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Gaden Phodrang Foundation  
of the Dalai Lama

## The Dalai Lama Graduate Scholarship 2024-25

### GUIDELINE FOR NEW APPLICATION

#### Background

The Dalai Lama Graduate Scholarship program aims to enhance the human capital development of individuals of Tibetan descent by offering scholarships to outstanding students pursuing graduate studies in their chosen field. Administered by the Gaden Phodrang Foundation of the Dalai Lama (the Foundation), these scholarships aim to alleviate the financial burden of graduate education, recognizing that awards up to USD 10,000 may not fully cover tuition and living expenses. Endorsed by His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, the Foundation is designated to assist humanity in fulfilling educational aspirations.

#### Award Amount

Scholarships of up to USD 10,000 will be granted to students who exhibit excellence in their chosen fields and demonstrate a dedication to embodying the values of Tibetan culture, including Compassion and Wisdom. Recipients are expected to contribute to their communities and promote the betterment of humanity through their future career endeavors.

#### Eligibility

1. Applicants must have already been enrolled in or be accepted to a full-time graduate degree program at a university in Europe, the Americas, Australia, and Asia, excluding the Indian Subcontinent.
2. Applicants must show proof of Tibetan heritage and continuity of *Dhanglang Chatrel* (Green Book) contribution.
3. Applicants are solely and directly responsible for obtaining the necessary visas to attend the university of their choice.
4. Eligible candidates must pursue graduate studies at the Master's or Ph.D. level.
5. All graduate programs should be at least one year or multi-year, full-time courses offered by accredited universities, preferably ranked in the top tiers of the respective country.
6. Current recipients wishing to renew their scholarships must submit a separate renewal application. However, renewals are limited to two years.

## Deadline

The complete application form and supporting documents must be submitted online by **April 21, 2024, at 11:59 PM Zurich time (GMT+1)**. All information provided in the application must be accurate, complete, and submitted within the specified timeframe. Ensure that your three recommenders send their letters by email on time. Please note that after the deadline, the webform will not be accessible, and late submissions will not be accepted.

All applicants will receive an email confirmation upon receipt of their application. The independent Selection Committee of the Dalai Lama Graduate Scholarship program will review and evaluate all applications. Selected candidates for the final round will be contacted for an online interview. Final decisions will be communicated via email in July 2024.

## Required documents for new applicants:

- ☐ Completed application form:  
→ [www.dalailamafoundation.org/the-dalai-lama-scholarship/application/](http://www.dalailamafoundation.org/the-dalai-lama-scholarship/application/)
- ☐ Photo
- ☐ Curriculum vitae
- ☐ Two essays (each 500 words max):
  1. *Motivation*: Describe your motivation for pursuing your intended field of study, including how and why you selected your graduate institution.
  2. *You & Tibet*: Describe how you view yourself and your work in connection to the Tibetan people and the future of Tibet.
- ☐ Official transcript from your most recent completed studies
- ☐ Copy of acceptance letter or enrolment form for intended graduate institution
- ☐ Signed three letters of recommendation (minimum two academic references) to be sent directly by referees from their official email account to [gp-foundation@dalailama.com](mailto:gp-foundation@dalailama.com)
- ☐ Copy of valid Green Book showing chatrel dues paid up to 2023 (include 1st page, 2nd page, and last paid page)
- ☐ Financial statements that clearly show the student's or parents' fiscal fitness to support educational expenses.

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