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Chevening in 2021

This short document is designed to help you feel confident in talking about what the Chevening programme looks like in 2021.

5 key facts about Chevening

1. Chevening is the UK Government's international awards programme aimed at developing global leaders. It began in 1983 and now has over 50,000 alumni.
2. Chevening Awards are funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and partner organisations such as Prudential Thailand & CIMB Bank.
3. There are two types of award – Chevening **Scholarships** and Chevening **Fellowships**.

Chevening Scholarships provide fully-funded scholarships to study one-year taught master's degrees at any UK university.

Chevening Fellowships offer dynamic training, professional development, or other opportunities for mid-career professionals.

4. Chevening Awards are available to individuals from over 160 different countries and territories.
5. It is a condition of the award that the recipient returns home for a minimum of two years following the award.



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Frequently asked questions

In 2020, over 55,000 applications were made for Chevening Awards. Due to the high number of applications we receive, it is of vital importance that all candidates are correctly informed of Chevening policy before making an application.

Therefore, we would advise you to refer an applicant to our website www.chevening.org if you receive questions on the following themes:

- Costs relating to an award (for example, the monthly stipend amount)
- Changing course choices
- Visas and immigration
- Rearranging interview times

The following frequently asked questions are aimed at supporting you in leading them to the right source of information.

Q: When and how do I apply?

A: Applications will open for all scholarships on 3 August 2021 at 12:00 BST (UK time). All applications **must be completed online** through the Chevening website (www.chevening.org/apply) between **3 August and 2 November 2021 at 12:00 BST (UK time)**.

Q: I'm having problems completing my application online. Who can I contact for help throughout the process?

A: All enquiries should be sent through the website www.chevening.org/contact-us. After you have sent your email, you will receive an automatic reply with further information on what you need to do.

Q: How are applications assessed?

A: All eligible applications are assessed and scored by independent expert panels, which review all applications using the same criteria. Applications that score over the threshold form the longlist, which is sent to each British embassy/high commission. From this longlist, the embassy/high commission selects the individuals to be interviewed.



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Q: How should I prepare for a Chevening interview?

A: The panellists want to see that you have researched Chevening and how it will be of benefit to you in the future. The interview is your opportunity to give examples and clear evidence to prove what makes you an ideal candidate, so don't be modest!

Q: What else does Chevening offer to scholars while they're in the UK?

Chevening organises a range of in person and online events throughout the year that scholars can be a part of. In recent years these have included: lectures and conferences at universities, events with diplomatic staff at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, volunteering opportunities, leadership workshops, and regional visits to places of interest across the UK.

Q: What benefits are there for alumni?

Many! Scholars join a prestigious group of like-minded, successful people which will help build personal and professional networks. Chevening facilitates alumni networking online through various digital platforms, as well as face to face in home countries through the Chevening Officer at the local British embassy/high commission. Additional benefits include access to funding for alumni projects, over 100 alumni groups or associations worldwide, and in many cases, the opportunity to engage with the British embassy/high commission on key bilateral topics.

Q: Why do scholars have to return home for two years after the award?

In returning home, the individual is able to give back to their home country using the acquired skills and expertise gained whilst on award. The recipient will also be able to connect and develop a lasting relationship with staff at the local British embassy/high commission.