FAQ

On this page you can find answers to the most common questions regarding the INSPIRE scholarship. If you cannot find your question here; please send an email to inspire@uadm.uu.se, or you can ask your question directly to the university you are interested in.

When will I be notified of the result regarding my scholarship application?

Results will be communicated to all applicants during the month of April 2016. You will receive an e-mail to the address registered in your scholarship application. You will be notified no matter if you have been selected, rejected or put on the reserve list.

When do I have to start my scholarship?
The last date for Master, PhD and Post-doc exchanges is 31st of December 2016. The last date for staff exchange is 14th of May 2018.

In what language is the education in the host universities? And what languages do I need to know?
Most courses/programmes for international students are in English. Please see the academic offer of each university to make sure, and to see what proofs of language proficiency are required.

Do I have to apply directly to the EU-university or only through www.inspiresouthafrica.eu?
You only have to apply through www.inspiresouthafrica.eu

Can I apply for a scholarship even though I do not belong to any of the partner universities in South Africa/EU?
Yes.

Can I apply for a scholarship if I'm a national of another African country, currently studying in South Africa?

No.

Can I choose the host university myself?
Yes. In the application you are allowed three choices. Your chances of receiving a scholarship increase if you choose more than one host university.

Do I need to take a TOEFL/IELTS test to prove my level of English?
This depends on the academic level and the host university. We highly recommend that you get in touch with the contact person at the university you are interested in and check the requirements.

Is there an age limit for the scholarships?
No.

Does my chance of receiving a scholarship depend on what universities I apply to?
Yes. In the selection we will strive for a balance between the universities. This means that your chance of getting a scholarship is better if you apply to a university which had fewer applications last call.

For EU Universities that would be:
- Telecom Bretagne (France)

- Eötvös Loránd University (Hungary)

For South African Universities that would be:

- Cape Peninsula University of Technology (South Africa)
- Central University of Technology (South Africa)
- Durban University of Technology (South Africa)
- North-West University (South Africa)
- University of Cape Town (South Africa)
- University of Fort Hare (South Africa)
- University of Johannesburg (South Africa)

The universities above will be prioritized in the current call.

What are the requirements for the scholarships?
The requirements differ on the different academic levels and between the universities. You can find out more by checking out the information about each university. If you have any specific questions it is recommended that you get in contact with the representative from each university (the contact information is available on the website under "contacts").

How can I get a letter of invitation?

A letter of invitation from the department of your research interest is needed if you are applying for PhD, Post-doc or Staff. The academic staff of the host university may not always be aware of all the funding opportunities that exist. Therefore, it is important that you provide the recipient of your request with sufficient information about your application so we ask that you always include the following information in your e-mail:

- Name of the project (include a link to the project website)
- Level of scholarship applied for (Ph.D./Post-Doc/Academic Staff)
- Duration of the intended visit at the host University

Do I need a pre-acceptance letter?

Only if you apply as a PhD, Post-doc and staff. A pre-acceptance letter in this case is the same as an invitation.

The courses or programmes at the university's website are not the same as in the academic offer of the EMA2 project; why? What should I do?

All courses offered by the University might not be offered through the projects. You should always go for the options provided in the academic offers of the projects respectively.