Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Eswatini, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The Heads of States and Government of the Frontline States and representatives of the governments of Lesotho, Malawi, and Eswatini signed the Lusaka Declaration "Towards Economic Liberation" in Lusaka, Zambia and thus SADCC was born.

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

In 2019, the SADC Secretariat commissioned a Consultancy to enable the development and finalization of a Mechanism that designed to facilitate the recognition of and honour the Founders of SADC for their contribution to the establishment of SADC and subsequent pursuance of a solid regional integration agenda. The Mechanism in Honour of the Founders of SADC was approved by Summit in August 2020.

The aim of the Mechanism in honour of SADC Founders is to increase the level of SADC citizens' awareness on the history of the liberation of Southern Africa, cooperation and regional integration, as well as to recognize the contribution by Founders of SADC to the SADC. The SADC Founders include, Presidents Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, King Sobhuza II of Eswatini, Seretse Khama of Botswana, António Agostinho Neto of Angola, Robert Gabriel Mugabe of Zimbabwe, Samora Machel of Mozambique, Dr Kamuzu Banda of Malawi and King Moshoeshoe II of Lesotho. Consequently, the SADC Secretariat will award annual scholarships for the years 2022 and

2023 to full-time taught Masters, Doctoral, Postdoctoral Studies or Research to promote research on the roles played by the SADC Founders. The research scholarship is available to post-graduate researchers in any discipline (who hold a master's degree as a minimum) who are planning to pursue research or further studies at doctoral or post-doctoral level.

3. ELIGIBILITY:

All active tertiary school-going learners from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Member States are welcome to participate in the competition. SADC Secretariat Staff and their immediate families are not eligible to apply for these scholarships

4. HOST INSTITUTION (S):

One of the universities, institutes of technology or public teaching and research institutes in the SADC region.

5. LEVEL/FIELD OF STUDY:

Full-time taught Masters, Doctoral, Postdoctoral Studies or Research in social sciences which specifically address: **(a)** historical dimensions of development and peace in the SADC region since colonialism; **(b)** regional economic and political integration and **(c)** democracy.

6. TARGET GROUP:

Registered students from SADC Member States.

7. NUMBER OF AWARDS:

A total of five (5) annual scholarships will be offered up to a value of USD 20,000.00 each: Two (2) for Doctoral studies and three (3) for the Masters level research.

8. SCHOLARSHIP INCLUSIONS:

The scholarship covers a monthly living allowance of USD 1,000.00 to cover essential expenditure, tuition fees, health insurance, an economy class return airfare and housing allowance. The scholarship duration is 12–24 months (depending on the particular institution) for Masters and 36–48 months for PhD programmes.

The monthly living allowance will be paid to the students' official bank accounts. Upon being awarded the scholarships, the students will be given detailed information about the payment procedures of the scholarship. The first instalment of the scholarship can only be received after the completion of University enrolment and the submission of all the documents requested according to the necessary administrative procedures.

9. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

To be eligible for a SADC Scholarship you must:

- Be a citizen of a SADC Member State;
- Return to your country of citizenship after your scholarship has ended;
- Hold an appropriate undergraduate degree from a recognised university in a relevant field for a Master's programme;
- Hold a Masters Degree in a related subject that will enable you to gain entry onto a Doctoral and/or Postdoctoral programme at a university in the SADC region; and
- Provide the IELTS (Band 6) certificate or TOEFL (minimum score: 550 paper based, 213 computer based, 80 internet based) for courses in English for applicants from non-native English speaking countries.

10. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Applications for SADC scholarships can only be submitted through the SADC National Contact Points at Member States level:

<https://www.sadc.int/member-states/>

The deadline for applications is 30 April 2022.

Entries will be initially screened and judged by the Ministries of Education in all respective SADC Member States and consequently submit the top two (2) applications per each Member State to SADC Secretariat for adjudication at regional level and selection of the top five (5) overall winners.

Entry through adjudication by the three (3) selected SADC panelists/judges, and the decision of the Secretariat shall be final. Entries from lecturers/tutors and employees of tertiary schools will not be accepted, and shall not be entered for adjudication.

The applicants should submit their formal application which should include the following:

Admission Requirements for Masters Programmes:

- Maximum age of 30 years for male and 35 years for female applicants;
- Undergraduate degree from a recognized university in a relevant field;
- Certified copies of academic certificates and transcripts;
- Certified copies of Passport or National I.D. card indicating citizenship;

- Recent colored passport-size photograph;
- Detailed CV with names and contacts of three referees;
- Copy of admission letter from a recognized University in the SADC region;
- Two (2) Reference Letters with contact details; and
- An essay of not more than 500 words that explains why the candidate has chosen his/her particular field of study and its importance to the memories of the SADC Founders.

Admission Requirements for Doctoral Programmes:

- Maximum age of 35 years for male and 40 years for female applicants;
- A Master's degree from a recognized university in a relevant field;
- Certified copies of academic certificates and transcripts;
- Certified copies of Passport or National I.D. card indicating citizenship;
- Recent colored passport-size photograph;
- Detailed CV with names and contacts of three referees;
- Copy of admission letter from a recognized University in the SADC region;
- Two (2) Reference Letters with contact details; and
- An essay of not more than 500 words that explains why the candidate has chosen his/her particular field of study and its importance to the memories of the SADC Founders.

The Secretariat reserves the right not to award any scholarship if the entries do not satisfactorily meet the competition requirements.

11. CONTACT

Enquiries can be directed to: prinfo@sadc.int

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SADC ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS ENTRY FORM

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PART I

A. PARTICULARS OF PARTICIPANT (to be completed in block / capital letters)

1. Full name: _____

Surname: _____

Other / First: _____

2. Residential Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

3. Business / Employer's Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

4. Nationality: _____

Date and Place of Birth: _____

Passport No: _____

Date and Place of Issue: _____

Date of Expiry: _____

Member States:

Angola	Lesotho	Malawi	Namibia	Eswatini
Botswana	Madagascar	Mauritius	Seychelles	United Republic of Tanzania
Comoros		Mozambique	South Africa	Zambia
Democratic Republic of Congo				Zimbabwe