

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

IN ONE EASY CALENDAR
2026-27



NEVER MISS A
SCHOLARSHIP
WINDOW AGAIN



The #1 Mistake Indian Students Make With Scholarships

They apply for university admission first, then look for scholarships. That is the wrong order. Almost every major government and university scholarship closes **weeks or months before** the general admission deadline.

SCHOLARSHIP CALENDAR 2026-27

Every Major
Scholarship. Every
Deadline. One Place.



For Indian Students
Planning Their Study
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**Book a Free
Counselling Session**
because the
scholarship deadline
always comes before
you expect it.

By the time your offer letter arrives, the scholarship window is already shut.

This calendar fixes that problem. It maps every major scholarship deadline against the intake it serves, so you know exactly when to act, and what to prepare.

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HOW TO USE THIS CALENDAR

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1 STEP 1

Identify your target country and intake from the tables below.

2 STEP 2

Find the scholarship deadline for that intake.

3 STEP 3

Count backwards from that deadline; allow 6–8 weeks to write your scholarship essay, gather recommendation letters, and prepare supporting documents.

4 STEP 4

Book a counselling session with GradStarGlobal to review your scholarship application before submission.

5 STEP 5

Apply for university admission simultaneously, do not wait for one before the other.

GradStar Rule of Thumb:

If the scholarship deadline is in April, you should have your IELTS score, academic transcripts, and SOP draft ready by February at the latest.

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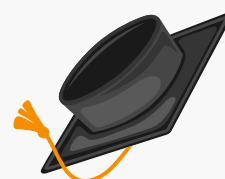
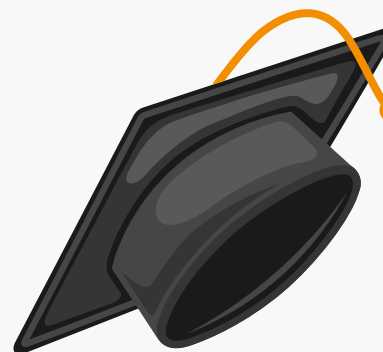
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MASTER TABLE

Scholarship	Country	Intake	Award Value	Application Opens	Deadline	Fully Funded?
Australia Awards (AAS)	Australia	Feb 2027	Full tuition + living	Feb 2026	Jun-Jul 2026	Yes
Destination Australia	Australia	Feb / Jul	AUD 15,000/year	Jan 2026	Apr 2026	Partial
University of Melbourne Scholarship	Australia	Feb 2027	AUD 10K-30K	With application	Nov-Dec 2026	Partial
Chevening Scholarship	UK	Sep 2027	Full tuition + living	Aug 2026	Nov 4, 2026	Yes
GREAT Scholarship	UK	Sep 2026	GBP 10,000	Jan 2026	Mar-Apr 2026	Partial
Commonwealth Scholarship	UK	Sep 2026	Full tuition + living	Oct 2025	Dec 2025	Yes
DAAD Scholarship	Germany	Oct 2026	€850-1,200/month	Jun 2025	Oct-Nov 2025	Yes
Deutschlandstipendium	Germany	Oct 2026	€300/month	Mar-Jun 2026	Jun 2026	Partial
Heinrich Böll Foundation	Germany	Oct 2026	Full funding	Jan 2026	Mar 1, 2026	Yes
Finnish Govt Scholarship Pool	Finland	Sep 2026	€1,500 (one-off)	Nov 2025	Jan 2026	Partial

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University of Helsinki Grant	Finland	Sep 2026	50-100% tuition	Jan 2026	Jan 16, 2026	Partial
LUT University Scholarship	Finland	Sep 2026	50-100% tuition	Nov 2025	Mar 2026	Partial
NZ Excellence Awards	New Zealand	Feb 2027	NZD 10,000	Aug 2026	Oct-Nov 2026	Partial
NZ Commonwealth Scholarship	New Zealand	Feb 2027	Full funding	Jul 2026	Sep 2026	Yes
Otago International Excellence	New Zealand	Feb 2027	NZD 5K-10K	With application	Nov 2026	Partial
CSC Govt Scholarship	China	Sep 2026	Full tuition + living	Nov 2025	Apr 30, 2026	Yes
Shanghai Govt Scholarship	China	Sep 2026	Full / Partial	Jan 2026	Mar-May 2026	Can be both
Beijing Govt Scholarship	China	Sep 2026	Full / Partial	Jan 2026	Mar-May 2026	Can be both
University Merit Scholarships (China)	China	Sep / Mar	Varies (10-100%)	With application	Rolling	Partial

YOUR 2026–27 SCHOLARSHIP

ACTION CALENDAR

Follow this timeline based on your target intake. Months marked ● are critical action points; do not let them pass without moving.

JUNE 2026

● **Australia Awards (AAS) deadline approaching, submit by July**

- Finalise your SOP and community impact statement for AAS
- Check the GREAT Scholarship availability for the UK in September 2027
- Begin Chevening eligibility self-assessment (opens August)
- Confirm CSC scholarship result if applied for China Sep 2026

JULY 2026

● **Australia Awards final deadline**

● **NZ Commonwealth Scholarship opens**

- Lock in IELTS score for UK January 2027 applications
- Begin shortlisting Australian universities for February 2027
- Start preparing SOP for UK September 2027 Chevening

AUGUST 2026

● **Chevening Scholarship opens (UK Sep 2027)**

- Apply for the NZ Commonwealth Scholarship
- Submit Australian university applications for February 2027 (early round)
- Book an IELTS retake if needed before October

SEPTEMBER 2026

● **NZ Commonwealth Scholarship deadline**

- Track NZ Excellence Awards opening (October)
- Finalise documents for Australia February 2027 applications
- Begin Finland January 2027 intake research

OCTOBER 2026

● **NZ Excellence Awards opens**

● **Otago International Excellence deadline approaching**

- Submit Australia February 2027 university applications
- Begin UK September 2027 university shortlisting alongside Chevening
- Finland January 2027 applications begin (rolling at some universities)

NOVEMBER 2026

● **Chevening Scholarship deadline (November 4)**

● **NZ Excellence Awards deadline approaching**

- Australia, February 2027: most university deadlines close
- NZ, February 2027: most university deadlines close
- Begin tracking DAAD 2027 cycle (opens early 2027)

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DECEMBER 2026

- Receive conditional offers from Australian / New Zealand universities in February 2027
- Begin visa applications for the February 2027 intake
- Research China September 2027 CSC scholarship timeline

JANUARY 2027

- Finland September 2027 joint application opens, deadline January 16
- Finnish Government Scholarship Pool deadline
- University of Helsinki and other Finnish universities' scholarship deadlines
- Begin Germany Winter Semester 2027 prep and APS certificate process



Deadlines shift annually.

GradStarGlobal tracks every change in real time so you never miss a window.

<https://www.gradstarglobal.com/enquiry/>

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Guiding Indian Students to Global Classrooms. Data accurate as of June 2026. Scholarship deadlines subject to change. Always verify on official scholarship portals before applying. It offers–

- ✓ Free scholarship eligibility assessment
- ✓ SOP and scholarship essay review
- ✓ LOR briefing support
- ✓ End-to-end scholarship application tracking
- ✓ University admission + scholarship filed simultaneously

5 THINGS THAT GET INDIAN STUDENTS REJECTED FROM SCHOLARSHIPS (AND HOW TO AVOID THEM)

1 Applying at the last minute

Scholarship applications submitted late, even by a few hours, can be automatically disqualified.

Fix: Use this calendar to set phone reminders 30 days, 14 days, and 3 days before every deadline.

3 Ignoring partial scholarships

Many students focus only on fully funded scholarships and miss other funding opportunities. Combining multiple scholarships can significantly reduce your costs.

Fix: Ask your GradStar counsellor to build a scholarship stack for your profile.

5 Delaying request of recommendation letter

Strong recommendation letters take time. Last-minute requests often lead to generic references.

Fix: Request your LORs at least 6 weeks before the scholarship deadline, not the university deadline.

2 Writing a generic SOP

If your SOP could be used for any university, it's unlikely to stand out. Scholarship committees want to know why this course, university, and country are right for you.

Fix: GradStarGlobal counsellors review and personalise your SOP for each scholarship. Book a session at gradstarglobal.com/book-a-counselling.

4 Not checking eligibility requirements

Some scholarships like Chevening and Australia Awards have age caps, work experience requirements, or post-study obligations. Not reading the fine print wastes months of preparation.

Fix: GradStarGlobal does a full eligibility check before you invest time in any scholarship application.



READY?

You now have the calendar. You have the deadlines. You have the insider tips. The only thing left is a counsellor who can turn all of this into a real application with your name on it.

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