



IE – 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 several countries in Africa, helping them unleash their innovative business vision regardless of their socio-economic background.

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. Thanks to his generous donation, this scholarship, which started as an installment within IE Foundation's "Talent without Borders" program, has already benefited more than 50 scholars since its creation in 2019.

The Kistefos Scholarship includes a wide range of Master programs related to business, technology, law, and global impact. Originally aimed to graduate students from **Ethiopia, Liberia and South Africa**, this scholarship is additionally available to candidates from **Ghana, Nigeria and Tanzania** since Fall 2025.

WHO CAN APPLY?

This initiative is open to candidates from **Ethiopia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, South Africa** and **Tanzania** 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.**

All candidates will have to submit an **essay** answering to "How will the Scholarship enable you to positively impact your country after graduation?"

Scholarships are available for **Master's** programs in technology, business, and development.

“ 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

WHAT DOES IT COVER?

Scholarships are awarded based on financial need and cover from partial up to full of tuition and living expenses (including room and board for Master's program).

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The **IE – Kistefos Young Talented Leaders Scholarship Program** offers up to **6** scholarships per academic year. Students accepted into one of the **programs listed in page 3 of this brochure**, are awarded scholarships based on financial need and cover up to 100% of tuition and living expenses (living expenses package included).

REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP



Be a national of **Ethiopia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, South Africa** or **Tanzania**.



Have an **outstanding academic record** with a **minimum GPA of 75/100**.



Must have been **admitted** to any of the **selected full-time Master programs** offered by IE University* (see full list in the next page)



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***



Preference given to candidates who can demonstrate **financial need**.

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ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1

Have been admitted to master's program at IE ([IE Admissions](#)).

2

Apply to the scholarship through [IE Financial Aid](#).

3

Candidate shortlisting by the selection committee

4

Final selection of the scholarship recipients.

DEADLINES: **May 1st** for Master programs that begin in fall of the same year.

September 1st for Master programs that begin in spring of the next year.

Attention: The admissions process may take up to 4 weeks to reach a final decision. Therefore, it is recommended to begin all necessary steps at least 6 weeks before the indicated deadline. Steps 1 and 2 of the process must be initiated by the scholarship applicants. Steps 3 and 4 pertain to internal administrative processes.

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IE Foundation Fellows' Community

The IE Foundation Fellow Program consists of an **Honors program** that brings together a selected group of past and present IE University students with extraordinary academic and extracurricular profiles and who have received one of IE Scholarships through a rigorous selection process.

All recipients of the IE – Kistefos Young Talented Leaders scholarship will become part of this unique program.

To know more about IE Foundation Fellows, access [this link](#).

SELECTED MASTER PROGRAMS

IE BUSINESS SCHOOL

[Master in Management](#)

[Master in Management & Strategy](#)

[Master in Finance](#)

[Master in Customer Experience and Innovation](#)

[Master in Digital Business & Innovation](#)

[Master in Sustainability & Business Transformation](#)

IE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

[Master in Business Analytics & Big Data](#)

[Master in Computer Science & Business Technology](#)

IE SCHOOL OF POLITICS, ECONOMICS & GLOBAL AFFAIRS

[Master in International Relations](#)

[Master in International Development](#)

[Master in Applied Economics](#)

[Master in Technology & Global Affairs](#)

IE LAW SCHOOL

[Master in International Legal Studies \(LL.M.\)](#)

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