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## WWF Prince Bernhard Scholarships for Nature Conservation (PBS)

### Frequently Asked Questions on the application procedure

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- **I am a WWF staff member of a National Organization/Programme Office. Am I eligible to apply for a Prince Bernhard Scholarship?**

*Yes, WWF staff members from those regions covered by the Prince Bernhard Scholarship scheme are definitely eligible to apply.*

- **What will happen to my application once it is received by a WWF office?**

*It will be submitted to a first screening by the WWF Office together with the other applications received by that office.*

*If your application passes this first screening, it will be forwarded to WWF International in Switzerland to be submitted to the Selection Committee which meets annually in April to make its final selection.*

*Candidates whose application does not pass the initial screening will be duly informed by the WWF Office to which they submitted their application.*

- **I do not have yet an acceptance letter confirming I have been accepted in the institution where I am planning to study**

*Tick the box "will send it on dd.mm.yy" on your application form and write down the date you expect to be able to forward it.*

*Be aware that if at the time of the final selection we have not received your confirmation of acceptance/inscription, your application can not be considered.*

- **Can the Prince Bernhard Scholarship be my only source of funding?**

*No – irrespective of the costs of your course, preference is given to candidates who secure at least one other source of funding.*

- **I am also applying for another WWF sponsorship programme. Can I still apply for a Prince Bernhard Scholarship?**

*Yes, you can. But you need to provide full information on the amount you are applying for in the other WWF sponsorship programme.*

- **Why should I study in my home country or region?**

*The purpose of the Prince Bernhard Scholarships for Nature Conservation is to encourage and support individuals in pursuing conservation efforts in their country/region. WWF asks people to only study outside their country/region if there is no university/training college locally covering their particular programme of study. By studying in one's own country or region, the costs are reduced as there are little or no travel costs.*

- **There is no WWF Office or WWF Associate Office in my country**

*Consult the list of WWF contacts on the PBS website [www.panda.org/scholarships](http://www.panda.org/scholarships) and submit your application to the office that covers your home country.*

- **I am living in a different country from where I plan to pursue my career. To which office should I send my application form? The one in the region where I come from, the one in the region where I am planning to work after my studies or the one in the region where I am now living/studying?**

*Send your application form to the nearest WWF Office in the region where you come from and where you will go back to work in conservation. Please do not send your application to the WWF Office in the country where you are doing your studies if this is in a different region to your home country.*

- **How many applications are selected to receive an award each year?**

*At this stage, the Prince Bernhard Scholarship Fund is able to award approximately 18 scholarships each year.*

- **I have already received a Prince Bernhard Scholarship. Can I apply again?**

*Yes, but if you apply again, be aware that preference may be given to candidates who have not previously received a Prince Bernhard Scholarship.*

- **Am I able to apply for a Prince Bernhard Scholarship for a course by correspondence?**

*Yes you are.*

- **When will I know if I have been awarded a Prince Bernhard Scholarship?**

*The successful candidates are notified by WWF International as soon as the PBS Selection Committee has made its selection, usually in April or May each year.*

*Once all winners have confirmed their acceptance, WWF International informs those who have not been selected. That way, if a candidate has had to give up his/her application, the grant s/he was supposed to receive can be offered to one of the runner-up applicants.*

**Note:** Please see the details of the 2013 PBS recipients on [www.panda.org/scholarships](http://www.panda.org/scholarships) for examples of study programmes that are linked to WWF's conservation priorities.