

# KISTEFOS YOUNG TALENTED LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP

## AFRICA

The Kistefos Young Talented Leaders Scholarship at IE was set up to remove financial barriers to education for high-potential individuals from Norway and Africa with less than 3 years of work experience, helping them unleash their innovative business vision. Founded by Christen Sveaas, Kistefos AS is an investment company with a rich history in pursuing philanthropic projects committed to public service and academic development.

This generous donation is the most recent installment in IE Foundation's Talent without Borders scholarship program, which awards scholarships to students from over 90 countries every year. The program was founded on the firm belief that talented individuals should have access to education, regardless of their socio-economic background.

With 46 scholarships available over a period of 4 years, 24 will be awarded to students from Ethiopia, Liberia and South Africa, with the remaining 22 destined for individuals from Norway.

*Africa's young population will soon become tomorrow's leaders. In the coming years, no other region in the world will have such high demand for management education, which will drive sustained economic growth and innovation.*

- Christen Sveaas,  
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN AND OWNER, KISTEFOS AS



**The Kistefos Scholarship goes beyond providing financial support. Each step of the application process I have felt that my aspirations was shared and supported by the donor and IE. This was reverberated during my stay, through continuous support making me feel welcome, adjust quickly, be able to focus on my studies and enjoy Madrid. For anyone considering applying, this is an invaluable opportunity pursue quality education, be part of a unique global community and have the skills to achieve your goals with greater impact.**

- Sandra Alemayehu, Ethiopia  
MASTER IN BIG DATA AND ANALITYCS

## WHO IS THIS SCHOLARSHIP FOR?

This initiative is open to candidates from Ethiopia, Liberia and South Africa who demonstrate academic excellence, strong leadership capabilities and an entrepreneurial mindset. We're looking for candidates who are seeking a dynamic, global experience, and are passionate about using their insights to positively impact their home countries after graduation. Preferred candidates will be under the age of 30 and will have less than 3 years of work experience.

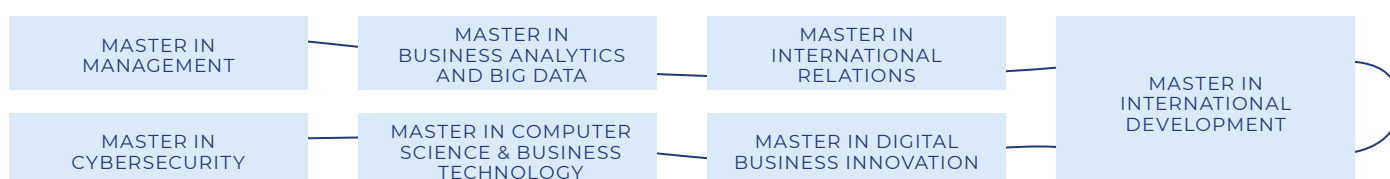
How the Scholarship will enable you to positively impact your country after graduation.

There are both full and partial scholarships available, including room and board for Master's programs focused on technology, business and development.








## INFORMATION ON MASTER SCHOLARSHIPS

There are six scholarships per year\* for MASTER students accepted into one of the programs listed below. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need and cover up to 100% of tuition and living expenses (living expenses package included):



### For MASTER students, the criteria are as follows:

-  Be a national of Liberia, Ethiopia or South Africa, preferably under the age of 30 or with less than 3 years of work experience.
-  Have an outstanding academic record, with a minimum GPA of 75/100.
-  Can demonstrate outstanding achievements in their personal and professional lives that have had an impact on their country or community.
-  Demonstrate an international outlook, leadership qualities and a vision to better their home country.
-  Proven financial need (preference given).

### The admissions process for MASTER applicants is as follows:

- Online Application.
- Online Assessment.
- Entrance Exam: Students are required to take either the GMAT, GRE or IEGAT (IE Test).
- Personal Interview (face-to-face or via Skype) with the Admissions Team.
- Admission Committee Final Decision: Candidates will receive the final decision within one to three weeks.

\* These scholarships aim to cover the costs of the program and living expenses based on the financial circumstances of every applicant. Each candidate's needs will be individually evaluated to guarantee full coverage.

## IE FINANCIAL AID

At IE, we work hard to make sure that high-potential individuals have access to world-class education. Our IE Financial Aid Office will help you understand the different financing and scholarship options available, and guide you through the application process. Find out more about our financial aid options at: [www.ie.edu/financial-aid](http://www.ie.edu/financial-aid)

## SELECTION PROCESS

- Scholarship Application Deadline Fall Intake: **May 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 Scholarship Application Deadline Spring Intake: **November 1<sup>st</sup>**
1. First selection of candidates by IE Financial Aid
  2. Presentation & selection of finalists in each category
  3. Selection of winners by Kistefos, IE Foundation & IE Financial Aid

To find out more about our selection process, please visit [www.ie.edu/financial-aid](http://www.ie.edu/financial-aid)

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