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General Comments

Some databases are freely searchable while others are subscription only. Here we're presenting a set of databases that are freely available to use.

We recommend you create your profile and enable alerts for the grants, scholarships and opportunities that match your interests, experience, and specific field(s). Some databases will send you regular updates, and for the most convenient ones you can set a regular update period (such as weekly) others notify those registered as opportunities are released.

Using a wide (but not inappropriately or inaccurately so) set of search terms, and developing a regular habit of reading through opportunities on e.g. on alternate mornings or evenings is time-intensive, but often pays you back in identifying novel and interesting openings that you qualify for, which you may otherwise have missed.

WARNING: Many US programs are suspended and/or their eligibility requirements have changed. You will need to check carefully as to the status of American opportunities.

LARGE DATABASES

- **AfterSchoolAfrica.com**:
    - For African students, a large database with multiple opportunities across many countries.
- **Bold.org**: A newer database that contains niche opportunities, primarily aggregates university- or institution-specific opportunities.

- **Going Merry**:
  - This database provides access to multiple grants and scholarships through a single, unified application.
- **International Scholarships**:
  - A user-friendly search engine specifically for international students.
- **Opportunity Desk**:
  - World-wide opportunities including scholarships, fellowships, and grants. Also includes paid and unpaid internships to kick your career off.
- **Scholars4Dev**:
  - Primarily caters to students from developing countries.
- **Scholarship Portal**:
  - Primarily Europe. International (non-EU) students and those studying in a country other than their original country of citizenship within the EU, are the main focus
- **StudyPortals**:
  - This site contains grants and scholarships, and has comprehensive information for studying abroad including hidden costs, accommodation, immigration and so on.

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PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL/GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

These are prestigious and highly competitive government and foundation-funded programs. They are mainly targeted at those seeking Graduate (post-bachelors) degrees.

- **AAUW International Fellowships**:
  - Scholarships for international female post-graduate students to pursue degrees in the U.S.A., then return to their countries of origin to strengthen their skill base.
- **Australia Awards Scholarships**:
  - Sponsored by the Australian federal governments to promote scholarship and international exchange from developing countries.
- **Chevening Scholarships**:
  - A global scholarship program for future leaders to study in the UK.
- **DAAD Scholarships** :
  - To study in Germany from abroad in a comprehensive range of disciplines.
- **Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters Scholarships**:
  - Master's program with complete funding (EU-sponsored).
- **Fulbright Foreign Student Program**:
  - Previously the U.S. government's flagship international exchange program. As of 2025, many exchanges and visas are on hold.
- **Gates Cambridge Scholarships (UK)**:
  - For non-British nationals to pursue a (post)graduate degree at Cambridge.
- **Knight-Hennessy Scholars at Stanford University**:
  - For international students to attend Stanford in a multi-disciplinary graduate program.

- **Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program**:
    - Catering to African scholars in a wide-range of programs.
- **Rhodes Scholarships** :
    - Oxfiord's oldest and most prestigious international scholarship.
- **Schwarzman Scholars**:
    - Tsinghua University's Master's program in Global Affairs
- **The Mo Ibrahim Foundation Leadership Fellowship Program**:
    - For young African professionals to work in national-level or other prestigious organizations such as the African Development Bank.