

**UGent call for applications
for Master grants for candidates from
developing countries 2009-2010**

CALL

2009-2010

MASTER GRANTS FOR CANDIDATES FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Announcement and application information

ANNOUNCEMENT

This invitation relates to:

MASTER GRANTS FOR CANDIDATES FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The master grants refer to:

- Master's Programmes (master after bachelor)
- Subsequent Master's Programmes (master after master)

beginning 21 September 2009

**The DEADLINE FOR the SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS is
30 April 2009 at 5 p.m.**

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1. General framework

1.1. Formal framework

During its meeting of 23 May 2001, the Board of Directors decided that special measures would be taken to provide postgraduate scholarships to candidates from developing countries who wish to obtain a master's degree at Ghent University.

In view of the changes in the Flemish Higher Education System the information in the call for applications has been adjusted at the Executive Committee meeting of 9 November 2006. This means the grants are available for all master's programmes, offered at Ghent University. Each year, a maximum of 10 scholarships can be awarded.

1.2. Scholarship type and duration

The master scholarships are awarded for the duration of the studies, aiming at the delivery of a Ghent University diploma after max. 2 years of study. With the scholarship application the applicant must also submit a letter of admission to the study programme. The scholarship is in principle paid for the total duration of the studies. In case of a 2-year study programme, the 2nd year will be paid upon successful completion of the first year (minimum 60 credits).

1.3. Eligible Master programmes at Ghent University

- Master's Programmes (master after bachelor)
- Subsequent Master's Programmes (master after master)

A list of courses taught in English can be found on the website:

<http://www.opleidingen.ugent.be/studiekiezer/nl/int/index.htm>

You can also download the complete brochure: www.ugent.be/develcooperation

If applicants want to follow their master in Dutch, a thorough knowledge of the Dutch language is required. Ghent University offers language courses, however these costs are not covered by the Master grant.

2. Eligibility criteria

2.1. Applicant

1. Degree

Applicants for master's programmes should already have obtained a bachelor degree when they submit the application. For subsequent master's programmes, applicants should already have obtained a master degree. No exceptions are allowed.

2. Nationality

The applicants must come from and should be nationals of one of the developing countries on the country list of developing countries. Priority, however, will be given to the categories on the *DAC List of Aid Recipients* with the lowest levels of development and income.

Country list of developing countries: nationals from these countries will pay scholarship fees for enrolment at UGent.				
Least Developed Countries		Other Low Income Countries (per capita GNI < \$ 825 in 2004)	Lower Middle Income Countries and Territories (per capita GNI \$ 826-\$ 3.255 in 2004)	
Afghanistan	Madagascar	Cameroon	Algeria	Palestinian Administered Areas
Angola	Malawi	Congo, Rep.	Bolivia	Paraguay
Bangladesh	Maldives	Côte d'Ivoire	Brazil	Peru
Benin	Mali	Ghana	China	Philippines
Bhutan	Mauritania	India	Colombia	Sri Lanka
Burkina Faso	Mozambique	Kenya	Cuba	Suriname
Burundi	Myanmar	Korea, Democratic Republic	Dominican Republic	Swaziland
Cambodia	Nepal	Mongolia	Ecuador	Syria
Cape Verde	Niger	Nicaragua	Egypt	Thailand
Central African Republic	Rwanda	Nigeria	El Salvador	Tokelau
Chad	Samoa	Pakistan	Fiji	Tonga
Comoros	Sao Tome and Principe	Papua New Guinea	Guatemala	Tunisia
Congo, Dem.Rep.	Senegal	Viet Nam	Guyana	Wallis and Futuna
Djibouti	Sierra Leone	Zimbabwe	Honduras	
Equatorial Guinea	Solomon Islands		Indonesia	
Eritrea	Somalia		Iran	
Ethiopia	Sudan		Iraq	
Gambia	Tanzania		Jamaica	
Guinea	Timor-Leste		Jordan	
Guinea-Bissau	Togo		Marshall Islands	
Haiti	Tuvalu		Micronesia, Federated States	
Kiribati	Uganda		Morocco	
Laos	Vanuatu		Namibia	
Lesotho	Yemen		Niue	
Liberia	Zambia			
Other countries: South Africa				

3. *Language and proficiency*

The application is to be made in English. The applicant should have a very good command of the English language.

3. Submission modalities

3.1. Composition of the application file

The applicant is responsible for the application file to be complete and composed correctly. A complete application file consists of the following documents:

- The official application form
- Official letter of admission to the master's programme (signed by the Rector of Ghent University)
for more information read the document: admission@GhentUniversity
- Copies of diplomas (including Transcript of Records)
- Parallel applications
- Own enclosures (if relevant)

We accept transcripts of records in English and French. The application form though, has to be completed in English. TOEFL or IELTS results are required.

3.2. Submission of the application file

3.2.1. Number, formats and form

- The applications for master grants for candidates from developing countries must be submitted typewritten on the forms required for this purpose.
<http://www.ugent.be/en/research/developmentcooperation>.
- The application, drawn up on the required forms, should be delivered to the address below in **1 hard copy and 1 electronic copy**. The submission deadline will be strictly observed. Late, incomplete or incorrectly drawn-up applications will not be taken into consideration. If we do receive an electronic version but no hard copy, your application will not be taken into consideration.
- Candidates who simultaneously apply for funding elsewhere, must include one copy of this parallel application.
- The proposals must be drawn up in English.

3.2.2. Timing

The DEADLINE for submitting the proposal is 30 April 2009 at 5 p.m.

Is to be delivered to the
Ghent University
Liesbeth Vandepitte
Research Co-ordination Office
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Sint-Pietersnieuwstraat 25,
9000 Gent, Belgium

4. Selection procedure

4.1. Eligibility check

Application files that do not comply with all eligibility criteria or submission requirements, will not be considered for selection. No exceptions can be made.

4.2. Selection Committee

The Council for Development Cooperation (COS or Commissie Ontwikkelingssamenwerking) makes a selection of the applications based in part on the recommendations obtained from a working group of this Council and proceeds to formulate well-founded recommendations to the Executive Committee of Ghent University.

4.3. Selection criteria

The recommendations are based on:

- The qualifications of the applicant for the master grant (this also implies that the chances of overly qualified candidates might decrease);
 - Students who successfully follow the first year of a Master Grant at Ghent University may have a higher chance of selection
 - There is no strict age limit, although applicants below 40 years are preferred
- The significance of the master's programme for the student's country;
- Validation of the knowledge in the student's country;
- The student's nationality. In the event of equal rankings on the basis of the quality of the file, priority will be given to the categories on the DAC *List of Aid Recipients* with the lowest level of development and income;
- The motivation of the applicant.

Because of the high amount of applications and the high quality of the applications, the completion rates for the master grants decreased since 2005.

Completions rates since 2005

	Number of applications	Number of admissions	Completion rates
2005	48	10	21%
2006	76	10	13%
2007	317	10	3%
2008	120	12	10%

The master grants for candidates from developing countries will be awarded by the University's Executive Committee on the basis of the recommendations made by the Council for Development Cooperation.

Within 20 days following the official proclamation a copy of the transcript of records or diploma must be submitted.

5. Funding

The scholarship consists of an allowance of € 964 per month and the yearly tuition fee with a maximum of 80€. In case of increased tuition fee for the master's programme, Ghent University will only reimburse the refundable part. Airline ticket and visa costs are carried by the student.

6. Reporting

Within 20 days following the official proclamation a copy of the transcript of records or diploma must be submitted.

7. More information

Should you have any questions, please contact:

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