

# NELSON MANDELA

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## Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship 2019

Application form for candidates writing the Cambridge examination

Top performing learners from diverse backgrounds and who intend to study at Nelson Mandela University in 2019 are eligible to apply for the prestigious Nelson Mandela University Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship – a bursary to the value of R96 000\* a year. The Scholarship is open to all South African citizens, who have passed Grade 12 not more than three years prior to their first year of study at the University in 2019. Their registration here must be their first time entering a higher education institution. Applications for this Scholarship close on Friday, 19 November 2018 (no late applications will be considered).

Kindly ensure that you have:

- read and followed the terms and conditions and meet the application requirements for the scholarship;
- supplied certified copies of all the required documents (copy of your ID, IGCSE and HIGCSE and AS results);
- been accepted or provisionally accepted for first-year Undergraduate studies at this University in 2019;
- submitted the completed application form to the **Communication & Stakeholder Liaison** division on or before the closing date of **19 November 2018**. Please e-mail your completed form and ALL supporting documentation to **vcs@mandela.ac.za** or fax it to **041 - 504 2810**.

### Section A: Personal details

First name(s): .....

Surname: .....

ID number: ..... Date of birth: .....

Postal Address: .....

Population group (for statistical purposes only):

African  Coloured

Indian/Asian  White

Other (please specify): .....

Gender

Male

Female

Home language (for statistical purposes): .....

E-mail: .....

Cell number: ..... Home number: .....

Are your parents employed here or a member of the University council? Yes  No

### Section B: School detail

Name of school: .....

Town: ..... Province: .....

Address: .....

Telephone number: .....

E-mail: .....

Name & surname of principal: .....

## Section C: Nelson Mandela University academic study programme

Nelson Mandela University Student number: .....

Please indicate the qualification you have applied for, e.g. BSc (Environmental Sciences):

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Applicants **MUST** have applied to study at Nelson Mandela University in order to be considered for this scholarship. If you have not applied, your scholarship application can unfortunately not be considered.

**NB**

Please enclose certified copies of the following documents:

- ▶ A statement of IGCSE results;
- ▶ A summary of Grade 12 results;
- ▶ Your ID document.

## Section D: Academic record (as calculated according CIE conversion table attached)

### CAMBRIDGE IGCSE results

- Please consult the IGCSE conversion document enclosed to calculate the aggregate.
- Please enclose a certified statement of IGCSE results.

### Admission Point Score (APS) for Grade 12 June examination

- Level of achievement for SIX subjects.
- Five HIGCSE subjects plus ONE IGCSE (Afrikaans).
- Afrikaans is considered to be a Higher Grade subject because a minimum of a C-symbol for IGCSE meets exemption requirement.
- The value of the IGCSE symbol for Afrikaans is equivalent to HIGCSE level.

Examining body / Examination type:.....

## Equivalency conversion table

University APS	NSC achievement Level	Sen Cert HG	Sen Cert SG	HIGCSE NSSC	IGCSE O-level	AS-level	A-level	IB HL	IB SL	KCSE
12							A			
11							B			
10										
9							C			
8	7 (90-100%)	A		1		A		7		A+,A
7	7 (80-89%)	B		2		B	D	6		A-
6	6	C	A	3	A	C	E	5	7	B+
5	5	D	B		B	D		4	6	B,B-
4	4	E	C		C	E			5	C+
3	3	F	D						4	
2	2		E							
1 or 0	1		F							

### Applicant's declaration:

I wish to apply for the Nelson Mandela University Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship. I have read and agree to the terms and conditions. I declare to the best of my knowledge that the information supplied herein is correct and complete. I acknowledge that the submission of incorrect or incomplete information may result in non-award or cancellation of the scholarship at any stage. I authorise the University to obtain further information with respect to my application from my high school.

Applicant's Signature:.....Date:.....

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### VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARSHIP 2019

#### Terms and conditions

The following terms and conditions apply:

##### General

- The primary criterion to qualify as a recipient of this scholarship programme is **academic excellence**, of which the scholarship selection panel will be the sole judge.
- Up to 25 Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships may be granted per year for new incoming students.
- A VCS recipient is only permitted to hold one university scholarship.
- Applicants for this scholarship must have already applied to study, or been provisionally accepted at this University for an academic qualification in order for their VCS application to be considered.

##### Monetary value

- The monetary value of the scholarship programme is R96 000\* per annum, for the full duration of your undergraduate study programme (diploma or degree), up to a maximum duration of four years.
- The scholarship covers all registration and tuition fees. The remaining balance can be used for books, accommodation (on-campus or off-campus), meals, transport or as a personal allowance.

##### Application procedure

- Candidates must apply on the prescribed Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship application form, which can be obtained from the university's Communication & Stakeholder Liaison division, or downloaded from the University website, before the indicated closing date.
- All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application in writing or via sms.

##### Selection procedure

- A selection panel convened by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Teaching & Learning) will consider applications for the scholarship and make recommendations for approval by the Vice-Chancellor.
- **The selection panel will meet in December of each year to compile a provisional shortlist based on applications received. Only 100 applicants are shortlisted during this meeting to be further considered for one of the available places.**
- A **decision** will however, only be made once the provisional **shortlisted applicants'** final Grade 12 exam results have been received (in January). It is during this meeting that the final scholarship recipients will be identified, and may be awarded the scholarship based on their **final** exam results.

##### Criteria for selection

- The Scholarship is open to all South African citizens, who matriculated in **2016, 2017 or 2018** entering higher education at Nelson Mandela University in **2019** for the first time.
- A provisional list of recipients is compiled based on results in their final Grade 11, Grade 12 June and Grade 12 September examinations. The general guideline for selection is that a Grade 12 learner should **preferably** obtain an overall academic aggregate of 75% or higher in their Grade 11 final, and Grade 12 examination(s), to be considered for one of the 25 available places in this scholarship.
- Candidates writing the Cambridge Examinations should preferably obtain an average of 80% and higher for both IGCSE and HIGCSE and AS results.
- If a candidate on the provisional list does not achieve an aggregate of 75% or higher in their final Grade 12 examination, he/she may be considered for this scholarship if the selection panel is satisfied that he/she has nevertheless achieved acceptable academic excellence.
- The Scholarship panel may, if justified by circumstances which are in its opinion exceptional, deviate from the provisions of the policy.
- The selection of recipients for this scholarship is done by the VC's Scholarship panel and approved by the Vice-Chancellor. Their decision is final and no appeals will be considered, either during shortlisting or final selection.

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### Academic obligation

- The recipient must remain enrolled on a full-time basis at the University for the full duration of their undergraduate qualification.
- In order to continue on the scholarship, a recipient must every year render an excellent academic performance, the content of which has been determined by the selection panel and has been accepted by the recipient as part of the conditions of the programme.
- "Excellent performance" as referred to above is equal to annually passing all modules for which a recipient has registered for, as well as the attainment of a weighted average mark of 70% or more for the relevant academic year. Such performance will entitle the holder of the scholarship to receive the full scholarship amount in the ensuing year.
- Holders of the scholarship who do not achieve a weighted average of at least 70% or higher in a given year, will not be able to continue, and will therefore not be entitled to any benefits (funding, training, mentoring) in the ensuing years.

### Holistic development of the recipient

- A tailor-made developmental programme, including academic support and mentoring, is offered to each recipient.
- Recipients will be required to participate in this structured developmental programme.

### Accommodation

- The recipients should ideally be accommodated on campus in suitable accommodation, but may choose to stay at home or in accredited off-campus accommodation.
- If a recipient chooses to reside off-campus, he/she will nevertheless be required to participate in the learning community established by and for the recipients, as well as in all aspects of the developmental programme.

### Acceptance of other awards

- Recipients of this scholarship are NOT allowed to accept any additional awards from organisations/faculties inside or outside of the University.
- Holders of the scholarship will not be entitled to a University scholar/student merit award.
- In addition if a VCS recipient is also awarded a Thuthuka bursary by the Faculty of Business & Economic Sciences, he/she must select either one, as they cannot hold both bursaries.
- VCS recipients whose parents are members of the University Council or employees of the University are NOT entitled to the normal discount on tuition fees, should they opt to accept this scholarship.

### Important dates

- The closing date for applications is **19 November 2018** (***Late applications will not be accepted***).
- Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be informed in writing of the outcome of their application; however we will attempt to notify successful applicants as soon as possible following the release, and receipt of their final Grade 12 results.

### Contact details

#### Hand-deliver, e-mail or fax completed application forms & supporting documentation to:

Communication & Stakeholder Liaison Division  
North Campus  
Nelson Mandela University  
New Admin Building  
Office 113  
Summerstrand, Port Elizabeth

**T** 041 504 3484/3339 **F** 041 504 2810

**E** vcs@mandela.ac.za **W** mandela.ac.za

Information contained in this document was correct at the time of publishing. The University reserves the right to amend the policy with regards to the scholarship, and may in its sole discretion, decide to implement such amendments retrospectively. Terms and Conditions Apply\*

Based on Policy Document for VC's Scholarship Programme.



### GRADES TO PERCENTAGES: SUGGESTED CONVERSIONS FOR IGCSE

CIE understands that universities and colleges in some parts of the world normally require percentages as well as grades for entry purposes.

The process of grading for IGCSE involves deciding the minimum mark necessary for each grade. CIE does not have pre determined thresholds (or quotas of candidates). After each examination session CIE decides the minimum marks for each threshold (grade boundaries) for each individual component. They carry out this process in order to ensure that the demands on the candidates are the same for every subject and every examination session. However these 'raw' marks are not useful for university purposes as the number of marks per paper varies considerably.

As a point of reference, in the UK the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) publishes a uniform marks scale for GCSE. This is as follows:

A\* = 90-100

A = 80-89

B = 70-79

C = 60-69

D = 50-59

E = 40-49

F = 30-39

G = 20-29

If it were necessary, this scale could be used by schools and universities to convert IGCSE grades into marks by taking the midpoint of each mark range. An example of this might be a student who applies to an institution with 7 subjects at IGCSE. If he has 1 grade at A\*, 1 at A, 2 at B, and 3 at C then this would work as follows:

Mathematics A\* = 95

Chemistry A = 85

Physics B = 75

Biology B = 75

English C = 65

Geography C = 65

French C = 65

Overall = 75

For an overall percentage the individual 'marks' can be added together and divided by the number of subjects, so in this case 525 divided by 7 = 75. So the student concerned could be deemed to have an overall percentage equivalence of 75%.

If it is the case that entry is based on the best 5 subjects then:

Mathematics A\* = 95

Chemistry A = 85

Physics B = 75

Biology B = 75

English C = 65

The total for the top 5 subjects is 395 divided by 5 = 79%. So the student concerned could be deemed to have an overall percentage equivalence of 79%.

In the UK students are usually required to have a grade C in order to continue their studies at AS and A Level in a particular subject and it is usually the case that the student should have a minimum of 5 GCSE or IGCSE subjects at grade C which would be an average of 65% using the midpoint of the QCA UMS. This may also be a helpful guideline in admissions procedures.