



Graca Machel Trust
Scholarships



Overview of the programme

- ✿ The Graça Machel Scholarship started 10 years ago. Having been a scholarship beneficiary for her own tertiary education, she saw this as her way of 'paying it forward'.
- ✿ In 2007 the Graça Machel Trust partnered with Canon Collins Trust, a globally recognised education and legal assistance trust to launch the Graça Machel Scholarships initiative.
- ✿ The scholars are a select group of professional women from disadvantaged backgrounds, who are considered on the basis of merit, financial need, potential impact and their commitment to working towards constructive change in Africa.
- ✿ They are health professionals, civil society leaders, scientists, researchers and more.



“ I see you developing as a movement of powerful, brilliant, uncompromising women, fearlessly proud of themselves, driving social change. As you do so, be unashamedly proud of who you are and of our success. Fly anywhere and everywhere while grounded on African soil ”

Graça Machel,
addressing scholars at the first Retreat

Empowering and equipping women to become leaders

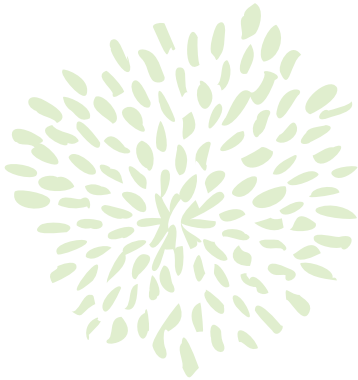
Educating women has long been recognised as an effective approach in addressing gender equality and eradicating poverty. By provide opportunities to study at postgraduate level, these scholarships aim to empower women and to equip them to take up leadership positions, in order to have a direct impact in the communities, nations and regions in which they live.

To date, 86 scholarships have been awarded, with recipients undertaking Honours, Masters and PhD studies at universities in South Africa, the United Kingdom and Spain.



Programme objectives

- ✦ To create a cadre of highly skilled and world-class African women leaders who will serve as role models for future generations.
- ✦ To equip Southern African women with Masters' and Doctorate degrees that are relevant to the developmental needs of the region in areas such as health, education, science and technology, economics and finance.
- ✦ To provide appropriate mentoring, internship and career guidance opportunities during and after their study.



Number of scholars per country

Of the 86 scholarships awarded to date, 79 have graduated



Alumni achievement

Elsa Salvador

Country: Mozambique

University: University of Pretoria

Program of Study: PhD Public Health (2012-2014)

Elsa graduated in September 2015 with PhD. Her thesis presentation and defense was entitled, 'Development of Iron Fortified Cassava Mahewu'.

Elsa is lecturer at Eduardo Mondlane University in Mozambique.

Elsa wants to go into production of the nutrient rich cassava drink and find partners for its distribution into the communities that will benefit the most.

Elsa extends her gratitude to the Trust and says, "Without your sponsorship this would not be possible".





Mannyalleng Makhetha (Lesotho)
MEng Process Engineering
Stellenbosch University

Mannyalleng did her graduate degree at the National University of Lesotho. She studied BSc Chemical Technology and later worked as a Laboratory Technician at SAB Miller (Maluti Mountain Brewery). During the undergraduate study, her interest in Green Technologies (environmentally friendly, renewable and sustainable technologies) was developed and further nurtured when seeing potential applications in industries and local communities. Her research is in biofuels, which have the potential of improving the environmental and economic living in local communities. She looks forward to implementing the biofuels production and use in Lesotho.



Filomena Dos Anjos (Mozambique)
PhD Animal Science
University of KwaZulu-Natal

Filomena Dos Anjos (Mena) has 14 years' experience as a university lecturer in the Veterinary Faculty at Eduardo Mondlane University in Mozambique. She holds a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the same university. Her career began as the first female extension officer and as the first veterinarian at the National Directorate of Rural Extension at the Ministry of agriculture in Mozambique. She decided to pursue a PhD at KwaZulu-Natal University, to further enhance her research skills. Her PhD thesis is exploring the potential of locally available feed ingredients as alternative feeds, with a focus on scavenging village chickens. She hopes the results will lead to an increased productivity of the poultry sector and, ultimately, improved household food security.



Gaby Monteiro (Mozambique)
PhD Veterinary Sciences
University of Pretoria

Dr. Gaby Monteiro is a PhD student registered at the Department of Veterinary tropical diseases at the University of Pretoria; in collaboration with NICD of the NHLS, South Africa. She is developing research on "Molecular Basis for the Rift Valley Fever virus virulence". She holds a degree in Veterinary Medicine from the "Universidade Eduardo Mondlane" in Mozambique and a Masters Degree in Animal Pathology from the "Universidade Estadual Paulista", São Paulo, Brazil. Currently she lectures Animal pathology, Histology and Embriology to undergraduate students at the Veterinary Faculty, Universidade Eduardo Mondlane, Mozambique. After finishing her PhD, she would like to work on building capacity to improve diagnosis and surveillance of infectious diseases in Mozambique, with emphasis on ONE HEALTH (animal human interface).



Graça Manjate (Mozambique)
MSc Agricultural Economics
University of Pretoria

Graça hopes to improve her skills in order to carry out socio-economic research that will lead to improved adoption of appropriate agricultural technologies and techniques, and consequently to agricultural development and food security improvement.



Sonia Naidoo (Mozambique)
MSc Agronomy
University of Pretoria

Sonia was born in central Mozambique (Beira) and later moved to Maputo where she attended high school and later graduated with Honours in Agronomy from the University of Eduardo Mondlane. For the next three years she worked for the Department of Rural Extension, at the Ministry of Agriculture before relocating to South Africa. Sonia is married and has two children, aged four and ten. After an eight year break in her career, she volunteered at the Agricultural Research Council (ARC) before starting her MSc in Agronomy, at University of Pretoria. She is currently awaiting examination of her dissertation before she can graduate. Her studies focused on the genetics of two sweet potato agronomic traits (yield and β -carotene). After completing her MSc, she plans to pursue her PhD degree in the improvement of the nutritional value (protein content) of sweet potato.



Ndapwa Alweendo (Namibia)
MA Political and International Study
Rhodes University

The Faculty of Humanities has been Ndapwa's "home" for the past five years; she started a two-year Masters at Rhodes University this year after completing both her undergraduate and Honours degrees there. She has a particular interest in the experiences of black women and their relationships to society and her research focuses on the intersection of race, class and gender for black women in South Africa. In the future, she would love to pursue a PhD, and explore people's experiences of mental health in the university environment. It is a topic very close to her heart.



Lerato Thakholi (South Africa)
MSc Environmental and Geographical Sciences
University of Cape Town

Lerato completed both her undergraduate and honours degree at the University of Cape Town. She is particularly interested in how trans-frontier conservation area in southern Africa are changing our landscape, from land tenure to livelihoods.



Pamhidzayi Berejena Mhongera (Zimbabwe)
PhD Social Work
University of Pretoria

Pamhidzayi Berejena Mhongera is a National Technical Advisor for Social Cash Transfers. For sixteen years, she worked in a financial services institution as a Human Resources and Microfinance Projects Manager. She established Blossoms Children Community and Youth in Transition Trust Zimbabwe, both registered charities supporting the positive social and economic integration of vulnerable children and youth in Zimbabwe. Pamhidzayi is finalizing her Ph.D. thesis in Social Work at the University of Pretoria. Her study interests are transitions for youth in difficult circumstances. To make a positive difference, her goal is to build partnerships that create developmental opportunities for youth.



Takunda Chitaka (Zimbabwe)
MPhil in Sustainable Mineral Resource
Development
University of Cape Town

Takunda Chitaka believes that a more holistic approach to development is required; one that considers the different dimensions of sustainability. Her work is currently centred on sustainable development challenges faced by the mining industry, as well as on how to assess the sustainability performance of the industry. Takunda is also investigating how to incorporate sustainability into the decision making processes, to ensure that decisions are made according to systematic analysis, in order to reap maximum potential benefits.

Alumni achievement

Tiwonge Mzumara-Gawa

Country: Malawi

University: University of Cape Town

Program of Study: MSc Conservation Biology

The International Young Conservationist Award has been given to Tiwonge Mzumara-Gawa, a PhD student at the University of KwaZulu Natal and a volunteer Conservation and Research officer for the Wildlife and Environmental Society of Malawi - the BirdLife Partner in Malawi. She has been key in assessing threatened species and IBAs in Malawi and also coordinates a garden bird count. Speaking at the World Parks Congress, held in Sydney, Australia Tiwonge said: "I feel truly blessed and honoured to receive this award, which is really for the amazing team of people with whom I work with. It's humbling to know that the work we are doing in Malawi can be recognized at such an international stage! It's really given us the 'wings to fly' and given us the encouragement to do even more for Malawi's birds in the coming years."



Alumni 'Paying It Forward'



Led by Nellie Chimwemwe Chiphwanya, 13 Malawi alumni are mentoring and providing career guidance to schoolgirls at the Khombwe Primary and Community Day Secondary schools in Blantyre.

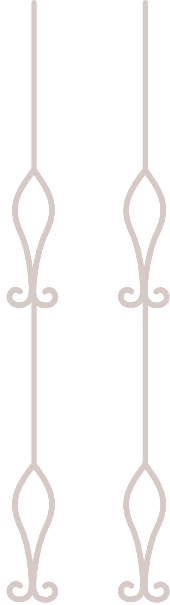
They contributed money to purchase notebooks, pens, pencils and books to donate to the girls. The scholars report that: “The need for girls to excel in class is emphasised as education will enable the girls become economically independent as well as make them productive citizens of the country and will not be abused by their husbands or anyone.”

Together with the scholars, the schoolgirls pledge to persevere and complete their education, against all odds. These commitments are written on postcards which Nellie and her group will send back to the girls after six months, as a reminder of the pledge they made.

Graça Machel Scholarship Programme



The Graça Machel Trust is a catalyst and convenor, working across the continent for positive change on three fronts: women's rights; children's rights, as well as governance and leadership. Through its programmes it aims to connect people and groups that should be working together to support the development agenda.



Our work going forward



Alumni
network



Scholarship
coordination



Career
development
support



Profiling
scholars



Fundraising

Graça Machel Scholar Qualifications



Bachelor of
Business Administration



Honours



Masters



PhD

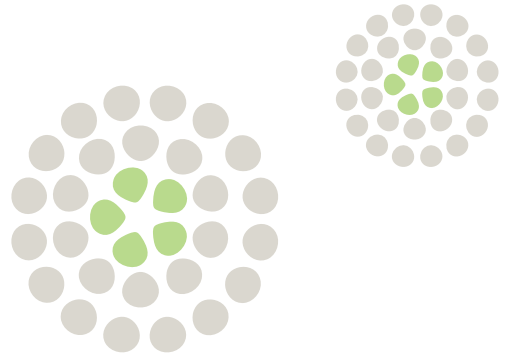


Certificate & Postgraduate
Diploma



Graça Machel Scholars multiplying the faces and amplifying the voices of women

Through their studies and post-qualification engagements, Graça Machel Scholars are positioned to lead and contribute to Mrs Machel's vision of "multiplying the faces and amplifying the voices of women" and creating caring, just enabling environments in which women, children and societies can grow and thrive.



New scholar information

2013

Name: Roselys De Campos
Nationality: Angolan
University: University of Pretoria
Programme of Study: Certificate, Paediatric Pulmonology

Name: Silvana Ferrao
Nationality: Mozambican
University: Leeds University
Programme of Study: MA, Sustainability Studies

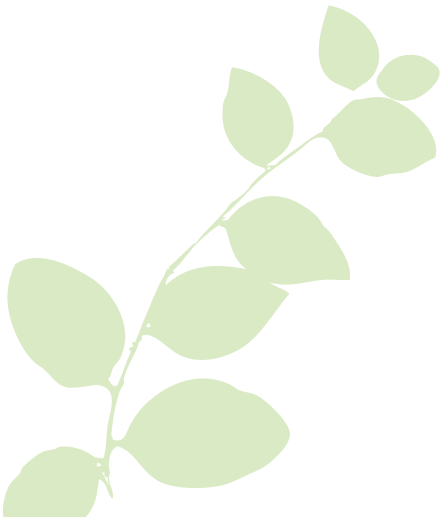
Name: Vimbayi Chimonyo
Nationality: Zimbabwean
University: University of KwaZulu-Natal
Programme of Study: PhD, Crop Science

Name: Memory Timburwa
Nationality: Mozambican
University: University of the Free State
Programme of Study: MA, Development Studies

Name: Gaby Monteiro
Nationality: Mozambican
University: University of Pretoria
Programme of Study: PhD Veterinary Sciences

Name: Maggie Masinga
Nationality: Mozambican
University: University of KwaZulu-Natal
Programme of Study: Postgraduate Diploma, Occupational Health and Hygiene

Name: Sonia Naidoo
Nationality: Mozambican
University: University of Pretoria
Programme of Study: MA, Agronomy



2014

Name: Ndapwa Alweendo
Nationality: Namibian
University: Rhodes University
Programme of Study: MA, Political and International Studies

Name: Takunda Chitaka
Nationality: Zimbabwean
University: University of Cape Town
Programme of Study: MPhil, Sustainable Mineral Resource Development

Name: Lerato Thakholi
Nationality: Mosotho
University: University of Cape Town
Programme of Study: MSc, Environmental and Geographical Sciences

Name: Vanessa Darsarmo
Nationality: Mozambican
University: University of Cape Town
Programme of Study: MA, Economic Development

Name: Graça Manjate
Nationality: Mozambican
University: University of Cape Town
Programme of Study: MA, Agricultural Economics

2015

Name: Shingirai Katsine
Nationality: Zimbabwean
University: Rhodes University
Programme of Study: MA, Pharmacy

Name: Nqobile Masondo
Nationality: South African
University: University of KwaZulu-Natal
Programme of Study: PhD, Botany

Name: Steffanie Musingarabwi
Nationality: Zimbabwean
University: University of Cape Town
Programme of Study: MA, Climate Change and Development

Name: Patricia Ndlovu
Nationality: South African
University: University of the Witwatersrand
Programme of Study: PhD, Industrial Sociology



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