



**Best funding opportunities of the week!**

**The thought for the month!**

**(1) For students**

**Scholarships for sub-Saharan Africa students - Waverley – African Studies Centre Joint Scholarship**



**Let's talk about the future this month!**

This month allow us to share a tip with you; something that might have a tremendous impact on your tomorrow. Our aim this month is to challenge our students: when thinking of the future, several years down the road, which would you rather be?

- A job seeker or a job provider?
- One of the top persons or one of those

just trying to get by?

**What about being the head of your own company? - Oh yes you heard me!**

**Don't misunderstand what follows:** we are not saying that it is wrong searching for a job especially as a young graduate. The point we are trying very hard to make here, and the take home message of this whole section is, students should set their overall **goals high, and this, right from the beginning. WHY?**

Simply because experts agree: one thing some of the most successful people on this planet have in common is the tendency of setting high goals, and then doing whatever it takes to achieve them. Implementing this simple advice will cost you nothing and yet, trust me, it can have a tremendous impact on your future – It is a fact.

Here is an example of what we see as high goals: even though at this point you have no idea where you will start or what it will all be about, deciding that one day you will head your own company is setting a high goal. Take our word for it, if you are serious doing this, it



**Deadline:** 4 January 2013 for Politics; 18 January 2013 for all other subjects

**Source:** The university of Oxford

**Academic year:** 2013-2014

**Country:** The UK

**Training:** MS/Dphil - Arts and humanities

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**Young African entrepreneur? Study for free in the USA (Full Tuition)- The Harambe Fletcher Scholarship**



**Deadline:** December 30, 2012

**Source:** The Fletcher School

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will have a tremendous impact on your whole being as you will start being on the outlook for opportunities and this **uncontrollably**, and as years go by, will gather “munitions” progressively.

**year:**2013-2014

**Pays:**USA

**Training:** Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy, Master of International Business

**Will it be easy? Ohhh no. In fact there is nothing as hard but it is possible.**

We were brought up with the idea of getting a degree and then looking for a job. So it rarely comes to mind that we can start our own company – that’s the point we are trying to make here. People that create small/big businesses are not extraterrestrial creatures– they are simple people like you and me. Many of them are from very humble beginnings too. Africa is full of very very successful individuals, many of whom barely have a high school degree and yet, after starting from nothing or almost nothing, are successful businesswomen or men today.

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**Global health research training opportunity for students and postdocs of developing nations - Global Health Equity Scholars Fellowship 2013-2014**

**What makes them special? They are people with goals + determination.** Unless you are looking for opportunities, even if one bites you on the nose, you won't see it.

Setting your goals high will have a tremendous impact on your behavior, how you occupied your free time, how you carry yourself etc....No one ever said it was going to be easy. Well on the contrary, it will be the hardest thing you ever tried.



**Deadline:**December 14th, 2012

**Source:** Fogarty International Center

**Academic year:** 2013-2014

**Country:** Several nations

**Diploma/training:** Global health research training

**It doesn't matter what your current field of study is** - you can create your own company/small business. There is a place in business for everybody.

Let's change the subject!

## Jobless after Graduation - Tips to reduce chances of this happening to you.

**Truth being said, there are thousands of African students heading towards joblessness after graduation as we speak. Does this include you, and if yes can you do something about it? Well, you be the judge.**

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**Bourses d'excellence de la Confédération suisse pour chercheurs et artistes étrangers pour l'année académique 2013-2014**



*Is our poor economy alone responsible for the increasing toll of joblessness after graduation? Think about it a minute, how well prepared are students/graduates when they hit that job market for the first time? Rare are those that are. What we forget is a degree alone is not preparation enough, a career plan you followed year after year is.*



**Date limite:**  
Octobre 31

**Source:**  
Commission fédérale des bourses pour étudiants étrangers (CFBE), la Confédération

suisse

**Annee academique:** 2013/2014

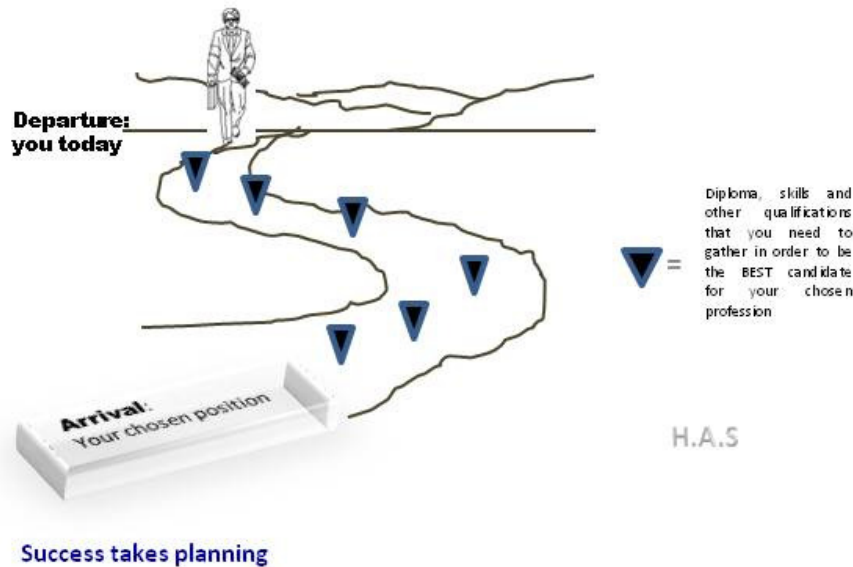
**Pays:** Suisse

**There is no bigger mistake than starting a program without knowing where it fits in a career plan!** Diplômes ou formations visées: PhD, post-doc, stages de recherche

Damaris - Program coordinator H.A.S.

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## WHAT IS A CAREER PLAN?



*A career plan is simply a road map that will help you select your programs carefully and brainstorm about your future. This will save you the heartache of going from degree program to degree program just to find yourself jobless years down the road.*

**Do you know what a career plan is? Do you have a targeted career? What guided your choice? Are these professionals in demand in your home country or abroad? What are the qualifications (degree + experience) that will give you an edge once you hit the job market?**

**It is crucial that you address all these questions today not tomorrow.** As Malcolm X would say, "The future belongs to those who prepare for it today." Things will not just happen because you FINALLY received that degree. PLANNING and STOP going from program to program just for the sake of getting that PhD/MBA.... will not cut it.

How do you design a career plan? We addressed that in our previous newsletter: (1) determine what your dream job is (2) visit [any job board](#) and see what are the qualifications (diploma and others) that are expected.

## CUD scholarship program cutting edge international trainings and courses for development - Belgium



**Deadline:**  
FEBRUARY, 13, 2013

**Funding Source:** CUD  
**Country of Study:** Belgium

**Year:** Academic Year 2013-14

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## Fully funded training opportunity for students of developing countries in the USA - The VECD Fogarty Global Health Fellowships



**Deadline:**  
December 1, 2012

**Funding Source:** A Consortium of Vanderbilt University, Emory University, Cornell University & Duke University

**Country of Study:** USA

**Year:** Academic Year 2013-14

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## CHF 30,000 funding opportunity for a bright African Student in Switzerland (MBA SCHOLARSHIP)



**Deadline:**  
September 30

**Funding Source:** IMD



### Where do you go from now?

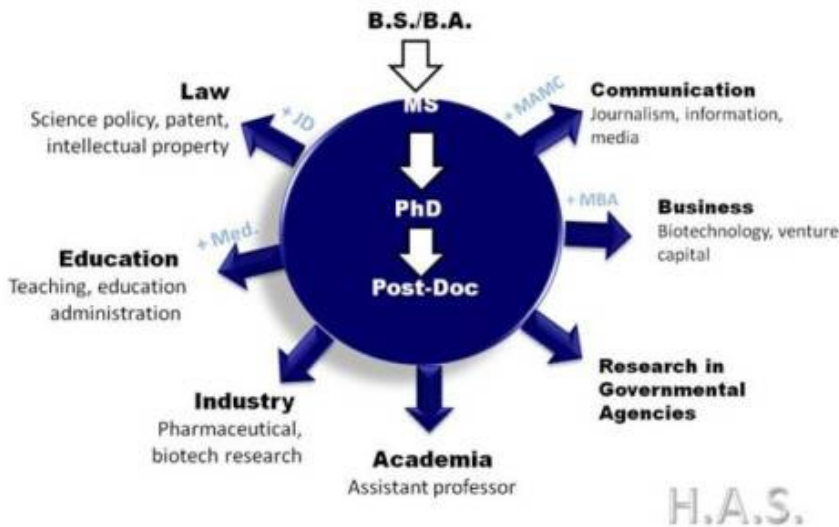
Let's forget about the mistakes of the past and focus on the future – remember the old saying "Those who stare at the *past* have their backs turned to the *future*."

What matters are your next steps.

### OK, where do you go from here?

Our recommendation is that you start reading a lot, searching for answers to the question: **what should my next move be?**

I am not sure what your field of study is but below, using the case of a student in the biological/biomedical field as an example, we have shown you where to begin. You need to investigate what your openings are and summarize all that information in the form of a graphic as you see here.



As you can see, a student with a BS/MS/PhD in biological sciences has at least 7 different industries s/he can embark in. Once you've done this, **the next step will be** trying to see which industry is most likely to welcome you with opened hands. What industries/sector of activity are forecast to grow employment-wise etc...While the job market is saturated in some fields, there are still fields out there longing for new graduates with specific qualifications.

**How do you find which one applies to you?** Soon we will gather all these types of info right on our site. Till then, please be eager to READ, look around, meet with your professors. You would do better sweating today than finding yourself with an empty stomach years down the

**Academic Year:**  
2013/2014

**Host Country:**  
Switzerland

**Degree Targeted:** MBA

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### USA scholarship for women from developing countries (\$18,000-\$30,000) - International Fellowships AAUW



**Applications available:**  
August 1, 2012 – December 1, 2012\*

**Application deadline:**  
December 1, 2012\*

#### Funding

**Source:** AAUW

**Country of Study:** USA

**Academic Year:** 2013 – 2014  
**Fellowship year:** July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014

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### A \$30,000 award for Master's, doctoral, or post-doctoral African students - The Bentley Cropping Systems Fellowship



**Deadline:**  
October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012

**Funding Source:** IDRC

**Academic Year:**  
2013

**Host Country:**

Canada or the developing nation

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### VAVILOV-FRANKEL FELLOWSHIPS - Bioversity International - two Fellowships



**Deadline:** See Project Description



road. Your efforts will pay off.

This type of information flood the web, as well.



The other day I was visiting yahoo.com and came across 2 articles that reflect the type of thing you should be on the outlook for. Here are those examples:

1. Lucrative Career
2. Worst College Majors for Your Career

The data presented in those articles reflect the situation in the USA, and to a certain extent in developed nations, but I encourage you to use them as reference/indications for 2 reasons:

- (1) The world is turning into a small village.
- (2) This type of information when it comes to Africa is almost nonexistent.

Here is the first article; it's summarized below:

### 10 Best College Majors for a Lucrative Career

#### 1. Pharmacy and Pharmacology

Unemployment rate for recent grads: 5.4%  
 Median salary: \$105,000  
 Projected job growth for this field, 2010–2020: 25%

#### 2. Nursing

Unemployment rate for recent grads: 4.0%  
 Median salary: \$60,000  
 Projected job growth for this field, 2010–2020: 26%

#### 3. Transportation Sciences and Technology

Unemployment rate for recent grads: N/A  
 Median salary: \$68,000  
 Projected job growth for this field, 2010–2020: 5%

#### 4. Treatment Therapy Professions

Unemployment rate: 2.6%  
 Unemployment rate for recent grads: 5.4%  
 Median salary: \$62,000  
 Projected job growth for this field, 2010–2020: 33%

#### 5. Chemical Engineering

ThinkstockUnemployment rate: 3.8%



**Funding Source:**  
 Bioversity International

**Academic Year:**  
 2013/2014

**Host Country:** Proposed research may be carried out in any country outside the applicant's home country

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### **Awards fellowships to women from developing - The Schlumberger Foundation Faculty**



**Deadline:**

- from September 10th to November 16th 2012 for new applications;

- from September 10th to November 9th for renewal applications.

**Funding Source:** The Schlumberger Foundation Faculty

**Academic Year:** 2013/2014

**Host Country:**

**Degree Targeted:** PhD or post-doctoral studies in the physical sciences\*, engineering and technology

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### **International fellowships - post doc for African Students**



**Deadline:** 15th September 2012

**Funding Source:** VIB

**Academic Year:** 2013

**Host**

**Country:** Belgium

**Degree Targeted:** African post docs

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Unemployment rate for recent grads: 7.5%  
 Median salary: \$86,000  
 Projected job growth for this field, 2010–2020: 6%

#### 6. **Electrical Engineering**

Unemployment rate: 5.0%  
 Unemployment rate for recent grads: 7.3%  
 Median salary: \$86,000  
 Projected job growth for this field, 2010–2020: 6%

#### 7. **Medical Technologies**

ThinkstockUnemployment rate: 1.4%  
 Unemployment rate for recent grads: 5.4%  
 Median salary: \$58,000  
 Projected job growth for this field, 2010–2020: 13%

#### 8. **Construction Services**

Unemployment rate: 5.4%  
 Unemployment rate for recent grads: N/A  
 Median salary: \$65,000  
 Projected job growth for this field, 2010–2020: 17%

#### 9. **Management Information Systems**

ThinkstockUnemployment rate: 4.2%  
 Unemployment rate for recent grads: 7.4%  
 Median salary: \$71,000  
 Projected job growth for this field, 2010–2020: 18%

#### 10. **Medical Assisting Services**

Unemployment rate: 2.9% (Average for all grads with a bachelor's degree: 4.9%)  
 Unemployment rate for recent grads: 5.4% (Average for top 100 majors: 7.7%)  
 Projected job growth for this field, 2010–2020: 31% (Average: 14%)



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**Host Country:**

**Degree Targeted:** PhD or post-doctoral studies in the physical sciences\*, engineering and technology

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### **(2) For African Research Professionals**

The other great article: [Worst College Majors for Your Career](#)

1. Anthropology
2. Fine Arts
3. Film and Photography
4. Philosophy and Religious Studies
5. Graphic Design
6. Studio Arts
7. Liberal Arts
8. Drama and Theater Arts
9. Sociology
10. English

**Steps you take today and save the day.** "Those who stare at the *past* have their backs turned to the *future*." There isn't much one can do to change the events of the past, the future, however is a different matter all together. Be eager to inform yourself - that's our recommendation

### **Young African entrepreneur? Study for free in the USA (Full Tuition)- The Harambe Fletcher Scholarship**



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December 30, 2012

**Source:** The Fletcher School

**Academic year:**

2013-2014

**Pays:**USA

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### **ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT STIFTUNG / FOUNDATION-Africans professionals-career development grant**

**Deadline:** 31



**Scholarship application - this month's tips - There are 4 questions you should ask yourself before ever completing a**

## scholarship application



October 2012

**Funding Source:**  
ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT STIFTUNG / FOUNDATION

**Academic Year:** 2013

**Host Country:** Germany

**Degree Targeted:** Africans professionals-career development grant

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This month, in addition to the 2 presented in our previous newsletter, added here to the attention of our new subscribers, we will go over the last 2 questions.

**Question 1 - Who are those who launched the award?** There are 2 possible answers to this particular question: (1) a University / Research Institute, or (2) philanthropists (a government agency or NGO). Knowing who launched the award in question is critical because the criteria used by universities / research institutes in the selection of the ideal candidate are very different from those used by the jury in charge of grants initiated by government agencies and NGO's. For example, while grades are one of the most important criteria used by a jury in charge of scholarships launched by universities, NGO's might award scholarships to an average student instead, if the latter has shown greater potential to use his/her skills to further the growth of his/her country. Students with a record that demonstrates interest in community development often have better chance when it comes to scholarships launched by governmental agencies and NGO's.

### VIB international postdoc program in integrative biology



**Deadline:** 15th September 2012

**Funding Source:** VIB

**Fellowship Year:** 2013

**Target:** African post docs

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**Question 2 - Why has the scholarship been launched?** It is obvious that understanding why a scholarship was launched is crucial because, as we mentioned above, applying for a scholarship = convincing a group of 1-10 men / women that you're the ideal person for 'xxx'.

### ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT STIFTUNG / FOUNDATION -International Climate Protection Fellowships



**Deadline:** 31 October 2012

**Funding Source:**  
ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT STIFTUNG / FOUNDATION

**Fellowship**

**Year:** 2013

**Target:** Africans professionals-career development grant

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'xxx' is the answer to this question 2: 'xxx' is in fact the reason behind the scholarship that you need to understand. Scholarships are not launched randomly. There is always a reason. Scholarships launched by overseas governments often have the following aim: to help impoverished countries in their fight against poverty by helping a handful of students from the given countries to obtain the best education possible. The latter are often required to sign an agreement stating that once their training is completed they will return to their home countries to put the earned skills to good use. In this particular case, the "xxx" entails bringing supporting ongoing efforts toward your country's development.

**It is important that you understand the reason behind the launch of scholarships. Governments / NGOs or universities that launch thousands of scholarships each year throughout the world share the same goal as your parents: they want to give you a good education.**

**HOWEVER it is critical that you understand that YOU AS A PERSON ARE NOT THE REAL TARGET/CONCERN**

Let me explain: while government agencies and NGO's have this in common with your parents that they want to help you get a good education, it is important to understand that the reasons motivating both parties differ greatly.

It is critical that you understand this: your becoming a successful man or woman capable of feeding a family is not the goal that motivates governments and NGO's to spend billions each year in the creation of scholarships.

**IT IS CRITICAL** that you understand that far from being you, the real target of these NGO's and governmental agencies is improving conditions for the whole population of your country.

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**As stated before**, an NGO/governmental agency might award a scholarship to an average student instead of a straight-A if the former has shown greater potential to use his/her skills to further the growth of his/her country.

**CAUTION.** The concepts are reversed when it comes to awards launched by universities; these are research grants generally. Universities neither care about you as a person, nor your country. They care about their own growth. Understand that foreign universities are usually managed as companies and therefore recruit only the best students, i.e., those who we have showed throughout their application that they have the potential for carrying on a specific research project with great success.

Note that there are exceptions in this case and in fact several European universities for instance dedicate entire budget lines to ASSISTANCE TO developing countries' students, and each year launch several special scholarships for which such students are exclusively eligible. It is very easy to recognize such scholarship, as the words 'poor countries and developing countries' appear over and over in the Ad. Note that in the preparation of your application, such awards should be treated as philanthropic scholarships even though they are launched by a university.

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**Question 3 - What is the profile of the ideal candidate?** As we said earlier, the basic criteria used in selecting the student to whom the scholarship will be awarded depends on the



category to which the scholarship belongs, i.e., philanthropic or academic research. The expectations of the jury are usually clearly stated in the advertisement. It is therefore important that the student clearly points out throughout his/her application how he/she meets the criteria. This will only be possible if you determine, "what exactly is the ideal candidate?" After you have determined this in your CV, cover letter, or similar document, make sure to present yourself along these lines.

In the case of research fellowships, remember that they are simply looking for someone able to lead a research project successfully. In this case, you must remember to mention the scientific techniques that you mastered, especially those relevant to the project. If you have any scientific publications, it is crucial to mention them.

#### **Question 4 - NGO's who launch awards generally have a vision / mission.**

Scholarships launched by these organizations are often created in an effort to help fulfill the given mission. If your targeted scholarship was launched by an NGO, have you located their vision? Did you give any evidence or at least mention that you share their mission / vision? It is really beautiful when the idea emerges from your application that you really share their vision or that you are the ideal candidate for making a significant contribution toward the achievement of the said mission in the coming years.

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## **What is H.A.S.?**

H.A.S. is an NGO based in the USA. It was created to partner with African students in their daily struggles toward a better education.

Sending out newsletters such as this one, which are loaded with info regarding scholarship offers around the world, is just one of the many ways through which H.A.S. interacts with students on the continent of Africa.

Best Regards and God Bless



*At H.A.S. we believe that African Students (Universities)  
hold the key to a brighter future for Africa*