



## 5 key facts about Chevening

1. Chevening is the UK Government's international scholarship and fellowship programme aimed at developing global leaders. It began in 1983 and has over **57,000 alumni**, including 20 heads of state.
2. Chevening Awards are funded by the **Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)**, partner organisations, and partner universities (not the British Council).
3. There are two types of award – Chevening **Scholarships** and Chevening **Fellowships**. Chevening Scholarships provide fully-funded scholarships to study one-year taught master's degrees at any UK university. Chevening Fellowships offer dynamic training, professional development, or other opportunities for mid-career professionals.
4. Chevening Awards are available to individuals from over **160** different countries and territories.
5. It is a condition of the award that the recipient returns home **for a minimum of two years** following the award.

## Frequently asked questions

The following frequently asked questions are aimed at supporting you in assisting applicants. Further information can be found on our website.

***For any question that you feel unable to answer, please direct the individual to our website [www.chevening.org/contact-us](http://www.chevening.org/contact-us).***

Q: When and how do I apply?

A: Applications will open for all scholarships on 6 August at 12:00 BST. All applications must be completed online through the Chevening website ([www.chevening.org/apply](http://www.chevening.org/apply)) by 5 November at 12:00 GMT.

Q: I'm having problems completing my application online. Who can I contact for help throughout the process?

A: All enquiries should be sent via the website [www.chevening.org/contact-us](http://www.chevening.org/contact-us).

Q: How are applications assessed?

A: All eligible applications are assessed and scored by independent expert panels, which review all applications using the same criteria. Applications that score over the threshold form the longlist, which is sent to each British embassy/high commission. From this longlist, the embassy/high commission selects the individuals to be interviewed.

Q: How should I prepare for a Chevening interview?

A: Think about your career goals and how a Chevening Scholarship can help you to achieve them. The panellists want to see that you can demonstrate influencing, networking, and leadership skills. They also want to see your passion and determination for creating positive change in your home countries. The interview is your opportunity to give examples and clear evidence to prove what makes you an ideal candidate, so don't be modest! You can find more interview tips on our website.

Q: What else does Chevening offer to scholars while they're in the UK?

Chevening organises a range of in person and online events throughout the year that scholars can be a part of. In recent years these have included lectures and conferences at universities, events with diplomatic staff at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, volunteering opportunities, leadership workshops, and regional visits exploring the UK.

Q: What benefits are there for alumni?

Scholars join a prestigious group of like-minded, successful people which will help build personal and professional networks. Chevening facilitates alumni networking online through various digital platforms, as well as face to face in home countries through the Chevening Officer at the local British embassy/high commission.

Additional benefits include access to funding for alumni projects, over 100 alumni groups or associations worldwide, and in many cases, the opportunity to engage with the British embassy/high commission on key bilateral topics.

Q: Why do scholars have to return home for two years after the award?

In returning home, the individual is able to give back to their home country using the acquired skills and expertise gained whilst on award. The recipient will also be able to connect and develop a lasting relationship with staff at the local British embassy/high commission.