Mo Ibrahim Foundation MSc scholarship in Governance and State-building 2015

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The International Development Department is pleased to announce an exciting opportunity to undertake the **MSc in Governance and State-building (/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/international-development-governance-state-building-internship.aspx)** , followed by a six-month internship at IDD and six months with the Mo Ibrahim Foundation in London with a full scholarship. Applicants must have the equivalent of a first class UK bachelors degree and be African nationals domiciled (or permanent residents) in an African country. Preference will be given to scholarship candidates living in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The programme

The Governance and Statebuilding programme is one of the specialised streams within international development, and takes an interdisciplinary standpoint, combining the theoretical rigour of political economy and the practical experience of development. The good governance agenda occurs now increasingly alongside debate on state-building, which encompasses issues such as accountability and transparency, corruption, conflict, political settlement, human rights, participation, access to justice and democratisation. Governance and state-building are of particular interest to governments, non-governmental organisations and development agencies, as well as to a growing and vibrant academic community.

The pathway for the Foundation scholarship comprises the following modules:

- **Critical Approaches to Development (/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/critical-approaches-development.aspx)** (20 credits)
- **Governance and State Building in Developing Countries (/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/governance-state-building-developing-countries.aspx)** (20 credits)
- Social Research Methods II (20 credits)
- One of the following four modules (20 credits):
    - **Development Politics (/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/development-politics.aspx)**
    - **Development Management (/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/development-management.aspx)**
    - **Conflict in Developing Countries (/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/conflict-developing-countries.aspx)**
    - **Post Conflict Reconstruction and Development (/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/post-conflict-reconstruction-development.aspx)**
- **Choice of optional modules (/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/courses/masters-modules.aspx)** (40 credits) – choose from over 25 IDD modules plus others from across the University
- **Dissertation (/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/dissertation-idd.aspx)** (60 credits) – in depth focus on a topic of particular interest, with support from a supervisor. This may involve overseas fieldwork in a country chosen by the candidate.

Eligibility

The entry requirements consist of:

- 1st class Honours degree or equivalent from an approved university.
- Adequate capacity in written and spoken English. For those whose first language is not English, evidence of this capacity is required. Applicants should reach at least level 6.5 in the IELTS. **Please check the University website for more information on English language requirements (/postgraduate/requirements-pgt/international/index.aspx)** .
- Experience in economics and statistics, demonstrated through a good mark received for at least one course at undergraduate level.
- Applicants must be African nationals domiciled (or permanent residents) in an African country. Preference will be given to scholarship candidates living in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Application process

The application deadline for 2015-2016 has now passed. Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified of the outcome by the end of July 2015. Please check back in September 2015 for information on the 2016-2017 application process.

The scholarship

The scholarship includes:

1. Full tuition fee
2. Air fare to and from the United Kingdom and visa
3. Monthly stipend of £920 for 18 months
4. Arrival allowance of £920

The remaining six months for the internship will be funded directly to the successful candidate by the Mo Ibrahim Foundation.

More information

- **International Development (Governance and Statebuilding) with Internship MSc/GDip (/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/international-development-governance-state-building-internship.aspx)**
- **UoB Ibrahim MSc scholarship 2015 (PDF 246KB) (/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/idd/ibrahim-msc-scholarship.pdf)**

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