



CHEVENING

## Applications for the UK Government's prestigious Chevening Scholarships open 8 August 2016

The Chevening Secretariat is accepting applications for 2017/2018 Chevening Scholarships via [www.chevening.org/apply](http://www.chevening.org/apply) from 8 August until 8 November 2016.

Chevening Scholarships are awarded to individuals with demonstrable leadership potential who also have strong academic backgrounds. The scholarship offers financial support to study for a master's degree at any UK university and the opportunity to become part of an influential global network of 46,000 alumni.

The call for new applicants follows the selection of two scholars from BURUNDI, who won an award to study at a UK university this year.

There are more than 1,500 Chevening Scholarships on offer globally for the 2017/2018 academic cycle. These scholarships represent a significant investment from the UK Government to develop the next cohort of global leaders.

HMA, William Gelling, OBE, to Burundi, said:

*'I have never failed to be impressed by the calibre of Chevening scholars. Every year I meet those returning from some of the world's best universities in the UK. I am struck by the exceptional growth in their professional knowledge, self-confidence, empowerment and experience. Spending time in the UK, and bringing back to Burundi the best that the UK has to offer in terms of diversity, academic excellence, economic openness and cultural experience equips them to be leaders in their fields. Given the bond between Chevening scholars around the world, each new scholar becomes part of a world-wide network of influential leaders. Chevening scholars will return to Burundi with a wealth of knowledge which is more important than ever as Burundi faces the future.'*

### More information

Visit [www.chevening.org/faqs](http://www.chevening.org/faqs) for detailed information on the eligibility criteria and award specifications.

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**Notes to editors**

Chevening Scholarships are the UK Government's global scholarship programme, funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and partner organisations. The scholarships support study at UK universities – mostly one year master's degrees – for individuals with demonstrable potential to become future leaders, decision-makers, and opinion formers.

Chevening began in 1983 and has developed into a prestigious international awards scheme. Chevening Scholars come from over 160 countries and territories worldwide (excluding the USA and the EU), and more than 1,500 scholarships were awarded in 2016/2017. There are over 46,000 Chevening Alumni around the world who comprise an influential and highly regarded global network.

The name 'Chevening' comes from Chevening House in Sevenoaks, Kent – currently the joint official residence of the UK's Foreign Secretary.

More information is available at [www.chevening.org](http://www.chevening.org)