



Best funding opportunities of the week!

CHRIST IS BORN - MERRY CHRISTMAS GUYS

(1) For students

Let's start with the thought for the month!

10 Funding opportunity for African students - Ferguson Scholarships

This month we want to invite our students to stop a minute and in the silence of their hearts reflect on a subject that has puzzled some of the brightest minds of this world for decades: *What drives people to excel?*



Deadline: 22 March 2013

Funding Source: SOAS, University of London

Academic Year: 2013/2014

Host Country:

The UK

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Nelson & Winnie Mandela

What drives simple, ordinary people to wake up one morning and say to themselves, "That's it—this situation can't continue. Something has got to be done, and I am GOING for it"

Up to 10 Funding opportunity for Nigerian students - the third annual SPDC Niger Delta Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme for applicants from Rivers, Delta and Bayelsa States.



Deadline: February 15, 2013

Funding Source: The Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited (SPDC)

Academic Year: 2013/2014

Host Country: The UK

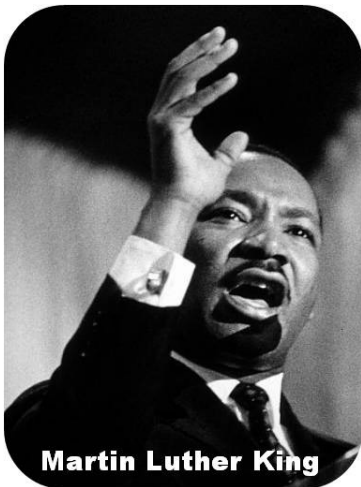
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What drives simple, everyday people to cross that line that will change lives forever?

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What drives simple, ordinary people to choose the wellbeing of a population/ a nation over all sorts of selfish plans/desires?



What drives simple, everyday people to sacrifice themselves and stand for what's right no matter what?

What drives ordinary people to overlook their humble background/obvious limitations and low social standing, and, against all odds, go for and reach the top?



What drives perfect strangers to sacrifice their time, money and energy to reach out to others in difficulties?

What drives people to travel vast distances to lend a hand to others?

for students of developing countries - Edinburgh Global Research Scholarship



Deadline: 1 February 2013

Funding Source: The University of Edinburgh

Academic Year: 2013/2014

Host

Country: The UK

Degee: PhD

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6 Funding opportunity for students of developing countries - Edinburgh Global Online Distance Learning Master's Scholarship



Deadline: 31 May 2013

Funding Source: The University of Edinburgh

Academic Year: 2013/2014

Host

Country: The UK

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40 Funding opportunity for students of developing countries - Edinburgh Global Master's Scholarship



Deadline: 1 April 2013.

Funding Source: The University of Edinburgh

Academic Year: 2013/2014

Host Country:

The UK

Degree: Masters

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Chevening Scholarships – MA Media and International Development



Deadline: 20 January 2013.

You ask me, the answer is simple and contained in a single word: PASSION. It doesn't take more than that.

What's passion in this sense?

- *If you love football you will like this analogy: a passion is what is born when you realize that (1) the future of this world, especially that of your own country, is being played out as we speak and is comparable to a huge ongoing football game opposing all the nations of the world, and that (2), believe it or not YOU, yes little you are a key player - we all are accountable. Developing a nation is NOT the responsibility of some. We all are ambassadors of our populations.*



- *PASSION, a real one, is that thing that gives you WINGS. Passion is what turns you away from yourself and towards others.*
- *Passion is something that can propel you personally to the top: passion is that thing that can change your destiny from ordinary to extraordinary*
- *Imagine yourself in darkest dark forest, passion would be that distant light you are trying to reach, a light you are so captivated by that you pay little attention to obstacles in your way, obstacles you will easily overcome because at the time they do not even seem like obstacles.*

No one comes to this world with a passion written in his/her DNA; a passion is simply something some of us will develop at a certain point of our lives. Do you have a passion? If you don't, trust me on this you, must find one. A



Funding Source:

The Commonwealth

Academic Year:

2013/2014

Host Country:

The UK

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World Council of Churches



Deadline: April 2013

Funding Source:

[World Council of Churches](#)

Academic Year:

2013/2014

Host Country:

Outside of the country of residence

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Funding opportunity for African students - Lord Walston Scholarship



Deadline: Deadline for applications: 15 March 2013.

Funding Source: University of East Anglia

Academic Year: 2013/2014

Host Country: The UK

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Opportunity for Developing Countries - 2013 Ioma Evans-Pritchard/Commonwealth Scholarships



Deadline: 18 January 2013

Funding Source: University of Oxford

Academic Year: 2013/2014

Host

passion is something that can be developed if you are serious. Of the hundreds of issues that have plagued this continent of ours for decades, is there any that sparks your interest? Is there any area that sparks your interest?

- 90% of all malaria deaths in the world occur in Sub-Africa; more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the HIV-AIDS burden in the world rests solely on the shoulders of sub-Saharan Africa
- Less than 50% of Africa's population has access to hospitals or doctors
- The average life expectancy in Africa is 41 years
- 852 million people are still chronically or acutely malnourished
- 315 million people - one out of two people in Sub Saharan Africa survive on less than one dollar per day
- Around 20,000 people perish each day due to extreme poverty
- During the 1990's the average income per capita decreased in 20 African countries
- Less than one person out of five has electricity
- One in six children dies before the age of 5. This number is 25 times higher in sub-Saharan Africa than in the OECD countries

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This world belongs to passionate people; passionate people are individuals who care about others, self-proclaimed ambassadors of the poor/weak/exploited; they are simple individuals with a purpose in this life. When you meet one, it shows. ***Passionate people/students are what governments/NGOs that spend billions of dollar creating scholarships for developing nations every year are after.***

Skills that our education earned us are valuable tools that can help us make our mark in a specific area. ***What we often overlook is that caring about others does not only preserve us from a me-myself-and-I centered life, but it can be the very thing that propels us personally to the top, changing our destiny from ordinary to extraordinary.***

What is your purpose on this earth? *Managing to feed a family one day is what the average student has in mind and—don't get me wrong—there is absolutely nothing wrong with that; we all have to someday. What we fail to see, though, is that this limited mindset actually is a trap! Was that the*



Country: The UK

Degree: MSc African Studies

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Funding opportunity for students of developing countries in the UK- Harry Worthington Scholarships



Deadline: 1st February 2013

Funding Source: University of Sheffield

Academic Year: 2013/2014

Host Country:

The UK

Degree Targeted: PhD

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Funding opportunity for students of developing countries - Sheffield Hallam University International Achievement scholarship



Deadline: Scholarship applications for taught courses starting in January 2013 applications must be submitted by 30 November 2012.

Funding

Source: Sheffield Hallam University

Academic Year: 2013/2014

Host Country: The UK

Degree Targeted: undergrad

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Funding opportunity for students of developing countries - Honjo International Scholarship Foundation

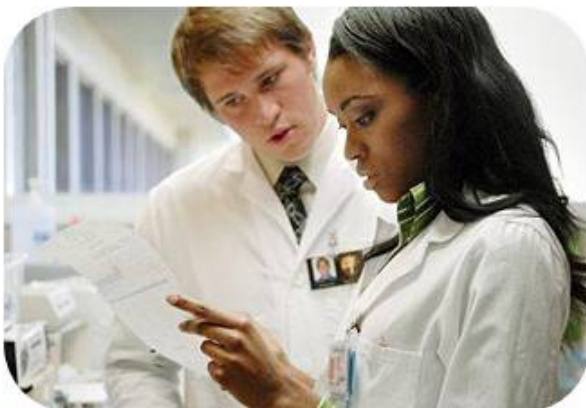


mindset of Mandela? **No**. Did he succeed in feeding his family? **YES**—but he also changed the face of a nation and the world for ever. This joins what we mentioned in our newsletter last week: *set your goals high*.

The sky is the limit. Who will you be 7-15 years from now?

AFRICA is loaded with problems; she has have been for decades and today is in great NEED OF WARRIORS—people of principle who in this age of ours will stand up for our people.

As a student, a passion is what gets you to stop fooling around and get serious.



Wherever life has led you or will lead you tomorrow, remember your roots; whatever your line of work is (business, sciences, politics...), remember that you ARE an “ambassador” of the suffering; **“you are AFRICA”**. People that today are center stage around the world are not extraterrestrial creatures—they were once simple people like you, simple people with the ambition to take advantage of any opportunity given to them to make this world a better place.

Go forth and stand for our own—**“you are AFRICA”**!

Don't be afraid to take initiative. For your own good seek to be involved in issues that concern us all. **Issues that have plagued Africa for decades will still be around for decades unless every single one of us takes them at heart -**



Where there is a will, a real one, there is a way. No one said it will be easy—on the contrary, Mandela, for instance, nearly died in prison and suffered all sorts of public and private torments, but

Deadline: November 30, 2012

Funding Source: Government of Japan

Academic Year: 2013/2014

Host Country: Japan

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(2) For African Research Professionals

Funding for mid-career professionals from eligible developing countries - The World Bank



Deadline: The scholarship scheme is not open for applications until January 2013. For further details, please see the [World Bank website](#).

Funding Source: The World Bank

Academic Year: 2013/2014

Host Country: The UK

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African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) - September 2013



Deadline: September 2013 (annual)

Funding Source: African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD)

Academic Year: 2014/2015

Host Country: African nations

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The Weidenfeld Scholarships and



Nelson & Winnie Mandela

he changed the face of the world, will be remembered for generations and most

importantly changed the life of millions.

Don't ever expect anything—and I mean anything—to be easy, for the minute it turns out it isn't (as it does in 99% of cases – this is earth, not heaven) you will do the one thing that will shut future doors to you: give up.

Joblessness after Graduation Series- Tips to reduce chances of this happening to you.

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Truth being said, there are thousands of African students heading towards joblessness after graduation as we speak - The good news is, in most cases, something can still be done - Providing advice is the aim of our "joblessness after graduation series".



It is truly sad to see how students from one corner of Africa to the next are passing sleepless nights, spending so much money on tuition, books, and other scholarly necessities, only to find themselves jobless after years of effort.

This can happen to anybody.

Is there something you can do to keep this from happening to you? Yes, definitely. What you need

to understand is that "*Success begins with getting ourselves on the right path. Failure often occurs, not from a lack of effort, but merely from starting off on the wrong path.*" As stated in previous editions, many students have a more than 50% greater chances of succeeding than others, not because, they are the brightest but simply because, knowingly or unknowingly, they chose a field of studies with tremendous opportunities when it comes to the job market.

It is crucial that every student has a career/professional plan—a must-have simple document that you can prepare on your own or with the help of a career adviser and that can save you from life-long miseries (We stressed the importance of this document in several of our previous newsletters).

Leadership Programme



Deadline: January 6/January 20

Funding Source: The University of Oxford

Academic Year: Annual (but double check with them)

Host Country: The UK

Degree Targeted: MS/PhD

Australian Leadership Awards Scholarships



Deadline: 14-December (Masters)

Awards)/31-March (PhDs)

Source: The Australian government

Academic year: 2013-2014 (launched every year)

Pays: Australia

Training: Masters and PhD

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Global health research training opportunity for students and postdocs of developing nations - Global Health Equity Scholars Fellowship 2013-2014



Deadline: December 14th

Source: Fogarty International Center

Academic year: 2013-2014 Annual (double check with them)

Starting in our first newsletter edition of the year 2013, we will cover one of the key components of a professional plan: 'targeted career/position'. So, field by field, starting with the fields of law and criminal justice, we will be presenting career openings.

This series will be opened by an interview from one of our most talented volunteers from Nigeria—Ms. Fisayo Aransiola, conducted in collaboration with Steps to Life (Mr. Fela Bright).

So, it is with great excitement that we announce our first edition for the year 2013—the bulk of the newsletter will be given over to the Chief Judge of Kwara State (Nigeria), who will address students from across Africa on the topic of law studies in Africa.

Country: Several nations

Diploma/training: Global health research training

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- Chief Judge of Kwara State (Nigeria)

Study Abroad - Tipsssssssssss



GREAT UP-COMING NEWS: Our study abroad section will soon go live!!!

Every year, thousands of African students set sail for the West. What many do not know is that the mere transit



from a poor nation to one
packed with all sorts of
opportunities cannot, in

itself, guarantee a better future - No, nothing could be further from the truth. Streets of rich nations are full of African students who, even there, are without any prospects. This translates into m/billions of dollars of scholarship/personal money wasted.

We are all after success, and a chance to go abroad for studies can increase your chances of career success tremendously, but this is providing that you have put a lot of serious thought into preparing for your departure. Those nations are filled with opportunities, but you still need to know how to (1) identify them and (2) take advantage of them. Experience has shown that in the usual rush and exhilaration of going abroad, *an overwhelming number of students will arrive in those nations totally unprepared.* That's a mistake that costs millions to families / sponsors each year because many students will get off empty-handed - Going abroad is a big investment!

Our studies abroad section is meant to address these issues.

What is H.A.S.?

H.A.S. is an NGO based in the USA. It was created to partner with African students in their daily struggles toward a better education.

Sending out newsletters such as this one, which are loaded with info regarding scholarship offers around the world, is just one of the many ways through which H.A.S. interacts with students on the continent of Africa.

Best Regards and God Bless





*At H.A.S. we believe that African Students ('Universities')
hold the key to a brighter future for Africa*