

# African Student News!

## The thought for the month!

A dear friend recently shared this with me: "*Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Watch your words, for they become actions. Watch your actions, for they become habits. Watch your habits, for they become character. Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.*"

**You know what this means?** Many people fail in life not because of the serious drawbacks you and I know (poverty, social/political injustice ...) but rather from a perpetual sense of discouragement.



**Experts agree: What goes on in your mind WILL drive your destiny!**

Set your goals high, do your very best each day, and be on the outlook for opportunities to make your current training as relevant as possible and opportunities to go abroad - though you are surrounded by all sorts of difficulties, always remember this: **things have been this way for decades, yet African students from humble beginnings such as yours have made it far.**

You would not believe the number of current world leaders who were once underprivileged students just like you and I - Back then, they were simple people with big ambitions! So remember to never give up; they made it and so can you.

*None said it was going to be easy (always remember that) - but perseverance is key.*

**You can do it! Try and try again.**

## Scholarship application - this month's



## Best funding opportunities of the week!

### For students

## The Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) Overseas Scholarship Scheme



**Deadline:** Not yet specified for the 2013/2014 academic year. Note that the deadline for the previous academic year was October 31, 2011

**Funding Source:** The Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF)

**Academic Year:** 2013/2014

**Host Country:** Nigeria

**Degree Targeted:** Bachelor, Master, PhD

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## MSI Chemical and Process Engineering PhD Scholarship



**Deadline:** July 15, 2012

**Funding Source:** The MSI's TechNZ

## tips - Patience!

**Patience is the tip of this month.** As a student, it is important that you realize that a lot of patience and perseverance is required when one is looking for funding/scholarships.

I can't count the number of times I came across a student completely discouraged because s/he has applied to scholarships once or twice and it didn't work.

A student recently told me he tried several times before landing a scholarship. There are surely some lucky ones who have succeeded on their first attempt and were granted the first scholarship they ever applied for.

However, a large majority of those who go abroad through a scholarship have been trying for a long time, often years. The reason is simple; as the old saying goes: 'practice makes perfect'.

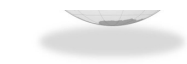
Applying for scholarships is one of those things African students should be doing continuously while going about their normal duties (i.e., taking classes). That way you have nothing to lose. You are moving forward in your education while having 1-2 scholarships you have applied for "cooking" in the background.

The minute one does not work apply for another - At any given time you need to have something going on in the background. The more you do this, the higher your chances of finally getting the scholarship. Why? Because as time goes by you become better and better at applying.

**Resources are available on our website to help you shorten the learning curve.**

More Tips in our next edition

## Joblessness after Graduation



Capability fund in conjunction with Wallace Corporation

Ltd, Morrinsville

**Academic Year:** 2012/2013

**Host Country:** New Zealand

**Degree Targeted:** PhD

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## Hilary Jolly Memorial Scholarship



**Deadline:** The due date for applications is 1 February in the year of tenure.

**Funding Source:** University of Waikato

**Academic Year:** 2013/2014

**Host Country:** New Zealand

**Degree Targeted:** Master, PhD

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## Energy Education Trust Undergraduate and Honours Scholarship



**Deadline:** 31/03/2013 and 31/03/2014

**Funding Source:** The Energy Education Trust of New Zealand

**Academic Year:** 2013/2014 and 2014/2015

**Host Country:** New- Zealand

**Degree Targeted:** Bachelor, Honours

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## University of Waikato International Doctoral Scholarship



**Deadline:** 31 March and 30 September (annually)

**Funding Source:** University of

**You can significantly reduce the probability of finding yourself unemployed tomorrow.**

### HOW?

Very simple: a **purpose-driven education** is ALL YOU NEED to drastically reduce the probability that after years of painstaking education and sacrifice you won't find yourself unemployed. It is crucial to get an education BUT we need to do this with a clearly defined purpose in mind.

**Though a degree IS the endpoint of any education, obtaining a degree should NOT be the purpose of getting an education. Unfortunately,** this is a trap people have fallen into for ages, not only in Africa but in countries around the world as well. **Unfortunately** for our youth, a faulty thought process has been passed on for generations and has resulted in the chaos faced by a variety of nations today: the minute one gets a high school diploma the sail is set for a bachelor's, then a master's, then a doctorate. Few are those who, before getting themselves involved in the long process that is education, develop a clear purpose.

**For current freshman, BS, and MS students, and to a certain extent PhD students, IT IS NOT TOO LATE. All you have to do to reduce the probability of finding yourself struggling down the road is simply to make some critical changes today**

The purpose of getting an education should be to earn some specific skills to impart desperately needed changes in a specific sector of activity. Students need to identify the sector of activity and the specific changes they want to dedicate their life towards implementing.

More in our next edition



## Study Abroad - News and Tips for African Students

(1) Good to know:

Do you know that

Waikato

**Academic Year:** 2012/2013

**Host Country:** New-Zealand

**Degree Targeted:** PhD

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## University of Canterbury International Doctoral Scholarship



**Deadline:** 15 Oct 2012

**Funding Source:** University of Canterbury

**Academic Year:** 2012

**Host Country:** New-Zealand

**Degree Targeted:** PhD

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## For African Researchers/Post-docs

## TWAS-NCP Fellowships for Visiting Scholars in Pakistan



**Deadline:** September 15

**Funding Source:** TWAS and the National Centre for Physics (NCP)

**Fellowship Year:**

2012

**Host Country:** Pakistan

**Target:** Advanced Research Fellowship

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## TWAS-USM Fellowships for Visiting Scholars in Malaysia



**Deadline:** September 15

**Funding Source:** TWAS and the Universiti Sains



there are universities abroad that have a particular interest in students from developing countries?

Indeed there are universities which every year spend millions of dollars/euro creating scholarships for students from poor nations.

Let us introduce you to a couple of them:

## (2) Ghent University - Belgium

Each years offers more than a hundred scholarships for students from poor countries

By offering scholarships to students across Africa every year, this university does a lot to help the ongoing fight against poverty in Africa.

Scholarship For Candidates From Developing Countries Include:

- [Training programmes](#)
- [Master programmes](#)
- [PhD grants](#)
- [Research Back packs](#)
- [Post doctoral grants](#)
- [Other funding agencies](#)

## (2) The Groningen University - Netherlands

There are short lists of funding opportunities for which students/young professionals from developing nations qualify.

For more information

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**An interesting post made by a young Kenyan African activist on our facebook page**

**RIO+20: YOUTH TURN TO GREEN JOBS AS AN ANSWER TO UNEMPLOYMENT**

[Diphus Kipro Ng'eny](#)

With over half the world population under 25 years of age and the global economic crisis still ongoing, the creation of jobs that provide decent incomes, help reduce the impact of economic activities on the environment, and offer adequate working conditions is a main priority for young people

**Malaysia (USM)**

**Fellowship Year:**

**2012**

**Host Country: Malaysia**

**Target: Advanced Research Fellowship**

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## **TWAS-icipe Fellowships for Visiting Scholars in Kenya**



**Deadline:**  
**September 15**

**Funding Source:**  
**TWAS and International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (icipe)**

**Fellowship Year: 2012**

**Host Country: Kenya**

**Target: Fellowship for visiting scholars**

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## **TWAS-BIOTEC Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme**



**Deadline:**  
**September 15**

**Funding Source:**  
**TWAS and the National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology**

**(BIOTEC)**

**Fellowship Year: 2012**

**Host Country: Thailand**

**Degree Targeted: Post-doc**

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## **TWAS-NCP Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme**



**Deadline:**  
**September 15**

**Funding Source:**  
**TWAS and the National Centre**

participating at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20).

"Many young people are finding it very difficult to integrate into the economy, but there are opportunities and things are being done," said the Director of Job Creation and Enterprise Development Department at the International Labour Organization (ILO), Peter Poschen, at a side event organized by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) yesterday in Rio de Janeiro.

"Finding new ways of thinking about development and how it can create jobs is important to ensure that in the long-term young people have access to a better future."

During the event, representatives from governments, UN officials and young people discussed the situation that the latter face today and what needs to be done so they can have access to jobs that offer adequate social protection and that are not at odds with the environment.

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**for Physics (NCP)**

**Fellowship Year:**

**2012**

**Host Country: Pakistan**

**Degree Targeted: Post-doc**

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## **TWAS-ICCBS Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme**



**Deadline: June 30  
(annually)**

**Funding Source:  
TWAS and the  
International  
Centre for  
Chemical  
and  
Biological**

**Sciences (ICCBS)**

**Fellowship Year: 2012**

**Host Country: Pakistan**

**Degree Targeted: Post-doc**

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## **What is H.A.S.?**

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*