



International Postgraduate funding

Patrick & Margaret Flanagan Scholarship

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Introduction: The late Mrs Margaret Ellen Flanagan bequeathed a sum of money to the University to establish the scholarship for the benefit of women who are English speaking, in the sense that either their home language is English or they have a real love and affection for the language. In accordance with the wishes expressed in her Will, the University has established the following conditions:
2. Field of Study: Not restricted
3. Choice of University: While there is a preference for Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh, St Andrews or Trinity College (Dublin) any other suitable international university or tertiary institution may be approved by the Chairperson of the Selection Committee.
4. Conditions:
 - 4.1 The scholarship is available to women graduates.
 - 4.2 The scholars are selected on academic merit but broader qualities of intellect and character are also important considerations.
 - 4.3 Preference is given to applicants who are of South African descent and are English speaking in the sense that their home language is English or that they prefer to express themselves in English. Given our multicultural context, proficiency in English for the purposes of tertiary study will suffice.
 - 4.4 The scholarships are available for the purpose of higher education for postgraduate women students only.
 - 4.5 Other factors being equal, preference is given to applicants whose parents could not afford them such an opportunity.
 - 4.6 Scholars are advised that they should return to RSA on completion of their studies so as to impart their skills for the benefit to fellow South Africans.
5. Value: To a maximum of R750 000 per annum for two years to assist with the costs of travel to and from South Africa to an international university, tuition fees, residence fees, book allowance, clothing allowance, pocket money etc.
6. Tenure:
 - 6.1 The awarding of the scholarship is subject to the applicant's acceptance at the university of her choice.

- 6.2 The scholarship is awarded for TWO years only. Those who upgrade from MPhil to a PhD in their second year, will have to secure their own funding for the third year.
- 6.3 Except by special permission of the Selection Committee, a student to whom a scholarship is awarded must begin the tenure of the scholarship within a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of award.
- 6.4 The scholar shall normally be enrolled as a FULL-TIME student for the degree course at the university or institution specified in the letter of award.
- 6.5 Any course changes must be ratified by the Chairperson of the Selection Committee.
7. Interviews: From the short-listed applications selected by the Committee, a second selection is made inviting the top four applicants to attend an interview at Rhodes University. Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend a dinner the evening preceding the interview (usually held at the end of November). Skype interviews will not be considered. Please do not apply if you are not able to attend both the dinner and interview.
8. Once the Committee has made its decision, the successful candidate is then advised. The costs of travel within South Africa and accommodation in Grahamstown will be paid by the Trust for those interviewed.
9. Supplementation:
 - 9.1 The scholar may not accept any other awards during the tenure of the scholarship without the approval of the Chairperson of the Selection Committee.
 - 9.2 Scholarship holders may accept employment as members of the university staff in a remunerated capacity during the tenure of the scholarship subject to the approval of the Chairperson of the Selection Committee.
10. Administration and Instructions:
 - 10.1 All applicants are requested initially to submit (to pgfunding@ru.ac.za) a covering letter of motivation, detailed ACADEMIC CV (including email contact details of three ACADEMIC referees, one of which must be a Head of Department), a full certified academic transcript (with percentages) and a certified ID copy. Ensure that a working email address is provided with your CV for correspondence purposes. There is NO application form until the short-listing stage.

The Committee will review all applications received and select approx 13 for further consideration. At this stage referee reports will be requested.
 - 10.2 The Committee will select 4 for interview. Each will then be sent a form to complete (typewritten) providing additional information and an essay (400 - 500 words in length). With these forms, applicants need not include a second CV, unless they wish to update the one originally sent to us. Submissions must be restricted to the application form and essay.
 - 10.3 The essay should be typed and signed, indicating general interests and activities (Leadership, Community Engagement, Cultural and Sporting), proposed course of study abroad, and nature of work contemplated on completion of the scholarship course.
 - 10.3 Incomplete and late applications will NOT be considered.
 - 10.4 If you have not been contacted for interviews by the 30th October, please consider your application as unsuccessful.