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## Applications for the UK Government's Chevening Scholarships open 2 August 2022

Applications for Chevening Scholarships to study in the UK are open between 2 August and 1 November 2022, with applications to be submitted via [chevening.org/apply](https://chevening.org/apply)

Chevening Scholarships are awarded to individuals from all backgrounds who can demonstrate that they have the commitment and skills required to create positive change, and can show how a UK master's degree will help them do that. The scholarship offers full financial support for scholars to study for any eligible master's degree at any UK university whilst also gaining access to a wide range of exclusive academic, professional, and cultural experiences.

Since the programme was created in 1983, over 50,000 professionals have had the opportunity to develop in the UK through Chevening. There are more than 1,500 scholarships on offer globally for the 2023/2024 academic year, demonstrating the UK's ongoing commitment towards developing the leaders of tomorrow.

Head of Scholarships at the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), Naomi Rayner, said:

*'As the world continues to tackle major global issues such as climate change, international cooperation is more essential than ever. Chevening seeks to build an international community of people who are committed to working together to drive positive change. We do this by bringing together incredible people from around the world and supporting them, through education, to achieve their goals.'*

*'In the UK we are proud of our world class universities and we know that our learning environments are enriched by the wide diversity of cultures, experiences and viewpoints represented on our campuses. Chevening scholars make a significant contribution to these communities, as well as becoming an important part of our network of over 50,000 alumni.'*

*'Chevening represents the very best of the UK, welcoming people from across the world to study, grow, and thrive. Being a part of the Chevening network instils a strong sense of pride and responsibility. I am consistently inspired by the passion and commitment of those in the Chevening community and I look forward to hearing from this year's applicants.'*

James Downer, chargé d'affaires, British Embassy Baghdad said:

We are looking for Iraq's next generation of leaders. We want people with the talent, drive and imagination to help Iraq meet the challenges the country is facing, and help Iraq build a stable and prosperous future. . *If this sounds like you then a Chevening scholarship could be the perfect opportunity.*

*'There is no such thing as a 'typical' scholar. We consider applications from any subject area, from banking to film making. Your age, race, gender, religion and cultural background do not matter to us.'*

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*We want to see that you have energy, curiosity, compassion a clear vision for your future and the ability to help build a better Iraq.*

*On completing your scholarship, you will join a dynamic network of hundreds of Chevening Alumni across Iraq who have shared your experience and who will offer encouragement, mentorship, advice, and contacts. When you return home after your studies you should feel well-equipped to start making a real difference professionally or socially.*

*'There is a lot to gain from submitting a thoughtful application, so if you have what it takes to be a Chevening Scholar, I would encourage you to apply before the 1 November deadline.'*

The call for new applicants follows the selection of 25 scholars from Iraq, who won an award to study at a UK university this year. Successful applicants have been sharing their stories through the #ChosenForChevening hashtag on social media.

**More information**

Visit [chevening.org/scholarships](https://chevening.org/scholarships) for detailed information on the eligibility criteria and scholarship specifications.

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**Notes to editors**

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

Each year we offer around 25 Chevening Scholarships to young people from across Iraq.

Chevening began in 1983 and has developed into a prestigious international awards scheme. Chevening Scholars come from over 160 countries and territories worldwide, and over the past five years we have awarded almost 10,000 scholarships. There are over 50,000 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 [chevening.org](https://chevening.org)